

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
tariff to revise natural gas rate schedules.)


Case No. GR-2002-356

AFFIDAVIT OF MARK BURDETTE

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

Mark Burdette, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

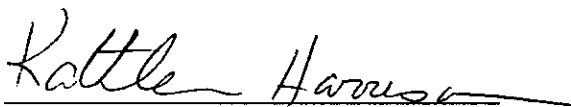
1. My name is Mark Burdette. I am a Financial Analyst for the Office of the Public Counsel.
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my direct testimony consisting of pages 1 through 48 and Schedules MB1 through MB11.
3. I hereby swear and affirm that my statements contained in the attached testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Mark Burdette

Subscribed and sworn to me this 20th day of June 2002.

KATHLEEN HARRISON
Notary Public - State of Missouri
County of Cole
My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2006



Kathleen Harrison
Notary Public

My commission expires January 31, 2006.