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Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
301 West High Street  
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**Missouri Public  
Service Commission**

Re: Laclede Gas Rate Case No. GR-2001-629

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of Barnes-Jewish Hospital, et al, I enclose herewith for filing an original and eight (8) copies of an Application to Intervene in the above matter and would appreciate your bringing this filing to the attention of the Commission.

I also enclose one (1) extra copy of the Application with the request that it be file stamped and returned to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Yours very truly,



Lisa C. Langeneckert

Enclosures (11)  
cc: All parties of record (w/enc.)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's  
Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate  
Schedules

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Case No. GR-2001-629

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF  
THE MISSOURI ENERGY GROUP

Pursuant to 4 C.S.R. 240-2.075 of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Emerson Electric Company, SSM HealthCare, and St. John's Mercy Health Care (collectively known as the "Missouri Energy Group", and hereinafter referred to as "Applicants"), hereby apply for leave to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding. In support of this Application, Applicants respectfully state as follows:

1. Applicants own and operate not-for-profit hospital systems and large industrial plants within the state of Missouri. Over a period of many years, Applicants have purchased substantial amounts of gas from Laclede Gas Company and other utility companies in the state of Missouri;
2. The rates for, and terms and conditions of the natural gas service of Applicants may be substantially affected by the outcome of this docket;
3. Applicants have an interest in avoiding an adverse impact on the rates for and terms and conditions of their natural gas service;
4. As large customers of Laclede, Applicants' interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public; and

5. Intervention by Applicants in this case will serve the public interest by assisting the Commission in development of a more complete record for decision.

6. Correspondence or communications regarding this application, including service of all notices and orders of this Commission, should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, having stated the grounds for intervention and the position and interest of the Applicants in these proceedings, Applicants ask that the Commission grant this Application for Intervention, and thereby entitle said Applicants to have notice and to appear at the taking of testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses, and to be heard in person or by counsel on the argument, and in all other respects to be made parties to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

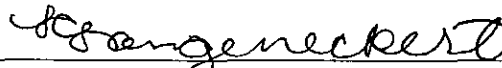
Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, I hereby certify that I have this day caused a copy of the foregoing to be served on all persons on the official service list in Case No. GR-2001-629

Dated at St. Louis, Missouri this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001:

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