

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)
Price Plan and Other Modifications to its Gas)
Supply Incentive Plan.)

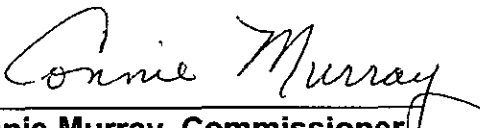
Case No. GT-2001-329

CONCURRING OPINION OF COMMISSIONER CONNIE MURRAY

I write separately to indicate my reason for participating in the decision to deny the rehearing and request for clarification filed by Laclede Gas Company. It is not that I find Laclede's requests lacking in merit, but rather that a ruling on these requests is a necessary prerequisite for Laclede's exercise of its right to appeal. It has been five months since the majority issued the Report and Order from which I dissented. Further delay, created either by continuing failure of this Commission to act or by granting rehearing simply to correct omissions in the Report and Order, is inexcusable.

It is for the stated reason that I concur.

Respectfully submitted,


Connie Murray, Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of February, 2002.

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