

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry) Case No. GW-2001-398
Into Purchased Gas Cost Recovery)

**APPLICATION TO SERVE ON TASK FORCE
AND OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN PROCEEDING**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and for its Application to Serve on Task Force and Otherwise Participate in Proceeding, states as follows:

1. On January 23, 2001, the Commission issued its Order Establishing Case and Creating Task Force. In that Order, the Commission encouraged interested parties to nominate individuals to serve on the Task Force established by the Commission in connection with its inquiry into purchased gas cost survey.
2. As the largest natural gas distribution company in Missouri, Laclede has a direct and obvious interest in the matters to be addressed in this proceeding. Laclede's interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public. In view of these interests, Laclede respectfully requests that the following individuals from Laclede be permitted to serve on the Task Force or otherwise participate in this proceeding on behalf of Laclede:

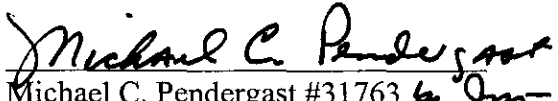
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WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission issue its Order permitting the individuals identified herein to serve on the Task Force or otherwise participate in this proceeding on behalf of Laclede.

Respectfully submitted


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Michael C. Pendergast, Assistant Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Laclede Gas Company, hereby certifies that the foregoing Application to Serve on Task Force and Otherwise Participate in Proceeding has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission, Office of the Public Counsel and 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 22nd day of February, 2001.

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