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RE: Case No. GR-2001-629

Dear Mr. Roberts:

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Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate)
Schedules.)

Case No. GR-2001-629

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

OF TIME TO FILE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

On May 18, 2001, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) filed tariff sheets that, if accepted by the Commission, would result in an increase in rates of thirty-nine million, eight hundred thousand dollars (\$39.8 million) for Laclede's natural gas customers. Laclede requested that the tariff sheets be effective on June 18, 2001.

In its Order Modifying and Adopting Procedural Schedule, the Commission set a prehearing conference for the week of October 22, 2001. The Parties met during that week, have engaged in ongoing settlement discussions since October 22, and hope to achieve resolution of most, if not all, of the issues in this case.

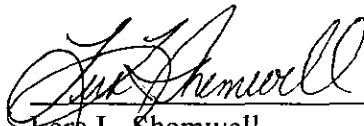
Rebuttal testimony is due in this case on November 14, 2001. The Parties request that the Commission extend the date for filing of rebuttal testimony until November 21, 2001, to allow time for the Parties to determine whether settlement of all issues is possible. The Parties suggest that the other dates in this case should remain the same and only the date for filing of rebuttal be extended.

Staff is authorized to represent that no party objects to this request.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests the Commission order the filing of rebuttal testimony in this case be extended until November 21, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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