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**DIRECT TESTIMONY**  
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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. Doyle L. Gibbs, 815 Charter Commons Drive, Suite 100B, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as a Regulatory Auditor.

Q. Please describe your educational background.

A. I attended the University of Missouri – St. Louis, where I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting in 1976. I passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant examination in 1988. I have been licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in the state of Missouri since February 1989.

Q. What has been the nature of your duties while in the employ of this Commission?

A. I have conducted and assisted with the audits and examinations of the books and records of utility companies operating within the state of Missouri.

Q. Have you previously filed testimony before the Commission?

Direct Testimony of  
Doyle L. Gibbs

1           A.     Yes, I have. Please refer to Schedule 1, attached to this direct testimony, for a  
2 list of cases in which I have previously filed testimony.

3           Q.     With reference to Case No. GR-2001-629, have you made an investigation of  
4 the books and records of Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company)?

5           A.     Yes, with the assistance of other members of the Commission Staff (Staff).

6           Q.     With reference to Case No. GR-2001-629, what are your primary areas of  
7 responsibility?

8           A.     My primary responsibilities in this case are environmental costs associated  
9 with manufactured gas plants, Accounting Authority Orders (AAOs), current and deferred  
10 income tax expense, deferred income tax balances included in rate base, capitalized  
11 depreciation and net salvage expense.

12          Q.     What Accounting Schedules and Adjustments to the Income Statement are  
13 you sponsoring?

14          A.     I am sponsoring Accounting Schedule 1, Accounting Schedule 9, Accounting  
15 Schedule 10 and Accounting Schedule 11, which are Revenue Requirement, Income  
16 Statement, Adjustments To Income Statement and Income Tax, respectively. I am also  
17 sponsoring the following adjustments in Accounting Schedule 10, Adjustments To Income  
18 Statement:

19               S-11.2       Safety related maintenance savings

20               S-11.4       Copper survey expense

21               S-15.29      Environmental expense

22               S-16.2       Capitalized Depreciation

23               S-16.3       Net salvage expense

1	S-17.2	Terminated AAO amortization
2	S-17.3	Safety related AAO amortization
3	S-21.1	Current income tax
4	S-22.1	Deferred income tax expense - debit
5	S-23.1	Deferred income tax expense - credit
6	S-24.1	Investment Tax Credit (ITC) amortization

7 **TEST YEAR AND TRUE-UP AUDIT**

8 Q. What test year has the Staff utilized in this case?

9 A. The Staff has used a test year ending February 28, 2001, updated through  
10 July 31, 2001.

11 Q. Is the Staff proposing a true-up audit in this case?

12 A. Yes. In accordance with the Order Modifying And Adopting Procedural  
13 Schedule – Adopting Test Year – And Providing For True-Up Audit, the Staff will perform a  
14 true-up audit for the period ending December 31, 2001, provided that the necessary  
15 information is available in a timely manner to allow the Staff to meet the true-up filing  
16 deadline established in the Commission's Order. As provided in the Order, the items  
17 considered in the true-up audit must result in a proper matching of rate base, expenses and  
18 revenue. To that end, the following items should be included in the true-up audit:

19 **Rate Base:** Plant-in-service, depreciation and amortization reserves, customer  
20 advances for construction (advances), prepaid pension asset, customer deposits, gas  
21 inventories, Insulation Finance and Energy Wise programs and deferred income taxes. Cash  
22 working capital and the income tax and interest offsets will also change to the extent these  
23 amounts are affected by other true-up items.

1       **Income Statement:** Depreciation expense as affected by net plant additions, property  
2 taxes based on the most recent tax bill, revenues associated with customer additions, payroll  
3 and related payroll costs as a result of changes in employee levels, wage rates and employee  
4 benefits, rate case expense, changes in gas safety deferrals associated with the accounting  
5 authorization in Case No. GR-99-315 and income taxes, as affected by all the true-up items.

6       **Capital Structure and Associated Embedded Costs:** Changes in the Company's  
7 capital structure and associated embedded costs of the related capital items excluding return  
8 on common equity will also be reflected in the Staff's true-up audit.

9       To be included in the true-up audit, all items must be known, evidenced by  
10 documentation (i.e., inspection, monthly operating reports, invoices, Company ledgers, etc.)  
11 and the effect must be measurable.

12       The above items, as a minimum, will be examined in the context of a true-up audit.  
13 In addition, other items may be subject to review as events may warrant as indicated in the  
14 direct testimony of other Staff witnesses.

