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Re: Case No. GR-2002-356

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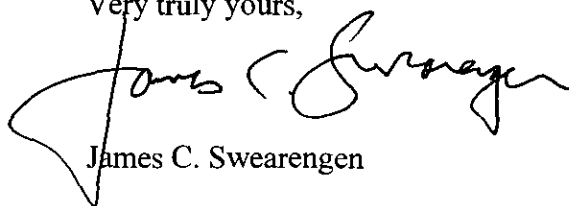
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Laclede Gas Company and the other parties to this case, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Point of Clarification.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



James C. Swearengen

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Enclosure

cc: All Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas)
Company's Tariffs to Revise Natural)
Gas Rate Schedules.)

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POINT OF CLARIFICATION

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") and for its Point of Clarification in the above-captioned case states as follows:

1. On October 22, 2002, Laclede filed a Motion in the above-captioned case in which it requested that the Commission permit its revised tariff sheets to go into effect by November 1, 2002. See Laclede Gas Company's Motion for Approval of Tariff Filing on Less than Thirty Days Notice and Motion for Expedited Treatment (hereinafter "Laclede's Motion"). Among other things, Laclede stated that implementation of the tariffs by November 1, 2002 was appropriate because such an effective date was:

- a. Consistent with the terms of the Stipulations and Agreements approved by the Commission in this case;
- b. necessary to fully implement the weather mitigation rate design that had been approved by the Commission in its intended manner; and
- c. a key element of the financial considerations underlying the Stipulations and Agreements in this case. See paragraph 5 of Laclede's Motion.

2. For purposes of clarification only, Laclede wishes to point out that one of the provisions it cited in support of its statement that a November 1, 2002 effective date was consistent with the terms of the Stipulations and Agreement approved in this case was paragraph 3 of the final Stipulation and Agreement that was filed in this proceeding on September 5, 2002. See Second Amended Stipulation and Agreement. As attached to

and adopted by the Commission's Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement in this case, paragraph 3 of the Second Amended Stipulation and Agreement states as follows:

Effective Date

3. The Parties recommend that the terms and conditions set forth herein as well as in the First Amended Partial Stipulation and Agreement and the Initial Stipulation and Agreement be implemented effective for service in and after November 1, 2002, subject to the terms specified in such Stipulations and Agreements.

WHEREFORE, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission take note of this point of clarification.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Point of Clarification was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission on this 29th day of October, 2002 and all parties of record by hand-delivery or by placing a copy of such Point of Clarification, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

