BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas)	Case No. GR-2015-0201
Company's PGA Filing)	<u> </u>

STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Response to the *Order Directing Filing* ("Order") issued herein by delegation of authority on September 15, 2017, states as follows:

- 1. The Order directed the parties to file a report on the status of this case no later than September 25, 2017.
- 2. In both its Recommendation Regarding Laclede Gas Company's 2014-2015 Actual Cost Adjustment Filing filed herein on December 16, 2016, and its Reply to Laclede Gas Company's Response to Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum filed herein on February 16, 2017, Staff recommended the Commission hold this case open pending further investigation into Laclede's compliance with the gas supply documentation requirements of Laclede's CAM and Standards of Conduct.
- 3. In the Staff Reply to Laclede Supplemental Response filed herein on June 15, 2017, Staff referred to both of the filings in paragraph 2 above and noted that on February 22, 2017, the Commission opened a docket which has been assigned File No. GO-2017-0223 for the purpose of investigating Laclede's compliance with the gas supply documentation requirements of its CAM and Standards of Conduct and again requested this case remain open pending resolution of such investigation.

- 4. As reflected in the Commission's *Order Establishing Time to Respond to Staff's Report* issued on August 23, 2017, in File No. GO-2017-0223¹, Staff filed its report in that docket on August 22, 2017; however, Laclede, and anyone else wishing to respond to Staff's report, was given until October 16, 2017, to respond to the report. Therefore, the GO-2017-0223 investigation docket remains to be resolved, and how near to or far from resolution it is remains to be seen.
- 5. Staff continues to recommend that this case remain open pending resolution of the GO-2017-0223 investigation docket.

WHEREFORE Staff submits this Response to the *Order Directing Filing* issued herein on September 15, 2017, and requests that this case remain open pending resolution of the GO-2017-0223 investigation docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ EFIS Entry Number 4 in GO-2017-0223