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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 **JOINT STATUS REPORT AND MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**.

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
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

COME NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and the Staff and the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for their Joint Status Report and Motion to Consolidate in the above-captioned case, state as follows:

1. On January 3, 2002, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing in Case No. GR-2000-622 in which it directed the Staff and the Company to file a joint status report on this that case by February 15, 2002.

2. Pursuant to that Order, this is to advise the Commission that the 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") period covered by Case No. GR-2000-622 is currently being audited by Staff in conjunction with its audit of the Company's 2000-2001 ACA period that is the subject of Case No. GR-2001-387. In view of that fact, the undersigned parties believe that any issues which may arise in connection Case No. GR-2000-622 should be addressed at the same time and in accordance within the same procedural framework applicable to Case No. GR-2001-387.

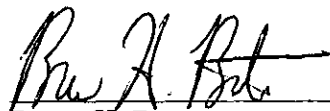
3. Accordingly, the Company and Staff recommend that the Commission consolidate Case No. GR-2000-622 with Case No. GR-2001-387 for all purposes. The Company and Staff would also note that they are currently discussing potential modifications to the procedural schedule established in Case No. GR-2001-387 and will advise the Commission of any recommendations they may have in that regard by February 20, 2002.

4. Counsel for the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") has been advised of this Joint Status Report and Motion to Consolidate and has authorized the undersigned to state that Public Counsel has no objection to the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission respectfully request that the Commission take note of this Joint Status Report and issue its Order granting their Motion to Consolidate Case Nos. GR-2000-622 and GR-2001-387.

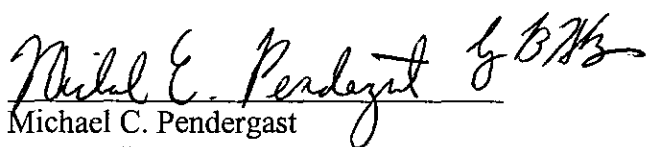
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Bruce H. Bates, Associate General Counsel for the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission hereby certifies that the foregoing Status Report and Motion to Consolidate has been duly served upon all parties of record to this proceeding by placing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery, on this 15th day of February, 2002.



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