## 15       **ACCOUNTING SCHEDULES**

16       Q.     Please describe the accounting schedules you are sponsoring.

17       A.     Accounting Schedule 1, Revenue Requirement, is the Staff's calculation of the  
18 Revenue Requirement based on the rates of return sponsored by Staff witness Roberta A.  
19 McKiddy of the Financial Analysis Department. The revenue requirement recommendation  
20 on Accounting Schedule 1 includes an allowance to reflect the impact of a proposed true-up  
21 audit.

22       Accounting Schedule 9 is the Income Statement for the test year ending February 28,  
23 2001, updated through July 31, 2001. Each adjustment reflected in column C on the income

statement is a summary of the adjustments proposed by the Staff and are itemized on Accounting Schedule 10, Adjustments to Income Statement.

Accounting Schedule 11, Income Tax, is the calculation of current income tax expense for the test year, as updated through July 31, 2001, and the current income tax requirements for the range of equity returns sponsored by Staff witness McKiddy.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS**

Q. In general, what is the nature of the environmental costs associated with manufactured gas plants?

A. The manufactured gas plants were formerly used by the Company to produce gas from coal. The Company has, and continues to incur, costs associated with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandate to clean up these sites.

Q. Please explain the Staff's treatment of the costs associated with the environmental clean up of manufactured gas plant sites.

A. The Staff is recommending the use of a five-year average to determine a normal level of expense associated with environmental clean-up costs. The adjustment S-15.29 on Accounting Schedule 10 reflects the difference between the five-year average and the test year recorded expense related to the clean up of the manufactured gas plants.

#### **CAPITALIZED DEPRECIATION**

Q. Please explain adjustment S-16.2 to depreciation expense.

A. Adjustment S-16.2 capitalizes a portion of the annualized depreciation expense calculated on Accounting Schedule 7 related to vehicles and power-operated equipment. The actual test year percentage of depreciation capitalized was applied to the

1 annualized depreciation for vehicles and power-operated equipment to calculate adjustment  
2 S-16.2.

3 **NET SALVAGE EXPENSE**

4 Q. Please explain the Staff's adjustment to depreciation expense for net salvage  
5 expense.

6 A. The Staff's adjustment reflects the actual net salvage expense incurred during  
7 the test year ended February 28, 2001. Net salvage expense has been increasing over the past  
8 several years due primarily to the various plant replacement programs the Company is  
9 engaged in, particularly with respect to copper service lines. The level of copper service line  
10 replacements is budgeted to continue at the same level through 2004. Therefore, it is Staff's  
11 opinion that the test year level of net salvage expense represents a reasonable ongoing level.

12 Q. Is the inclusion of net salvage expense in the cost of service as a separate  
13 expense item different from the treatment proposed in the Company's previous rate cases?

14 A. Yes. Prior to this case, net salvage expense was incorporated into the  
15 depreciation rates that were applied to plant in service to calculate depreciation expense. The  
16 removal of the net salvage component from the depreciation rates is supported by Staff  
17 witness Rosella L. Schad of the Commission's Engineering and Management Services  
18 Department and is further discussed in her testimony.

19 **ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY ORDERS (AAOs)**

20 Q. Please identify the adjustments you are sponsoring related to AAOs.

21 A. I am sponsoring adjustment S-17.2 to reflect the amortization of AAOs that  
22 were granted in Case No. GR-98-374 and terminated by Commission Order in the  
23 Company's last rate proceeding, Case No. GR-99-315. I am also sponsoring adjustment



1 S-17.3 to reflect the amortization of the current safety related AAO that was granted in Case  
2 No. GR-99-315 and adjustment S-11.2 for the imputed maintenance savings as result of the  
3 gas safety AAO.

4 Q. What do the AAOs consist of that were granted in Case No. GR-98-374 and  
5 terminated in the Company's last rate case?

6 A. Subsequent to the Report And Order in Case No. GR-98-374, the Company  
7 implemented AAOs for the deferral of costs for supplemental pensions, Year 2000 computer  
8 maintenance (Y2K), manufactured gas plant, main safety replacement (SRP) and other post-  
9 retirement benefits (OPEBs). In a Stipulation And Agreement in the subsequent case, Case  
10 No. GR-99-315, it was agreed that these AAOs would be terminated and the deferred  
11 balances associated with SRP would be amortized over 10 years. The deferred balances for  
12 the remaining items, supplemental pensions, Y2K, manufactured gas plant, and (OPEBs),  
13 would be amortized over 15 years.

