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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re:

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MARK W. COMLEY CATHLEEN A. MARTIN

JOHN A. RUTH

Case No. EC-2002-1

Dear Judge Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of Laclede Gas Company in the above-referenced matter a Response to Staff's Proposed Procedural Schedule.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI	
The Staff of the Missouri Public	$\rho_{\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}}}$
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V.) Case No. EC-2002-1
Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE,	
Respondent.	, ,

RESPONSE TO STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and pursuant to the Commission's December 17, 2001 Order Directing Filing in the above-captioned case submits its Response to Staff's Proposed Procedural Schedule. For its response, Laclede states as follows:

- 1. On or about December 11, 2001, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Commission Order Establishing Test Year and Procedural Schedule in which it proposed a procedural schedule based on the Commission's adoption of AmerenUE's proposed test year.
- 2. Pursuant to the Commission's December 17, 2001 Order, this is to advise the Commission that Laclede has no objection to either Staff's proposed procedural schedule or to the procedural schedule recommendations that were made by AmerenUE in response thereto. Laclede intends to comply with whatever procedural schedule the Commission ultimately deems appropriate and believes that the various considerations affecting that determination have already been adequately addressed by the other parties.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede respectfully requests that the

Commission take notice of this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Michael C. Pendergast, Assistant Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Laclede Gas Company, hereby certifies that the foregoing Response to Staff's Proposed Procedural Schedule has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel and all parties of record to this proceeding by placing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery, on this 1977 day of December, 2001.