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Honorable Vicky Ruth  
Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
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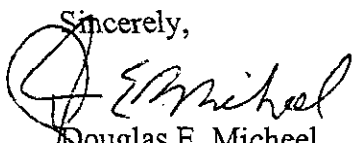
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Dear Judge Ruth:

Public Counsel after discussions with other parties does not believe that a settlement can be reached in this matter. Laclede does not object to the cancellation of the prehearing conference. Therefore, the parties' request that the prehearing conference currently scheduled for July 2, 2002 be cancelled.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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CC: parties of record