14 Q. If the Company was granted the authority to amortize these AAOs, and it has,  
15 in fact, been recording the amortization, why is adjustment S-17.2 necessary?

16 A. Adjustment S-17.2 is necessary to include the full annual amortization in the  
17 cost of service as directed in the Commission's Report And Order from Case  
18 No. GR-99-315. The Company's understanding of the Federal Regulatory Energy  
19 Commission (FERC) rules require that the amortization of any costs that were deferred be  
20 charged to the accounts that would have been charged had there been no deferral.  
21 Compliance with this accounting methodology results in an omission of a portion of the  
22 amortization the Commission explicitly stated to be included in the cost of service. In  
23 addition, the Staff's methodology to calculate the adjustment to depreciation expense

1 eliminates the portion of the amortization that was charged to depreciation expense during  
2 the test year. Adjustment S-17.2 reflects the inclusion of the AAO amortization that was  
3 recorded below-the-line as allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC) and  
4 restores the amortization that was eliminated through adjustment S-16.1 to depreciation  
5 expense.

6 Q. What cost is the Company currently authorized to defer in the AAO that was  
7 granted by this Commission in the Company's last case, Case No. GR-99-315?

8 A. The Company is currently authorized to use an AAO for the deferral of cost  
9 related to its safety main replacement program. The costs being deferred include  
10 depreciation on safety main replacements, property tax, copper survey costs and carrying  
11 charges.

12 Q. How is the Staff proposing to treat the costs deferred in this latest AAO  
13 approved by the Commission?

14 A. The Staff, as reflected in adjustment S-17.3, is proposing a 10-year  
15 amortization to expense of the deferral, no rate base inclusion of the unamortized balance and  
16 a rate base offset for the related deferred income taxes. Additionally, the Staff has made an  
17 adjustment to reflect the imputed plant maintenance savings directed in the Report And  
18 Order that authorized the current AAO. The imputed maintenance savings is identified as  
19 adjustment S-11.2. Except for the imputation of maintenance savings, adjustment S-17.3  
20 reflects the prescribed treatment in Case No. WR-2000-844 involving St. Louis Water  
21 Company for its infrastructure replacement program AAO and in Case No. GR-98-140  
22 involving Missouri Gas Energy's (MGE) safety deferrals. In the Commission's Order in  
23 Case No. GR-98-140 involving MGE, the Commission noted that by using a 10-year

1 amortization period it was recognizing a shorter term than the 20 years the Staff had  
2 recommended, and it had approved, in prior cases. Given this reduced amortization period,  
3 the Commission deemed it proper for the ratepayers and shareholders to share the effect of  
4 regulatory lag by allowing the Company to earn a return of, but not a return on, the deferred  
5 balance.

6 Q. Is the Staff recommending that the Commission authorize another AAO to  
7 continue the deferral of costs related to the replacement of service lines and mains?

8 A. Yes, with one modification. It is the Staff's opinion that copper service line  
9 leak surveys should not be included in any future AAO. With that one modification, the  
10 Staff recommends that the Commission authorize an AAO for the deferrals of depreciation,  
11 property taxes and carrying costs associated with service line and main replacements. The  
12 current AAO should cease at the end of the true-up period in this case. The new AAO should  
13 begin following the true-up audit in this case and continue through the later of the end of the  
14 test year, up-date period or true-up period in the next case. As with previous AAO's for  
15 Laclede's safety deferral, the Company should be required to file a case within 24 months  
16 following the effective date of the order in this case for the deferrals to be considered for  
17 possible future recovery.

18 **COPPER SURVEYS**

19 Q. Why has the Staff recommended the discontinuance of deferring copper  
20 service line leak survey costs as part on an AAO?

21 A. Surveys of copper service lines are an ongoing activity that is more  
22 appropriately addressed as a current expense. The Staff has proposed to include an annual  
23 level of expense in the development of the Company's revenue requirement through the

1 inclusion of adjustment S-11.4, thereby eliminating the need for any cost deferral to be  
2 accumulated for future recovery consideration.

3 Q. How did you determine an annualized level of expense?

4 A. The annualized level of copper service line leak survey costs was determined  
5 by subtracting the average annual cost reduction through 2004 for bar hole surveys from the  
6 actual cost incurred for the year ending July 31, 2001, the test year update period. The  
7 annual cost reduction was based on the figures provided by Company witness Craig R.  
8 Hoeferlin on pages 6 and 7 of his direct testimony in this case.

