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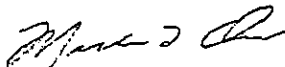
RE: Laclede Gas Company  
Case No. GT-2001-329

Dear Dave:

Enclosed is Laclede Gas Company's response to Staff Data Request No. 6017. We have also enclosed a revised response to Staff Data Request No. 6019.

Please call me at 314-342-0524 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Cline  
Director - Tariff and Rate Administration

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Enclosure

Exhibit No. 26  
Date 6-19-01 Case No. GT-2001-329  
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- Q. Is the reasonableness of the purchase of a minimum of 10 BCF to a maximum of 25 BCF related to a continuation of the Price Stabilization Program (PSP) after this winter? If yes, please provide a description of the assumed characteristics of the future PSP that support the reasonableness of purchasing a range of fixed price instruments for an indefinite future period for a volume with a minimum of 10 BCF and a maximum of 25 BCF.
- A. Yes. However, it is likely PSP program volume modifications would need to be considered.

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- Q. Please provide copies of all documentation that demonstrates the reasonableness of the purchase of December through January fixed price instruments for at least 10 BCF and no more than 25 BCF at a price below \$6.00 per MMBtu that Mr. Neises discusses on page 22 and 23 of his testimony.
- A. No such documentation exists. Also see response to Staff Data Request No. 4105 in Case No. GT-2001-329.

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- Q. Please provide copies of all support for Laclede's \$6.00 per MMBtu ceiling level on page 7 of Laclede witness Jaskowiak's testimony. What other ceilings did Laclede entertain, before settling with the \$6.00 level?
- A. In the Company's judgement, fixing prices above \$6.00 in the current environment would be unacceptable to the Company's customers. However, if Staff believes \$6.00 is inappropriate, the Company would consider a different price.