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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Governor Office Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101



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

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, in the above matter, please find an original and eight (8) copies of its Application For Intervention.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping a copy of the enclosed letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RKE", written over a horizontal line.

Ronald K. Evans
Managing Associate General Counsel

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Enclosures

cc: MPSC General Counsel
Office of the Public Counsel
Gerald T. McNeive, Jr., Laclede Gas Company

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APPLICATION FOR INTERVENTION

COMES NOW Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (hereinafter referred to as "AmerenUE"), by and through its counsel, and pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 of the Public Service Commission of Missouri (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), asks leave to intervene in this proceeding. In support of its Application For Intervention and as grounds therefor, AmerenUE states as follows:

1. AmerenUE is an electric utility regulated by the Commission which operates in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County and significant portions of the eastern half of the State of Missouri, as well as in other areas of this and other states. Many of AmerenUE's electric customers are also gas customers of Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede").

2. On May 18, 2001, Laclede filed revised tariff sheets which set forth revised rate schedules designed to produce an increase in rates for natural gas service provided to customers in Laclede's Missouri service area of approximately \$39.8 million (or 5%) annually.

3. AmerenUE's interest in the subject matter of this proceeding is different from that of the general public in the following respects and cannot be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding.

AmerenUE's position is unique in that it, as stated above, is an electric utility with customers who are also gas customers of Laclede and competes with Laclede for revenues generated by such customers. On the basis of its unique position, AmerenUE was granted intervenor status by the Commission in Laclede's most recent rate increase filing, docketed as Case No. GR-99-315, and participated as such in said proceeding.

4. At this point, until Laclede's direct testimony and supporting documents are filed, AmerenUE has not been able to determine what position it will be taking on the various issues that will come before the Commission in this case.

WHEREFORE, based upon the above, AmerenUE requests that the Commission grant this Application For Intervention and allow AmerenUE to participate fully in all proceedings in this case with all rights and privileges accorded to a party.

Respectfully submitted,

UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a AmerenUE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing document upon Gerald T. McNeive, Jr., Senior Vice President – Finance and General Counsel, Counsel for Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101, and the Office of the Public Counsel.

Dated at St. Louis, Missouri this 22nd day of June 2001.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Evans', is written over a horizontal line.

Ronald K. Evans