

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
March 6, 2001**

CASE NO: GR-2001-387

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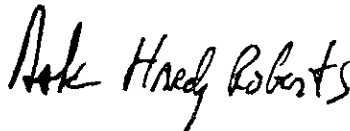
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 6th
day of March, 2001.

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Purchased) **Case No. GR-2001-387**
Gas Adjustment Tariff Revisions to be Reviewed)
in Its 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment)

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR WAIVER TO MAKE AN
ACCELERATED ADJUSTMENT TO BUDGET BILLINGS**

On February 23, 2001, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed a Motion for Waiver to Make an Accelerated Adjustment to the Company's Budget Billings. In its motion, Laclede seeks a one-time waiver from its tariff that specifies that it may adjust its budget billings only twice per year, once in January and again in July. Laclede asks that it be permitted to conduct an accelerated review of its budget billings and make an accelerated adjustment to those bills so that Laclede's budget billed customers may benefit from the rate reduction that the Commission approved on February 20, effective February 23. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum and recommendation on March 2, recommending that Laclede's Motion be granted.

The Commission has reviewed Laclede's Motion and concludes that it should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Laclede Gas Company's Motion for Waiver to Make an Accelerated Adjustment to the Company's Budget Billings is granted.

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2. That this order shall become effective on March 16, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray, Schemenauer,
and Simmons, CC., concur

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Sec'y:

Wladimir F. Boyce

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JS
Lumpke, Chair

WAD
Draimer, Vice Chair

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Murray, Commissioner

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Schemenauer, Commissioner

KS
Simmons, Commissioner

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Agenda Date

Action taken:

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Must Vote Not Later Than

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 6th day of March 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

