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RE: Case No. GR-2001-387

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**.

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)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff)
Revisions to be Reviewed in Its 2000-)
2001 Actual Cost Adjustment.)

Case No. GR-2001-387

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), on behalf of itself and the other parties to this case, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), collectively "The Parties", and for their *Proposed Procedural Schedule* state to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On February 27, 2001, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Requiring Filing of Procedural Schedule* in which The Parties were instructed to submit a proposed procedural schedule by March 28, 2001. This date was extended by the Commission to April 2, 2001, on motion of The Parties. The pre-hearing conference in this matter was held on March 21, 2001, also pursuant to Commission order.

2. The Parties would respectfully suggest the following procedural schedule to the Commission in this case for the purposes of addressing any issues that may arise:

Laclede Books Made Available to Staff: November 1, 2001.

Laclede Work Papers Made Available to Staff: November 13, 2001.

Staff's Recommendation (including a full and complete explanation of the basis for any proposed adjustment): February 28, 2002.

Laclede's Response to Staff's Recommendation: March 28, 2002.

All Parties Direct Testimony: April 25, 2002.

All Parties Rebuttal Testimony: May 30, 2002.

All Parties Surrebuttal Testimony: June 20, 2002.

List of Issues and Order of Witnesses: June 25, 2002.

Statement of Positions: June 27, 2002.

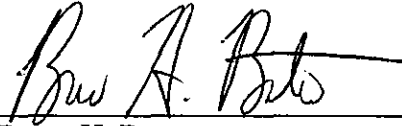
Evidentiary Hearing: July 8-10, 2002.

3. To expedite completion of the audit and disposition of Laclede's previous ACA filing in Case No. GR-2000-622, The Parties have also agreed that they will file, within the next ten days, a motion to consolidate Case Nos. GR-2001-387 and GR-2000-622 and utilize the same proposed procedural schedule for purposes of disposing of both cases. The Staff and Laclede agree that that portion of Case No. GR-2001-387 that reviews the results of Laclede's experimental PSP for 2000/2001 will be consolidated for hearing purposes with, and on the same schedule as ordered for, the PSP hearing in Case No. GO-2000-394.

WHEREFORE, Staff, on behalf of The Parties, prays that the Commission grant their *Proposed Procedural Schedule*. The Parties further pray that the Commission make whatever other orders and judgments it deems to be just and proper in this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
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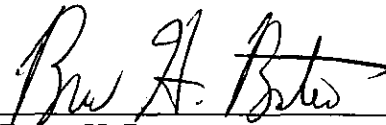


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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 2nd day of April 2001.



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