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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 the **STAFF'S SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING TEST YEAR**.

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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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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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'S SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING TEST YEAR

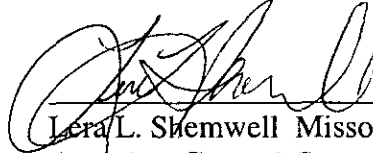
COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation concerning the test year proposed by Laclede Natural Gas Company (Laclede), in this case, Staff states that it concurs with the test year proposed to the Commission in Laclede's July 2, 2001 *Response to Staff's Suggestions to the Commission Regarding Scheduling*. Accordingly, Staff states that:

1. Staff concurs with the test year recommendation for a test year ending February 28, 2001, be used in this proceeding;
2. Staff agrees that the test year should be updated through July 31, 2001.

WHEREFORE the staff recommends that the Commission adopt the February 28, 2001, ending date for the test year, with update of that test year through July 31, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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