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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff	)	
Filing to Implement an Experimental Fixed	)	<u>Case No. GT-2001-329</u>
Price Plan and Other Modifications to Its Gas	)	Tariff No. 200100572.
Supply Incentive Plan	)	

ORDER GRANTING UTILICORP'S MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS INTERVENOR

This order grants UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service's motion to withdraw as an intervenor.

On June 12, 2001, UtiliCorp filed its motion for leave to withdraw as intervenor. The motion stated:

- On April 18, 2001, the Staff filed a motion requesting that it be permitted to use certain information pertaining to the cost of gas and volumes of gas provided by Missouri local distribution companies on a confidential basis. On April 24, 2001, UtiliCorp filed with the Commission its Application to Intervene and Response to Staff Motion. UtiliCorp sought to intervene "in order to both respond to the Staff Motion and to monitor any future proposals that may arise to utilize this information." Additionally, in the circumstance that the Commission agreed to allow the information to be utilized as proposed by Staff, UtiliCorp sought "status as an intervenor in order to ensure that its gas supply information is adequately protected from improper disclosure and to ensure that such information and UtiliCorp's gas supply

operations are placed in appropriate perspective during the course of any Commission review."

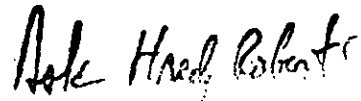
- On May 3, 2001, the Commission issued its Order Permitting Use of Certain Information and Order Granting Intervention and Revising Procedural Schedule which, among other things, granted Staff's Motion for Order Permitting Use of Information, as well as UtiliCorp's application to intervene. The Staff later filed its testimony using the confidential information obtained from Missouri local distribution companies.
- On May 15, 2001, Staff filed a motion asking to withdraw the confidential information. In response, the Commission issued its Order Regarding Staff Motion to Withdraw Highly Confidential Schedule and Substitute Schedule and Testimony wherein it authorized Staff to withdraw the disputed information. Staff filed its substitute pages and schedule on June 4, 2001, eliminating the confidential information received from other local distribution companies.
- As stated in its Application to Intervene, UtiliCorp's interest in this proceeding was created by the Staff's Motion for Order Permitting Use of Information because the Staff was proposing to use in this proceeding information and data concerning the cost of natural gas and the volumes of natural gas that had been provided by UtiliCorp on a confidential basis. As a result of the subsequent withdrawal of this information, UtiliCorp no longer has a direct interest in this case.

Thus, UtiliCorp requested that the Commission grant its motion for leave to withdraw as an intervenor. The Commission will grant that motion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the motion filed on June 12, 2001, by UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service, requesting leave to withdraw as an intervenor, is granted.
2. That this order shall become effective on June 24, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of June, 2001.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 14th day of June 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

