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Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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Re: Case No. GR-2002-356

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Missouri Public Service Commission

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 Clarification of On-The-Record Presentation Comments.

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.

James C. Swearengen

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cc: Office of the Public Counsel

General Counsel Kevin Thompson

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.

Case No. GR-2002-356

CLARIFICATION OF ON-THE-RECORD PRESENTATION COMMENTS

COME NOW, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") and for their clarification of their on-the-record presentation comments state as follows:

- 1. During the September 16, 2002, on-the-record presentation of the Stipulations and Agreements in this case, several questions were raised regarding the meaning and intent of certain language in paragraph 5 of the First Amended Stipulation and Agreement that was filed in this case on August 29, 2002. Specifically, questions were raised regarding the legal effect of not having an explicit termination date for the Gas Supply Incentive Plan that the parties have recommended be approved by the Commission for the Company's gas supply commodity costs.
- 2. To address those questions, Laclede, Staff and Public Counsel state that in the event the Stipulations and Agreements submitted in this case are approved, the tariffs filed by the Company in compliance with those agreements will, in fact, contain language clarifying that the GSIP shall end no later than September 30, 2005, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Specifically, the tariff language will state as follows:

Subject to the market-out clause of this tariff, the GSIP shall remain in effect until the conclusion of the ACA period (September 30) following the effective date of

new gas rates for the Company ordered in the Company's subsequent rate case to Case No. GR-2002-356, but in any event no later than September 30, 2005, unless extended by Order of the Commission.

3. The parties believe that such a tariff clarification is not inconsistent with the terms of the First Amended Stipulation and Agreement and should resolve the questions raised at the on-the-record presentation.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties respectfully request that the Commission take note of this clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 18th day of September, 2002, to all parties of record.