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Re: Case No. GC-2002-356

Dear Mr. Roberts:

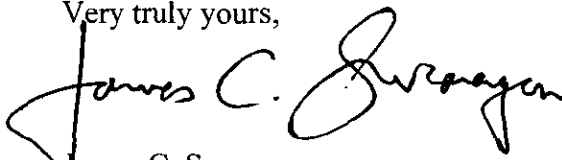
Enclosed for filing on behalf of Laclede Gas Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Modification of Procedural Schedule, Request For Expedited Treatment and Revised List Of Contested Issues.

A copy of this filing will be provided to all parties of record.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,


James C. Swearengen

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Enclosure

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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) Case No. GR-2002-356
Gas Rate Schedules.)

MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE,
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT AND
REVISED LIST OF CONTESTED ISSUES

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel and for their Motion for Modification of Procedural Schedule, request for Expedited Treatment and Revised List of Contested Issues states as follows:

1. On January 25, 2002, Laclede filed tariffs designed to increase rates by approximately thirty-six (36) million dollars. At the same time, Laclede filed its Direct Testimony.
2. On February 8, 2002, a proposed procedural schedule, which included, among other things, recommended dates for testimony filing, a prehearing settlement conference, hearing dates, and the test year and true-up audit and hearing was filed.
3. The Parties have engaged in negotiations that have resulted in a settlement of the issues related to revenue requirement and the Stipulation and Agreement resolving those issues is expected to be filed on August 19, 2002, but in any event, will be filed no later than August 21, 2002.
4. Given this proposed resolution of most of the issues in this case, the time that was required for the Parties to complete the Stipulation and Agreement, and the availability of some of the witnesses to address the remaining issues in this case, the

undersigned Parties recommend that the procedural schedule be modified so that surrebuttal testimony and position statements on the issues would now be due at noon (12 p.m.) on August 23, 2002, and the hearing would commence on August 28, 2002. The Parties would further recommend that August 28, 2002 be reserved for the marking of exhibits and, if the Commission desires, an on-the-record presentation of the Unanimous Partial Stipulation and Agreement.

5. The weather mitigation issues would be heard on August 29 and 30, 2002, and the remaining class cost of service and rate design issues to be heard would commence on September 4, 2002.

6. The undersigned Parties believe that these procedural modifications will result in a more thorough presentation of the issues to the Commission while still affording sufficient hearing time to fully litigate the remaining contested issues, shown below. The issues remaining are issues from the previously submitted list of contested issues and the original number of each issue is shown in parentheses following the new number.

REVISED LIST OF ISSUES

The following is a revised list of contested issues to which the Parties have agreed:

1. (3) Weather Mitigation: Should a weather mitigation clause, or some other solution, be adopted to reduce fluctuations in cost recovery due to weather?
2. (19) Class Cost of Service: How should Laclede's cost of service be assigned to the customer classes?
3. (20) Rate Design: How should the Commission implement any revenue-related change it orders in the case?

4. (21) Large Customer Demand Revenue : What level of large customer demands should be used to compute current revenues?

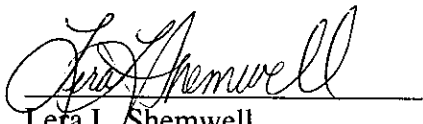
7. The undersigned Parties are authorized to state that no party objects to the relief requested in this Motion.

8. This Motion for Expedited Treatment is being filed as soon as possible. No Party will be harmed by the Commission granting this request.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties respectfully request that the Commission modify the procedural schedule in this case consistent, on an expedited basis with the recommendations set forth herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

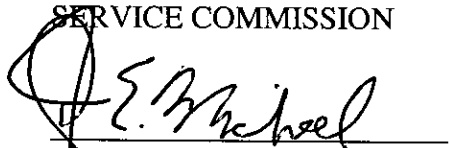
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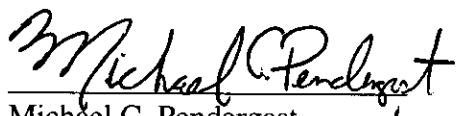
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed, mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 19th day of August, 2002.

