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Missouri Punto Service Commission

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

RE:

Laclede Gas Company

Case No. GT-2001-329

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of Laclede Gas Company's Motion For Authority To File Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law Out of Time, and the Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law included herein.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

James M. Fischer

/jr Enclosures

cc:

Office of the Public Counsel Dana K. Joyce, General Counsel Diana M. Vuylsteke Dean L. Cooper Thomas M. Byrne

## BEFORE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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

## MOTION FOR AUTHORITY TO FILE PROPOSED FILINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW OUT OF TIME

Comes now Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede"), by and through its attorneys, and pursuant to 4CSR 240-2.080, requests authority to file its Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions Of Law one-day out of time. In support of this request, Laclede states as follows:

- 1. Reply Briefs and Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions Of Law were due to be filed with the Commission and provided electronically to the Regulatory Law Judge on August 1, 2001, in this matter. Due to a computer problem, the final version of Laclede's Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law was lost as it was transferred from one medium to another medium. As a result, although Laclede's Reply Brief was timely filed with the Commission, Laclede was unable to file its Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on August 1, 2001, as directed.
- 2. For the reasons stated herein, Laclede therefore requests that it be allowed to file its

  Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law one-day out of time. Counsel for Laclede has also
  contacted the Staff and Public Counsel regarding this motion, and they have not expressed any objections.

WHEREFORE, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that it be allowed to file its Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this proceeding one day out of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Initial Brief of Laclede Gas Company has been hand-delivered or mailed by First Class, U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 2nd day of August 2001, to:

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