

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede Gas)
Company to Transfer an Asset to Spire Pipeline, Inc.)
File No. GM-2017-0018

STAFF STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and respectfully states as follows:

1. On December 12, 2016, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Staff to File a Status Report, a Recommendation, or a Proposed Procedural Schedule* (“Order”) which directed Staff to file a status report, a recommendation, or a proposed procedural schedule in this matter no later than January 10, 2017. Staff is filing this status report pursuant to the Order.

2. As noted in the Order, Staff has previously filed a pleading¹ in this case indicating that Staff is “examining the proposed transaction and may request a hearing on Laclede’s application.”²

3. As part of its examination, Staff submitted several data requests to Laclede in late November and early December, 2016. Some responses of Laclede necessitated the submission of follow-up data requests to Laclede in late December.

4. On December 5, 2016, the Commission granted the application to intervene of Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC (“MRT”), and on December 16, 2016, the Commission granted MRT until January 6, 2017, to object to data requests

¹ See *Staff’s Request to Reserve the Right to Request Hearing* filed November 21, 2016. The Office of the Public Counsel also filed *OPC Request to Reserve the Right to Request a Hearing, and Alternative Request for Hearing* on December 5, 2016.

² Laclede Gas Company’s application requests both authorization to sell/transfer a section of natural gas pipeline to an affiliated company and a variance from the Commission’s affiliate transaction rules.

submitted by Staff to MRT on December 6, 2016. The Commission's *Order Granting Extension of Time* also noted that, pursuant to agreement, MRT's responses to those data requests would not be due until January 17, 2017. Therefore, Staff does not anticipate receiving responses to all of the data requests submitted to MRT until a week after this status report was due. After receiving responses, Staff will need to evaluate those responses, which may require follow-up.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this Status Report, and requests until no later than March 10, 2017 to either submit a recommendation, a request for hearing or an additional status report.

Respectfully submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 6th day of January, 2017.

/s/ Marcella L. Forck