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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff to Revise) Case No. GR-2001-629 Natural Gas Rate Schedules

Tariff No. 200101125

ORDER MODIFYING FORM OF NOTICE

On May 18, 2001, Laclede Gas Company submitted tariffs reflecting increased rates for natural gas service provided to customers in the Missouri service area of the Company. On June 7, 2001, the Commission issued its Suspension Order and Notice, that among other things directed Laclede to use a particular statement of notice to its customers concerning this proceeding.

On June 15, 2001, Laclede filed a Motion to Revise the Form of Notice stating that the percentage change in gross revenues was incorrectly stated as 19.3 percent and that the change in gross revenues should be stated as 5 percent. No party or intervenor has responded or objected to Laclede's motion.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to modify the form of notice as requested. The Commission finds that further modifications are appropriate so that the form of notice may be used to notify Laclede's customers of the local public hearings that will be scheduled for this matter.



The form of notice shall be as follows:

Notice of Local Public Hearings and of Evidentiary Hearing

Laclede Gas Company has filed revised gas service tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission that would increase the Company's Missouri annual gross revenues by approximately 5 percent. For the average residential customer, the proposed increase would be approximately \$______ each month.

The Commission has set local public hearings to receive customer comments on Laclede's rate case. Hearings will commence at the time indicated.

"city": day / date / time. Location.

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If you wish to comment or obtain additional information, you may contact Laclede at (phone number) or by e-mail at (e-mail optional). You may also contact the Office of the Public Counsel at P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or by calling (573) 751-4857, or by e-mail at www.mo-opc.org.

An **evidentiary hearing** has been set before the Public Service Commission at 8:30 a.m., **Month, day, 200X**, in the Commission's hearing room on the 3rd floor of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

The local public hearings and the evidentiary hearing will be in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in the local public hearings or to attend the evidentiary hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD).

The notice shall appear on or accompany a bill mailed or transmitted at least ten days, but not more than 45 days, prior to the first local public hearing. If the notice appears on a bill, it should appear on the portion retained by the customer. The specific times and

locations of the local public hearings will be established by the Commission in a subsequent order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Laclede Gas Company shall provide customer notice as described in this order.
- 2. That this order shall become effective on August 2, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Keith Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 23rd day of July, 2001.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 23rd day of July 2001.

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge