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December 19, 2001

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

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Re: 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.

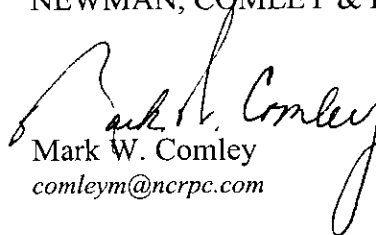
Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001.

