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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Re: Case No. GR-2002-356

Dear Mr. Roberts:

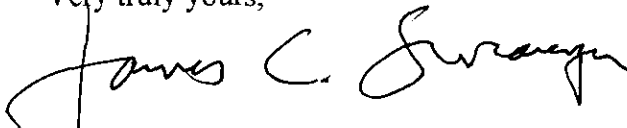
On behalf of Laclede Gas Company, I deliver herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the referenced matter an original and eight (8) copies of Laclede Gas Company's Response to Order Directing Filing.

Copies of this filing will be provided this date to all parties of record.

Would you please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



James C. Swearengen

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Enclosures

cc: All parties of record

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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 to Revise Natural)
Gas Rate Schedules.)

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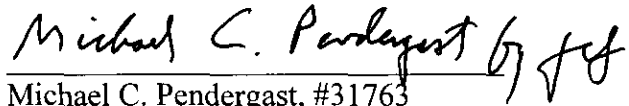
LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S RESPONSE
TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), and files its Response to the Commission's Order Directing Filing, stating as follows:

1. On April 28, 2003, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing in the above referenced case. The Order directed the parties to advise the Commission whether something remains to be done in this case, or whether the case may be closed.
2. The Stipulation and Agreements approved by the Commission on October 3, 2002, provided for some or all of the parties to hold meetings on various issues. The parties have held these meetings, and in some cases are continuing to meet to discuss relevant issues.
3. There is nothing further to be done in this case. Therefore, Laclede recommends that the case be closed. Laclede has communicated with the other parties in the case, and all parties concur in this conclusion.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission issue its Order closing this case.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Response was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of Public Counsel, and all other parties to Case No. GR-2002-356 on this 12th day of May, 2003, by hand-delivery or by placing a copy of such Response, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

