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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	(The hearing commenced at 7:02 p.m.)
3	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good evening. We are on
4	the record in the St. Joseph local public hearing
5	for Cases No. GR-2017-0215 and 0216.
6	Good evening, I'm Ron Pridgin. I am a
7	regulatory law judge with the Commission, and we are
8	convening this hearing to get testimony from the
9	public on the Laclede and MGE rate-increase request.
10	With me this evening is Commissioner
11	Kenney from the Commission.
12	Before we move on to testimony,
13	Commissioner, did you have an opening statement?
14	COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Yes. Thank you very
15	much, judge.
16	I would just like to welcome everyone
17	here. I am one of five commissioners. I'm here to
18	represent the comission tonight. The other four
19	commissioners will be able to read the testimony
20	that's presented tonight as it becomes part of the
21	case.
22	This is just one part of the series of
23	events that will take place. We will eventually
24	have a hearing down in Jefferson City, and all
25	comments you make tonight and all the other

- 1 interveners will sit down and reconcile the
- 2 situation.
- 3 So I do appreciate each and everyone's
- 4 attendance tonight and look forward to hearing what
- 5 you might have to say. Thank you.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Commissioner, thank you.
- 7 Before we start taking witnesses, could I
- 8 get entries of appearance from counsel, please,
- 9 beginning with Laclede.
- 10 MR. PENDERGAST: Michael C. Pendergast
- 11 appearing on behalf of Spire/MGE. My business
- 12 address is 423 South Main Street, St. Charles,
- 13 Missouri 63301.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Pendergast, thank you.
- 15 On behalf of the staff of Commission,
- 16 please.
- MS. ASLIN: Casi Aslin, counsel for staff
- of Public Service Commission. My business address
- is 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City,
- 20 Missouri 65102.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Aslin, thank you.
- On behalf of the Office of the Public
- 23 Counsel, please.
- MR. SMITH: Yes, Ryan Smith for the Office
- of the Public Council. My address is 200 Madison

Street, Suite 650, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. 1 2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Smith, thank you. 3 Any other counsel wishing to enter an 4 appearance? 5 All right. By order of the Commission, the testimony is limited to five minutes. I know 6 7 you've had a question-and-answer session for about an hour, and you're certainly free to ask more 9 questions afterwards, but what we would like to do now is receive testimony from members of the public 10 11 who would like to make comments to the Commission. 1.2 I've got a witness list. I will go 13 through the witnesses. I will call your name, and 14 when I call your name, would you please come up to 15 the podium. And I'll ask you to be sworn. 16 just ask you to raise your right hand and be sworn 17 like you would in court. If you're not comfortable 18 being sworn in, please let me know and I'll ask your 19 testimony to be affirmed instead. I will simply 20 just ask you to state your name and to spell it for 2.1 the court reporter so she can get it in the record 2.2 correctly, and then I'll ask if you have a statement 2.3 for the commission. Once you do, that's when your five minutes begins. And if you'll please try to 24 25 pay attention to me, I'll try to give you signals

- when you're coming up to two minutes, one minute,
- 2 and then, when your five minutes is up, I'll try to
- 3 gently ask you to wrap up since your time is up.
- 4 When I go through the witness list and
- 5 when everybody is done, I'll ask if anybody else
- 6 wants to testify, and then I'll see if Commissioner
- 7 Kenney has any closing remarks.
- And with that, let me go to the first
- 9 witness, and I believe that is Jerome Williams.
- 10 Mr. Williams, good evening. If you'll
- 11 raise your right hand and be sworn, please.
- 12 JEROME WILLIAMS,
- 13 a witness, being first duly sworn, testified under
- 14 oath as follows:
- 15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you, sir. If you
- 16 would, please state and spell your name for the
- 17 court reporter.
- MR. WILLIAMS: Jerome Williams,
- 19 J-e-r-o-m-e, Williams, W-i-l-l-i-a-m-s.
- 20 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. What is your
- 21 statement, sir?
- MR. WILLIAMS: I know you can't answer any
- 23 questions; so this is a statement.
- I've already asked -- this is food for
- 25 thought: How much of the money is going to go

through -- to infrastructure, and how much are we to 1 2 pay to make sure that investors are going to make 3 money and how much money -- how much will the 4 customers end up paying after estimates and 5 approximate -- approximatelies (sic) are taken care 6 of? 7 We do not get an increase in our income, and now I'm on a fixed income because I'm retired, 9 but we want to make sure that the increase is not going to hurt their bottom line, but we're not going 10 11 to -- we don't want to be part of the increase to 12 help their bottom line. 13 It's just food for thought. I don't have 14 very much else to say, but thank you for listening, 15 and I hope we can come up with a solution that we 16 don't -- we don't go to the poorhouse trying to pay 17 our utility bills. 18 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Mr. Williams, thank 19 you very much. 20 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Williams, thank you 2.1 very much. 2.2 The next witness, I believe, is Bobby 2.3 Lawton. 2.4 25

