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Re: Case No. GA-2002-429

Missouri Public
Service Commission


Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Laclede Gas Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion To Withdraw Application For An Accounting Authority Order and Status Report In Response To Order Directing Filing.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,


James C. Swearengen

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Enclosure

cc: All Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Laclede)
Gas Company for an Accounting Authority)
Order Authorizing the Company to Defer)
for Future Recovery Consideration its)
Just and Reasonable Costs of Providing)
Public Utility Service that would otherwise)
be Un-recovered due solely to the)
Extraordinary Impact of Record Warm)
Weather on the Company's Operations)

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Case No. GA-2002-429

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S MOTION TO
WITHDRAW APPLICATION FOR AN ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY ORDER
AND STATUS REPORT IN RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), and for its Motion to Withdraw Application for an Accounting Authority Order and Status Report in Response to Order Directing Filing dated November 5, 2002, states as follows:

1. On March 8, 2002, Laclede filed its Verified Application for Accounting Authority Order ("AAO") commencing the above referenced case. Direct, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimonies were filed on May 15, June 28, and July 15, 2002, respectively.

2. On August 20, 2002, Laclede, the Commission Staff, and the Office of Public Counsel filed a Partial Stipulation and Agreement (the "Agreement") in Laclede's 2002 rate case, Case No. GR-2002-356 (the "Rate Case"). Pursuant to paragraph 16 of the Agreement, Laclede agreed to withdraw its request for an AAO in GA-2002-429 following approval of the Agreement.

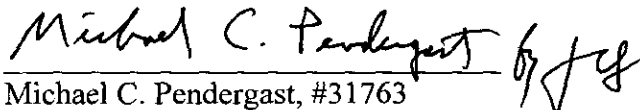
3. On October 3, 2002, the Commission issued its Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement in the Rate Case. In its Order, the Commission approved both the Agreement as well as other Stipulations and Agreements that had been submitted in the Rate Case and that had recommended, among other things, an effective date of November 1, 2002, for the tariffs implementing the Agreements. The Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement also directed that Laclede file tariffs consistent with the Agreements approved by the Commission within thirty days.

4. Tariffs implementing the terms of the Stipulations and Agreements have now been filed and approved for service, effective November 9, 2002. With this Motion, Laclede therefore seeks to withdraw its Application for an AAO in this case in order to comply with its obligations under paragraph 16 of the Agreement.

5. Laclede also requests that the Commission accept this filing as the Company's Status Report in response to the Commission's November 5, 2002 Order Directing Filing in which the Commission directed Laclede to clarify whether and when it anticipated withdrawing its Application for an AAO in this case. Laclede believes that such a clarification has now been provided with the Company's filing in this case of its Motion to Withdraw Application for an Accounting Authority Order.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order permitting the withdrawal of Laclede's Application for an Accounting Authority Order in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Withdraw Request for an Accounting Authority Order was served on all parties of record on this 12th day of November, 2002 by email, facsimile, hand-delivery or by placing a copy of such Motion, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

