



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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

**/s/ Mark Johnson**