1 BOBBY J. LAWTON, a witness, being first duly sworn, testified under 2 3 oath as follows: 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you, sir. If you 5 would, please state and spell your name for the 6 court reporter. 7 MR. LAWTON: Bobby, B-o-b-b-y, middle 8 initial J, last name L-a-w-t-o-n. 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. And what is your 10 statement, sir? 11 MR. LAWTON: What is my statement? Well, 12 you know, \$5.09, everybody got the information in 13 the mail. And, anyway, you know, there's been a lot 14 of utility companies that's been raising it anyway 15 to begin with. 16 And, you know, when I was a union 17 ironworker for a total of 27 years, I don't like to 18 make a mistake on a job, and if I made a mistake on 19 the job, I didn't apologize. If I welded something 20 into the wrong position or I cut a piece of iron 2.1 wrong and the foreman for the ironworkers, you know, 2.2 come over and said, "Who cut the piece of iron 2.3 wrong? Who welded that wrong?" I didn't apologize. 24 I said, "It's me, Bobby Lawton who made the 25 mistake."

1 But I don't really care to see this get raised up anyway to begin with, and I'm sure there 2 3 are a lot of people that don't anyway to begin with. 4 But, you know, just because we're testifying, that 5 don't mean that it would be on our side, ever who 6 makes the comment decides about it so forth anyway 7 to begin with. 8 And as these other people heard everything 9 that I've been having trouble with, you know, had trouble with a little bit of with KCP&L, I had 10 11 trouble with the water company a while back -- I 12 keep copies of all of the letters that I've got 13 anyway to begin with. 14 Anyway, everybody else heard the trouble 15 that I had back in April. I kept a copy of the 16 paper I wrote. I paid a gas bill for \$186 and some 17 odd cents, and within a week or two got another --18 got another gas bill for 200-and-some dollars, and 19 it couldn't be. 20 As everybody heard the story here, I went 2.1 outside. I don't own the house. Anyway, on the 2.2 northwest corner of the house is where someone put a 2.3 different gas meter up and painted it, and nobody --24 nobody rang the doorbell, nobody knocked on the door 25 and left a message.

1 Anyway, and one or two final comments and 2 probably I need to get out of here on account of my 3 kneecap anyway to begin with. 4 But in March of this year, you know, my 5 gas bill was \$66 and a penny; so I wrote a check out 6 for \$66, taped a penny to the check, and got a copy 7 of it -- the place I used to do business with the bank, First Bank of Missouri called Security Bank. 9 Anyway, I sent that in to them, and then the next month when I got my gas bill, it shows the payment 10 11 that I made. And down below it's like --1.2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Two minutes. 13 MR. LAWTON: What's that? 14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Two minutes. 15 MR. LAWTON: Yeah. \$33.15 and underneath 16 they had 16 cents underneath of it; so they've been 17 doing that for a total of seven months. So what I 18 did -- the gas company left Kansas City August the 19 31st of 2015, and they're up in St. Louis now. So 20 what I did, I reported Missouri Gas Energy to the 2.1 Better Business Bureau, and they turned it over to 22 Kansas City, because anyway --2.3 You know, I don't like to have problems 24 with anybody; and so if I have problems with 25 anybody, I stand my ground. So I've been standing

- 1 ever since I've been retired at age 55. I'm 68 now.
- 2 I've been putting up with this for a total of 13
- 3 years. A lot of people know I'm going to stand my
- 4 ground.
- 5 And even though my right kneecap has been
- 6 operated on twice -- I got arthritis in the right
- 7 hip, arthritis starting in the left kneecap, and a
- 8 union ironworker almost killed me back in 1987.
- 9 Anyway, I can't smell anything. Anyway, he knocked
- 10 me off a six-foot ladder. But that's another story
- 11 anyway to begin with.
- I really -- you know, if I didn't, really,
- don't have trouble with any merchant or anybody,
- 14 maybe I don't mind seeing stuff get raised up or
- 15 whatever the problem is; but on this, I really don't
- 16 care to see it. That's it.
- 17 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you,
- 18 Mr. Lawton.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Lawton, thank you.
- 20 The next name -- I hope I read this
- 21 correctly -- is it Raymond Grove?
- MR. GROCE: It's Groce.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I'm sorry, sir. If you'll
- 24 come forward to be sworn, please.
- I apologize for mispronouncing your name.

