BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Request to Increase Its Revenue for Gas Service

File No. GR-2017-0215

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy's Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas Service File No. GR-2017-0216

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S AND MISSOURI GAS ENERGY'S PROPOSED TEST YEAR

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and as directed by the Commission in its April 20, 2017, *Notice Of Hearing And Order Setting Conference Date, Directing Notice Of Actions, Establishing Intervention Date, And Directing* Filings, states for its *Response to Laclede Gas Company's and Missouri Gas Energy's Proposed Test Year* as follows:

Staff concurs with Laclede Gas Company's and Missouri Gas Energy's proposed test years consisting of the twelve months ending December 31, 2016, with a true-up cutoff date of September 30, 2017.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept its *Response to Laclede Gas Company's and Missouri Gas Energy's Proposed Test Year;* and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served electronically, or hand-delivered, or via First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on all parties of record herein on this 1st day of May, 2017.

/s/ Mark Johnson