9 **CURRENT INCOME TAX**

10 Q. Please discuss the adjustment you are sponsoring to current income tax  
11 expense.

12 A. The adjustment to current income tax expense is identified as adjustment  
13 S-21.1 on Accounting Schedule 10. Adjustment S-21.1 adjusts current income tax to reflect  
14 the difference between the test year adjusted income tax computed on Accounting  
15 Schedule 11, Income Tax, and the current income tax expense recorded during the test year.

16 Q. Please explain how current income tax expense is calculated on Accounting  
17 Schedule 11, Income Tax.

18 A. Net operating income (NOI), as calculated on Accounting Schedule 9, Income  
19 Statement, is the starting point of the test year income tax calculation (column B) on  
20 Accounting Schedule 11. The NOI for each rate of return (Line 1, columns C, D and E) was  
21 calculated on Accounting Schedule 1, Revenue Requirement. The applicable current and  
22 deferred income taxes are added back to NOI to determine the net operating income before  
23 income taxes (NOIBT). NOIBT is then adjusted for various tax-timing differences to

1 determine the amount of taxable income. The Federal, State and City of St. Louis income  
2 taxes are calculated based on current statutory rates applied to the taxable income after  
3 allowances for applicable income tax deductions and credits. City and State income taxes are  
4 deductible in the determination of Federal taxable income. City and one-half of Federal  
5 current income taxes are deductible for State taxable income. Federal and State income taxes  
6 are not deductible for City income tax purposes, but a tax credit is granted for the lesser of:  
7 1) 25 percent of the City income tax before any tax credit; or 2) 20 percent of payroll  
8 earnings tax (PET).

9 Q. What is the justification for the additions and subtractions that were used to  
10 adjust NOIBT?

11 A. The Internal Revenue Code (Code) dictates what is appropriately included, or  
12 deducted, in the determination of taxable income. The adjustments made to NOIBT are  
13 necessary to reconcile the income reported on the income statement with the taxable income  
14 determined in compliance with the Code. These adjustments are commonly referred to as  
15 tax-timing differences or Schedule M items. Schedule M is the Federal tax form on which  
16 the Company reconciles the difference between book income and taxable income. The Staff  
17 has added or subtracted the timing differences from NOIBT that are necessary for ratemaking  
18 purposes.

19 Q. Please discuss the adjustments to NOIBT.

20 A. The adjustments to NOIBT related to depreciation are reflected in three  
21 separate line items on Accounting Schedule 11; line number 10 is an addition to taxable  
22 income for the annualized depreciation and amortization included in book income, line  
23 numbers 17 and 18, tax straight line depreciation and excess tax depreciation, respectively,

1 reduces taxable income to reflect the depreciation and amortization that is deductible for tax  
2 purposes.

3 Q. Why have three separate adjustments been used to adjust taxable income for  
4 depreciation?

5 A. Depreciation could have been presented as a single net adjustment to taxable  
6 income. However, presenting the adjustment for depreciation using three components  
7 provides a clearer illustration of how taxable income is developed and the impact these  
8 components have on tax expense.

9 As previously indicated, the Code is the basis for determining what is deductible for  
10 tax purposes. Therefore, to properly state taxable income, book depreciation (Line 10) is  
11 added back and tax depreciation (sum of Lines 17 and 18) is deducted from NOIBT. Tax  
12 depreciation is presented as two separate components because each of these components has  
13 a distinct impact on income tax expense. Straight-line tax depreciation is the equivalent of  
14 book depreciation, restated to reflect the tax basis of plant-in-service, and is provided "flow-  
15 through" treatment. The difference between total tax depreciation and tax straight-line  
16 depreciation, identified as excess tax depreciation, is required by the Code to be  
17 "normalized."

18 Q. Why does a depreciable basis difference exist between book and tax?

19 A. A difference exists between the depreciable book basis and tax basis because  
20 the Code has allowed expenditures to be expensed in the year incurred for tax purposes that  
21 have been historically capitalized for book purposes. As a result, the tax basis is typically  
22 lower than the basis used to calculate book depreciation.

1 Q. What is the basis for the difference between total tax depreciation and tax  
2 straight-line depreciation that you have identified as excess tax depreciation?

3 A. The Code provides for a quicker recovery of the tax basis plant investment  
4 through the use of accelerated depreciation methods. This will normally generate a larger  
5 depreciation deduction for tax purposes than depreciation calculated on a straight-line basis.  
6 As stated previously, there is a requirement that the tax depreciation in excess of tax straight-  
7 line be normalized.

8 Q. What is meant by the terms "flow-through" and "normalized?"

9 A. The term flow-through refers to the tax treatment that equates the amount  
10 provided by the ratepayer for income tax expense with the amount paid to the taxing  
11 authority. Under normalization, the impact of a tax-timing difference on current income tax  
12 expense is offset by deferred income tax expense. The ratepayer provides the funds to the  
13 Company as if the tax-timing difference did not exist.

14 Q. How were the two components of tax depreciation determined?

15 A. The Company provided to the Staff the tax basis of the plant for each class of  
16 property by vintage year and the applicable accelerated and straight-line depreciation rates  
17 were applied. The tax straight-line depreciation was calculated using the open-ended  
18 method, which calculates tax straight-line depreciation by property account without regard to  
19 its vintage until the book rate is set to zero.

20 A. Please continue with your discussion of the other adjustments that have been  
21 made to NOIBT on Accounting Schedule 11.

22 Q. Additions to NOIBT include contributions in aid of construction (CIAC),  
23 miscellaneous nondeductible expenses, inventory overheads capitalized and Accounting

1 Authority Order (AAO) amortization. The adjustments to NOIBT that reduce current taxable  
2 income are interest expense, administrative and general (A&G) expense capitalized, transfer  
3 of services, net salvage expense and pensions. A description of each of these adjustments,  
4 and its development, follows:

- 5 • **Contributions in Aid of Construction** – For tax purposes, when the  
6 Company receives CIAC from customers, the Company is required to report  
7 the CIAC as revenue. For book purposes, CIAC received is recorded as a  
8 credit to plant, which reduces the level of plant investment included in rate  
9 base. The Staff adjustment included on Accounting Schedule 11 is the test  
10 year ending February 2001 level of CIAC.
- 11 • **Miscellaneous Non-Deductible Expenses** - This category includes such  
12 items as travel, meals, dues, gifts and lobbying expenses and are only 50%  
13 deductible for tax purposes. Therefore, one-half of the expenditures included  
14 in operating expense must be added back to NOIBT to reflect the limitation  
15 imposed by the IRS. The Staff adjustment to NOIBT reflects only the  
16 applicable addition of those expenses that have been allowed as an operating  
17 expense for ratemaking.
- 18 • **Inventory Overheads Capitalized** - Some costs related to storage gas that  
19 are expensed for book purposes must be capitalized and recognized in  
20 inventory for tax purposes. This cost has varied significantly from year to  
21 year. Due to the annual fluctuation, the Staff adjustment for inventory  
22 overheads capitalized reflects a five-year average for the Company's fiscal



1           years (ending September years) 1996 through 2000, as reported in its Annual  
2           Report to the Commission.

- 3           • **AAO amortization** - This reflects the expense included in the income  
4           statement related to prior period expenditures that were deferred and now  
5           being amortized to expense. Although the expenditures were deferred on the  
6           books when occurred, they were recognized in the year incurred for tax  
7           purposes. The AAO amortization needs to be added back to NOIBT to  
8           appropriately state the level of current taxable income.
- 9           • **Interest expense** - Interest is a deduction for tax purposes that is not reflected  
10          as an operating expense (before income taxes) in the Staff's Income  
11          Statement, Accounting Schedule 9. Interest expense is calculated by  
12          multiplying rate base by the Staff's weighted cost of debt included in the  
13          overall rate of return sponsored by Staff witness McKiddy. This method of  
14          determining interest expense is referred to as interest synchronization because  
15          the interest used in the calculation of income tax expense is matched with the  
16          interest expense the ratepayers are required to provide to the Company in  
17          rates. Interest synchronization has been consistently used by the Staff and  
18          adopted by the Commission in past orders.
- 19          • **Administrative and General (A&G) Costs Capitalized** - The Company is  
20          allowed to expense a portion of A&G costs for tax purposes which are  
21          capitalized on the books. The Staff's deduction in the tax calculation reflects  
22          the test year A&G expenses capitalized on the books that are deductible for

income tax purposes, adjusted for the changes reflected in the A&G expense adjustment S-15 contained in Accounting Schedule 9, Income Statement.