- 1 MR. GROCE: I'm used to it.
- 2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Would you raise your right
- 3 hand to be sworn.
- 4 RAYMOND GROCE,
- 5 a witness, being first duly sworn, testified under
- 6 oath as follows:
- 7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you, sir. If you
- 8 would, please state and spell your name for the
- 9 court reporter.
- 10 MR. GROCE: It's Raymond Groce,
- 11 R-a-y-m-o-n-d, G-r-o-c-e.
- 12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. What's your
- 13 statement, sir?
- MR. GROCE: I'm a small business owner in
- 15 town. I run a garage, an auto repair shop. My gas
- 16 bill for one month last year was over \$900 to heat
- 17 my garage. I have two employees. I don't think I
- 18 can afford it to go up any more. Cost of everything
- 19 is going so high -- electric, gas.
- I try to pay my employees fair, you know,
- 21 a decent wage; so they can -- you know, they've got
- 22 families, you know.
- 23 And when you raise this, it comes out of
- 24 their -- it's going to have to come out of their
- 25 pockets because I don't even know where else to get

- 1 it anymore. Money's short. Parts go up. Labor
- 2 goes up. Rent goes up. You know, it's getting too
- 3 expensive. I -- I've had them shut the gas off. I
- 4 can't afford it.
- 5 I'll heat with kerosene this year. I'll
- 6 run kerosene heaters. I don't know what else to do.
- 7 You know, what am I supposed to? Take food out of
- 8 my employees' mouths? They've got kids, small kids,
- 9 you know, four and five years old.
- 10 My kids are grown. They're on their own.
- 11 So it doesn't hurt me. I'll turn the gas off; so I
- don't have to take food out of their mouths.
- 13 That's my statement.
- 14 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you,
- 15 Mr. Gross.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Gross, thank you very
- 17 much.
- 18 Next witness -- is it Donald Sartain? If
- 19 you'll raise your right hand to be sworn, please.
- 20 DONALD SARTAIN,
- 21 a witness, being first duly sworn, testified under
- 22 oath as follows:
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you, sir. Please
- 24 state and spell your name for the court reporter.
- MR. SARTAIN: Donald Robert Sartain,

1 D-o-n-a-l-d, R-o-b-e-r-t, S-a-r-t-a-i-n. 2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. And what is your 3 statement, sir? 4 MR. SARTAIN: I've contacted the Missouri 5 Public Service Commission several times over the 6 last 10 or 15 years something or other about -- I 7 always kind of come back and get the feeling like -go get sick. You know, that's the feeling I get 9 when I am dealing with the Missouri Public Service Commission; and, you know, I never feel like I hear 10 11 back anything positive from them. 1.2 But what I want to say is that I am here 13 protesting utility increases across all of the 14 utilities, including the gas until the Public 15 Service Commission, through state law, gets 16 across-the-board research open, independent research 17 on the average income of the average, you know, Missourian; and I'm talking about just working 18 19 people and people with stocks and bonds. 20 talking about people on social security, everybody. 2.1 Until you can get that information, I feel it would 2.2 be unconstitutional to keep doing rate increases 2.3 without that research. 24 You should check that every five years, do that research every five years; and then if it 25

- 1 correlates to the rate increase, well good. If it
- doesn't, if that truth is not there, it shows the
- 3 people's income is not keeping up with these rate
- 4 increases, then it should not be approved.
- 5 That's my statement.
- 6 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you,
- 7 Mr. Sartain.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, thank you, sir.
- 9 I believe the next witness is Joyce Starr.
- 10 If you would, raise your right hand and be sworn,
- 11 please.
- JOYCE STARR,
- 13 a witness, being first duly sworn, testified under
- 14 oath as follows:
- 15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Thank you,
- 16 ma'am. If you would, please state and spell your
- 17 name for the court reporter.
- MS. STARR: Joyce Starr, J-o-y-c-e,
- 19 S-t-a-r-r.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. And what is your
- 21 statement, ma'am?
- MS. STARR: I am requesting that Spire
- 23 Energy tighten their belts to hold their cost down
- 24 and reconsider this rate increase at this time.
- 25 St. Joe citizens have experienced repeated increases

