

**Laclede Gas Company
GT-2001-329**

Office of the Public Counsel Data Request

Requested From: Bruce B. Henning

Date Requested: June 1, 2001

Information Requested: On page 3, lines 18 – 20 of his surrebuttal testimony, Mr. Henning states, "A properly structured program should provide an incentive to maximize the potential consumer benefits." Please explain how consumer benefits are maximized if the Company receives 35% of any costs reductions.

SEE COMPANY'S RESPONSE ON THE ATTACHED SHEET

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- A. As discussed previously, in order to maximize the level of transportation discount received, the Company should have the appropriate incentive to dedicate the resource needed to obtain the discounts. The sharing of the savings provides that incentive. In the absence of that incentive, the Company might choose to reallocate resources to other areas that could improve the financial performance of the company.