- **Transfer of Services** - The cost of certain main replacements are capitalized on the books but expensed for tax purposes. The deduction reflects the test year amount capitalized on the books that is deductible for tax purposes.
- **Cost of removal** - These costs have been historically included in depreciation expense over the life of the depreciable property on the books but are deductible on the tax return in the year incurred. The Staff used the actual test year level of deductible net salvage expense, as provided to the Staff in response to Data Request No. 32.
- **Pensions** - For tax purposes, pension expense is reported on a cash basis. This adjustment to NOIBT reverses the annualized accrual, based on Financial Accounting Standards (FAS) 87 and 88, as calculated by the Staff and included as an expense in the income statement.

Q. Regarding the adjustments to arrive at taxable income, which items does the Staff propose be provided flow through treatment?

A. In addition to tax straight-line depreciation, the Staff has provided flow through treatment for miscellaneous non-deductible expenses, inventory overheads capitalized, interest, A&G expense capitalized, transfer of services and net salvage expense. The Staff has normalized the remaining adjustments consisting of CIAC, AAO amortization, excess tax depreciation and pensions.

#### **DEFERRED INCOME TAX**

Q. Please discuss your adjustments to deferred income tax expense.

1           A.     Adjustments S-22.1 and S-23.1 adjusts deferred income tax expense to reflect  
2 the impact on total tax expense for the tax timing differences that are being normalized, as  
3 previously discussed with regards to the development of current taxable income. In general,  
4 deferred income tax-debit reflects the normalization of tax timing differences that decrease  
5 current taxable income and, inversely, deferred income tax-credit represents the  
6 normalization of tax timing differences that increase taxable income. The accumulated  
7 deferred tax balances related to the tax timing differences that have been normalized have  
8 been included in the determination of rate base.

9           Adjustment S-24.1 adjusts Investment Tax Credit (ITC) amortization for the change  
10 in the composite depreciable plant life as reflected in the depreciation rates being proposed  
11 by Staff witness Schad. The deferred income tax balance in rate base includes the  
12 unamortized pre-1971 ITC balance. Code restrictions prevent the use of post 1971 ITC  
13 balances to reduce rate base.

14           Q.     Does this conclude your direct testimony?

15           A.     Yes, it does.

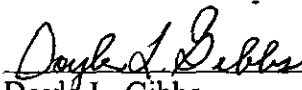
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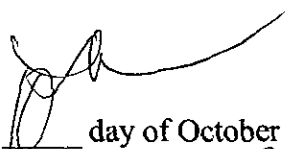
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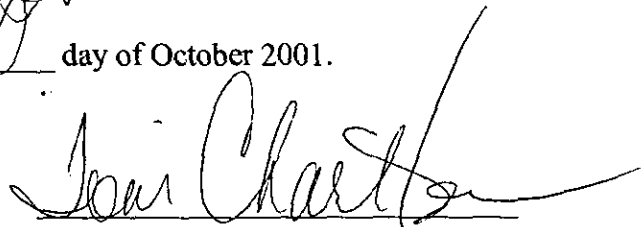
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STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
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COUNTY OF COLE     )

Doyle L. Gibbs, being of lawful age, on his oath states: that he has participated in the preparation of the foregoing Direct Testimony in question and answer form, consisting of 17 pages to be presented in the above case; that the answers in the foregoing Direct Testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

  
Doyle L. Gibbs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  day of October 2001.





# RATE CASE PROCEEDINGS

## DOYLE L. GIBBS

<u>Company</u>	<u>Case Number</u>
Arkansas Power & Light Company	ER-85-20
Arkansas Power & Light Company	ER-85-265
Associated Natural Gas Company	GR-79-126
Atmos Energy Corporation/United Cities Gas Company	GM-97-70
Capital City Water Company	WR-82-117
Citizens Electric Cooperative	ER-79-102
Citizens Electric Cooperative	ER-81-79
Empire District Electric Company	ER-95-279
Laclede Gas Company	GR-77-33
Laclede Gas Company	GR-78-148
Laclede Gas Company	GR-80-210
Laclede Gas Company	GR-81-245
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Laclede Gas Company	GR-96-193
Laclede Gas Company	GR-98-374
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Lake St. Louis Sewer Company	SR-80-189
Missouri-American Water Company	WR-89-265
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Missouri-American Water Company	WR-97-237
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Missouri-American Water Company	WO-98-204
Missouri-American Water Company	SR-2000-282
Missouri-American Water Company	WR-2000-281
Missouri Cities Water Company	WR-78-107
Missouri Cities Water Company	SR-78-108
Missouri Cities Water Company	WR-83-14
Missouri Cities Water Company	SR-83-15
Missouri Cities Water Company	WR-85-157
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Missouri Cities Water Company	SR-86-112
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