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Witness: Anne Ross

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**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**UTILITY OPERATIONS DIVISION**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY**

**OF**

**ANNE ROSS**

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**

**CASE NO. GR-2001-629**

**Jefferson City, Missouri  
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1 Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Anne Ross and my business address is Missouri Public Service  
3 Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

4 Q. What is your present position with the Missouri Public Service Commission?

5 A. I am a Regulatory Economist in the Energy Department of the Operations  
6 Division.

7 Q. Would you please review your educational background?

8 A. I have a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and an M.B.A. from the  
9 University of Missouri - Columbia.

10 Q. Have you previously filed testimony before the Commission?

11 A. Yes. I joined the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) in  
12 September, 1989. Since that time, I have filed testimony on class cost-of-service and rate  
13 design in a number of Natural Gas and Electric cases.

14 Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony?

15 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe adjustments to customer therm usage,  
16 customer numbers, and rate revenue for Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company)

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1 customers in the Large Volume Sales and Transportation Service, Large Volume Service,  
2 and Interruptible Service rate classes. These adjustments were made to recognize:

3 a. Rate-switching occurring during the test year.

4 b. Customers going on/off the Laclede system.

5 These adjustments were provided to Staff witness John P. Cassidy of the Commission  
6 Accounting Department.

7 Q. Please describe the "rate-switching" adjustment.

8 A. Customers who switched rate codes during the test year were identified by the  
9 Company. The volumes, customer numbers and revenues associated with the tariff class in  
10 which they were initially served were removed from the totals in that class. The volumes and  
11 customer numbers were then priced out at the new rate, and these customer numbers,  
12 volumes, and dollars were added to those in the tariff class in which the customer was at the  
13 end of the test year.

14 Q. Please discuss the adjustment to reflect customers going on/off the Laclede  
15 system.

16 A. In the case of a brand new customer coming on, or a customer leaving the Laclede  
17 system, the volumes, customer numbers, and associated dollars were added to or removed  
18 from the Company's test-year totals.

19 Q. Are there additional volume and revenue adjustments being made to the  
20 customers in the Large Volume Sales and Transportation Service, Large Volume Service,  
21 and Interruptible Service rate classes in this case?

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1           A. Yes. Staff Witness Daniel I. Beck, of the Commission's Energy Department, is  
2 sponsoring additional adjustments to the revenues in these three classes. These adjustments  
3 will be discussed in his direct testimony.

4           Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?

5           A. Yes, it does.

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

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

Case No. GR-2001-629

**AFFIDAVIT OF ANNE ROSS**

STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
                                      ) ss  
COUNTY OF COLE     )

Anne Ross, of lawful age, on her oath states: that she has participated in the preparation of the foregoing Direct testimony in question and answer form, consisting of 3 pages of Direct testimony to be presented in the above case, that the answers in the foregoing Direct testimony were given by her; that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Anne Ross

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.



DAWN L. HAKE  
Notary Public - State of Missouri  
County of Cole

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Notary Public

My commission expires

Jan 9, 2005