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**RE: Case No. GR-2001-629**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

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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In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's )  
Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate )  
Schedules. )

Case No. GR-2001-629

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the above-captioned matter and for its recommendation states as follows:

1. On November 29, 2001, the Commission issued its Order Approving a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in Case Numbers GR-2001-629 and GT-2001-662. This filing is in regard to the provision that Laclede Gas Company, Staff and Office Of Public Counsel ("OPC") would develop and implement a customer Weatherization Program as specified in the Unanimous Stipulation and agreement.

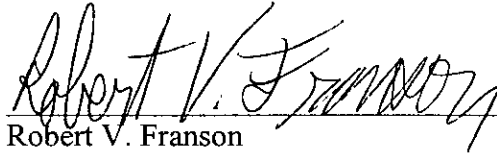
2. On February 28, 2002, Laclede filed tariff sheets bearing an effective date of March 31, 2002. Substitute sheets were filed on March 22, 2002. Staff has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets, and recommends that it be approved effective March 31, 2002. The recommendation of the Energy Department Staff is attached as Attachment A hereto.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheet.

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Respectfully submitted,

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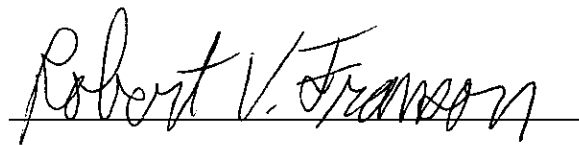


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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 25th day of March, 2002.



**UTILITY OPERATIONS DIVISION ROUTING SLIP  
BY DELEGATION**

Case No. GR-2001-629  
File No. 200200710

<b>To:</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Assigned:</b>	February 28, 2002		
		<b>From:</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Revised</b>
Chair Simmons	_____	Mr. Warren	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/22/02	_____
Commissioner Murray	_____	Mr. Imhoff	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/22/02	_____
Commissioner Lumpe	_____	Mr. Wood	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/22/02	_____
Commissioner Gaw	_____	Mr. Schwarz	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/22/02	_____
Commissioner Forbis	_____	Staff Deadline:	March 22, 2002		
Agenda Date:	<b><u>BY DELEGATION</u></b>				
Final Agenda:	March 28, 2002				
<b>Commission Action:</b>		<b>Staff Recommends:</b>			
Approve _____	Suspend _____	Approval	<u>X</u>	Suspension	_____

Company: Laclede Gas Company  
 Received Date: February 28, 2002  
 Effective Date: March 31, 2002  
 Purpose: Compliance Tariff Filing in Case Nos. GR-2001-629 and GT-2001-662

On November 29, 2001, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued its Order Approving (Order) Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement ... (Agreement) in Case Nos. GR-2001-629 and GT-2001-662, which were consolidated on September 4, 2001. One provision of this Order was that Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company), in conjunction with Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) and the Office of Public Counsel (OPC), develop and implement a customer Weatherization Program funded at an annual level of \$300,000 plus \$40,000 for administrative costs.

After several discussions with Staff, OPC, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Energy Center's Weatherization Program, Laclede filed tariff sheets on February 28, 2002 bearing a proposed effective date of March 31, 2002, pursuant to the Commission Order. Substitute sheets were filed on March 22, 2002, to correct a typographical error. These tariff sheets, as substituted, establish the Company's Weatherization Program for low-income and certain other eligible residential customers. The Weatherization Program is intended to provide eligible customers with conservation, education and weatherization measures, help them use energy more economically, and reduce their bills and arrearages. The grants to customers are expected to average \$2,000, but not exceed \$3,000. So, the program should aid about 150 customers annually. Laclede plans to contract with Community Action Program (CAP) Agencies to do the qualification, evaluation, and weatherization. The CAP agencies are currently performing weatherization under the federal low-income weatherization program administered by DNR. Laclede will submit a report on the program annually to the Commission and OPC.

Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets, as substituted, filed by Laclede that are designed to be in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement and Order in Case Nos. GR-2001-629 and GT-2001-662. Laclede filed the terms of the Weatherization Program as provided in the Agreement within 90 days of the effective date of the Order.

The Commission's Energy Department Staff has reviewed this filing, as substituted, and is unaware of any issue currently pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing. The Weatherization Program tariff, as substituted, provides that it will only be affected by an order of the Commission in a rate case filed after the effective date of the tariff, as substituted. This provision excludes the current Laclede Rate Case, No. GR-2002-356. Staff has reviewed these tariff sheets, as substituted, and suggests that the Commission approve the filed tariffs, as substituted, as being in compliance with the provisions of the Commission Order and the Agreement. Staff therefore recommends approval of the following tariff sheets, as filed on February 28, 2002, and substituted on March 22, 2002:

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Tenth Revised Sheet No. R-2, Canceling Ninth Revised Sheet No. R-2

Original Sheet No. R-44

Original Sheet No. R-45

Original Sheet No. R-46

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**Case Nos. GR-2001-629 and**  
**GT-2001-662 (Consolidated)**  
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