BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)	Case No. GR-2016-0224
PGA Filing)	

STATUS REPORT

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

1. On February 9, 2018, Staff filed a *Reply to Spire Missouri Inc.'s Response* to *Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum* (Reply) in this case. In its Reply, Staff stated that:

Staff's Procurement Analysis Unit has reviewed the Company's Response and is currently in the process of reviewing the initial workpapers provided by the Company. Staff and the Company plan to meet to further discuss this adjustment on February 13, 2018...

Staff recommends the Commission not establish the final balances for Spire Missouri's 2015-2016 ACA at this time and recommends this case remain open pending a resolution of Staff's investigation in Case No. GO-2017-0223 and resolution of all prior Spire Missouri East ACA cases that remain open.

- 2. In response to Staff's Reply, on February 13, 2018, the Commission issued an *Order Setting Date for Supplemental Reply* which directed Staff to file "a supplemental reply, as suggested by Staff, addressing Spire Missouri's response to Staff's recommendation to reduce gas costs by \$114,273," no later than March 16, 2018.
- 3. On February 13, 2018, Staff and Spire Missouri held a conference call to discuss the issue, along with other pending matters. On the call, Spire Missouri committed to provide Staff with necessary documentation supporting its position that

Staff's recommended reduction of gas costs is unnecessary. As of March 16, 2018, Spire Missouri has yet to fulfill that commitment.

4. As such, Staff is currently unable to confirm or deny Spire Missouri's assertion that Staff's recommended reduction of gas costs is unnecessary. Therefore, Staff respectfully requests until April 18, 2018, to file its *Supplemental Reply*. Staff believes this requested extension will provide Spire Missouri with ample opportunity to provide Staff with the necessary information, and for Staff to finalize its recommendation.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this status report and respectfully prays the Commission issue an order allowing Staff until April 18, 2018, to complete its investigation and file a Supplemental Reply to Spire Missouri's Response to Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum Regarding Laclede Gas Company's 2015-2016 Actual Cost Adjustment Filing.

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 16th day of March, 2018.

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