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**RE: Case No. GT-2001-329**

Missouri Public  
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **JOINT MOTION TO AMEND THE BRIEFING SCHEDULE**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff )  
Filing to Implement an Experimental Fixed Price )  
Plan and Other Modifications to Its Gas Supply )  
Incentive Plan )

Case No. GT-2001-329

**JOINT MOTION TO AMEND THE BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), the Commission Staff ("Staff"), and the Office of Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") (collectively "the Parties") and for their Joint Motion requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") amend the briefing schedule in the above captioned case, state as follows:

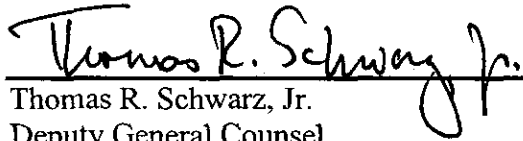
1. On June 22, 2001, the Commission directed the Parties to file their initial briefs no later than July 13, 2001. Also, the Commission allowed the Parties seven days, July 20, 2001, to file their reply briefs. The Commission also encouraged the Parties to file proposed findings of facts and conclusions of law on July 13, 2001.
2. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240.140(2), parties generally have twenty days to file their Initial Briefs from the date that the complete transcript of the hearing has been filed with the Commission. As of July 3, 2001, the Parties had not yet received a copy of the transcript for the June 22, 2001 hearing. It is the Parties' understanding that the June 22, 2001 transcript was filed with the Commission on or about July 5, 2001. Given that the complete transcript was not filed until July 5, 2001, the Parties would normally have until July 25, 2001 to file their initial briefs and until August 1, 2001, seven days, to file their reply briefs.

3. In view of this consideration, the Company, Staff and Public Counsel have discussed the need to amend the briefing schedule and believe a modest extension is necessary. Accordingly, they jointly request that the briefing schedule be amended so that initial briefs, and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, would be due on July 23, 2001, and reply briefs by August 1, 2001. All other parties to this case, including AmerenUE and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers have indicated that they have no objection to this extension and have given their permission to make that representation in this Motion.

**WHEREFORE**, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company, the Commission Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully request that the Commission amend the briefing schedule in this case to provide that initial briefs will be due on July 23, 2001 and reply briefs on August 1, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

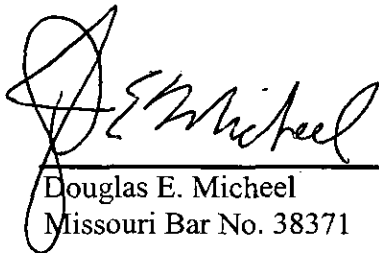
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