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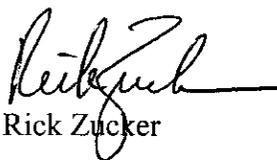
RE: Case No. GO-2002-1099

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original and eight copies of the Request that the Commission Establish or Extend the Date for Filing Status Report in the above-referenced case. Please file-stamp the additional copy of this Request and return the same in the pre-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Rick Zucker

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cc: All parties of record

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of Laclede Gas)
Company's Transfer of its Gas Supply)
Function to a Separate Corporation.)

Case No. GO-2002-1099

**REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION ESTABLISH OR EXTEND
THE DATE FOR FILING STATUS REPORT**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.050 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requests that the date for Staff to file its final status report in this case be established as March 31, 2003. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

1. On July 16, 2002, the Commission issued an Order granting Staff's motion to establish a case to investigate issues surrounding the formation of Laclede Energy Services, Inc.
2. On November 13, 2002, Staff filed its first status report in this case.
3. On December 13, 2002, the Commission ordered Staff to file its next status report by January 13, 2003. On January 13, Staff filed a status report indicating that it planned to complete its review shortly, finish its final report, and then share that report with Laclede. Staff indicated that it would file its final report soon after receiving Laclede's comments.
4. On January 31, 2003, Staff emailed its draft final report to Laclede. Laclede has reviewed the report and begun discussions with Staff regarding the issues raised in the report.
5. Laclede believes that further discussions regarding the matters addressed in the report would be useful to clarify and possibly resolve some or all of the issues

raised therein. Laclede therefore requests that the Commission set a date of March 31, 2003, for Staff to file its final report in this case.

6. The filing date requested herein will in no way affect the progress or conclusion of this case.

7. Laclede has discussed this request with counsel for the Staff and the Office of Public Counsel and is authorized to state that neither objects to the filing date requested herein.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission set March 31, 2003, as the date for Staff to file its final report in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 25th day of February, 2003, by hand-delivery, fax, email, or by placing a copy of such Request, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

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