BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the ACA Review of) Spire Missouri Inc. f/k/a Missouri Gas Energy) <u>Case No. GR-2016-0225</u>

STATUS REPORT

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

1. On December 28, 2018, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Status Report* ("Order") in this case which required Staff to file a status report no later than January 31, 2019. This status report is submitted pursuant to that Order.

2. In Staff's ACA Recommendation Memorandum filed in this case on December 18, 2017, in addition to making other recommendations Staff recommended an adjustment to the Company's ACA account balance based on Staff's analysis of the Company's actual gas costs and billed revenue.

3. In Staff's last Status Report in this case, filed September 21, 2018, Staff indicated that the Company was continuing to provide documentation to Staff regarding this proposed adjustment in an effort to come to a resolution.

4. Since the filing of Staff's last Status Report, Staff and the Company have continued discussions, and the Company has continued to provide information to Staff in an effort to come to a resolution of the proposed adjustment. Since this issue also carried forward into the 2016/2017 ACA case, Staff and the Company are continuing to work toward an agreement on the documents that the Company provides to Staff in support of its ACA filings in future ACA cases.

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5. Although it appears that progress is being made, a final resolution has not yet been reached. The Company and Staff have scheduled a meeting to be held on February 8, 2019 to work toward a resolution of this matter. Therefore, ending ACA balances for the 2015-2016 ACA period (*i.e.,* this case) may not yet be established and this case needs to remain open.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this status report pursuant to the Commission's December 28, 2018, Order Directing 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 for parties of record this 31st day of January, 2019.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin