STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 5th day of October, 2016.

Office of the Public Counsel,)
Complainant,)
V.	File No. GC-2016-0297
Laclede Gas Company and Missouri Gas Energy)))
Respondents.)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

Issue Date: October 5, 2016 Effective Date: October 5, 2016

On April 26, 2016¹, the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") filed a complaint against Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") and Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE") (collectively, "Respondents"). The complaint alleges that Respondents are overearning and asks the Commission to lower Respondents' rates.

On September 29, OPC filed a Motion to Stay Proceedings. In that motion, OPC explains that its discovery in this case leads it to believe that staying this complaint would be in the public interest. OPC believes a general rate case, which Laclede plans to file by April, 2017, is the better way to address its concerns. OPC also requests that the Commission allow it to use discovery it has obtained in this case in the rate case Laclede is expected to file next April.

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¹ Calendar references are to 2016, unless otherwise noted.

The Commission ordered any objections to OPC's motion to be filed no later than October 4. No party objected to the motion.

The Commission finds OPC's requests reasonable, and will grant them.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Motion to Stay Proceedings filed by The Office of the Public Counsel is granted.
- 2. The Office of the Public Counsel may use discovery obtained in this case in the general rate case Laclede Gas Company plans to file in April, 2017.
 - 3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris I Woodryf

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 5th day of October 2016.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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