- 1 in recent years for sewer and utility fees, and for
- 2 sure our low income households cannot absorb these
- 3 costs of the gas utility; so I'm asking that you do
- 4 not consider this rate increase at this time. Thank
- 5 you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you,
- 7 Ms. Starr.
- 8 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Starr, thank you very
- 9 much.
- The next witness is Steve Holdenried. If
- 11 you'll come forward to be sworn, please.
- 12 STEPHEN HOLDENRIED, SR.,
- 13 a witness, being first duly sworn, testified under
- 14 oath as follows:
- 15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you, sir. Please
- 16 state and spell your name for the court reporter.
- MR. HOLDENRIED: Stephen, S-t-e-p-h-e-n,
- 18 Holdenried, H-o-l-d-e-n-r-i-e-d, Sr.
- 19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And what is your
- 20 statement, sir?
- 21 MR. HOLDENRIED: Well, I assume what I
- 22 said before, when we were having questions and
- answers, you guys are going to get all of that,
- 24 right? Or not? I don't want to have to repeat
- 25 everything I already said; so you're going to get a

1 copy of those questions and answers? That wasn't recorded, I 2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: 3 don't think. So this is your five minutes to tell 4 us what you want us to know. 5 MR. HOLDENRIED: Well, recently I read in 6 today's paper the electric company is looking to lower their rate because they have a lower cost of 7 gas. And I want to make sure that you do look at 9 the gas company and making sure that they are using the same principles by which the electric company --10 11 if they can lower their rate, then the gas company 12 might be able to lower their rate. I just read that 13 in the paper today; so I want to make sure you do 14 that. 15 The second thing is I know this might not 16 so much about rates, but it's probably about trust 17 and service. I work with the Drug-Free Community Coalition, and we try to get rid of drugs in our 18 19 community. And one of the ways we do it is making 20 sure it doesn't enter the water system. 2.1 So we work with the water department, and 2.2 we do that, because once drugs get into the water 2.3 system, you ain't getting them out. You ain't -- I 24 don't care what you do, you're not going to get 25 drugs out. The reason I'm bringing this up -- it

1 sounds silly maybe -- is that the water department, 2 the water company helps us advertise when we have 3 these drug pickups where we pick up dangerous drugs 4 in the community. 5 Now, I'm wondering is the gas company 6 going to help improve your relationship with our 7 community? Are there times when you can put on the 8 bill something to help the community, something 9 that -- now the water company, to their advantage, make sure we don't put -- individuals don't put 10 11 drugs in the water system. It's to their advantage 12 because they -- it costs them to take it out. But 13 is there something that you could do with the 14 public, some organization? I don't care if it's --15 maybe it's -- just any organization, I would suggest 16 you work with these organizations and put it on the 17 bill because it's going to go to everybody, and that would help solidify a good personal relationship 18 19 between the people and the gas company. 20 And the other thing -- I almost forgot 2.1 here -- the other thing I'm talking about is the 22 fact of the electric company -- sometimes I hate to 2.3 read that, but it tells me what everybody else in my 24 neighborhood with their -- you know, how I fit in.

Do I have a higher rate of electricity or a lower

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- 1 rate of electricity? I'm thinking -- that makes me
- 2 think. It really -- if I could chop my daughter's
- 3 ham (sic) when she comes over and quit raising
- 4 the -- or quit lowering the bill for her to get, you
- 5 know, the electricity -- it costs a lot of extra
- 6 every time she comes over, but I -- I can't do that.
- 7 I never have been able to do that. She's almost 50
- 8 and I still ain't been able to do it.
- 9 So I would like to see the gas company do
- 10 the same kind of thing. If it makes a difference to
- 11 me to look at that rate and what my neighbors are
- 12 paying and what I'm paying, it makes me think maybe
- I could do a better job, maybe I should do it
- 14 better.
- 15 It doesn't have nothing to do with rates
- 16 but just to go ahead and improve relationship with
- 17 the consumer and the gas company.
- I thank you very much.
- 19 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you for those
- 20 suggestions, Mr. Holdenried.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you very much.
- I believe the next witness is -- is it
- John Stehr. Am I pronouncing that correct?
- 24 MR. STEHR: That is correct.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Come forward to be sworn,

- 1 please. Raise your right hand, please.
- JOHN STEHR,
- 3 a witness, being first duly sworn, testified under
- 4 oath as follows:
- 5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: If you would, sir, please
- 6 state and spell your name for the court reporter.
- 7 And you can lower your hand. Thank you.
- 8 MR. STEHR: John P. Stehr, S-t-e-h-r, is
- 9 the last name.
- 10 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And what is your
- 11 statement, sir?
- MR. STEHR: Good evening, William
- 13 Kenney -- Coach.
- 14 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Good evening.
- 15 MR. STEHR: Our current base rate is about
- 16 \$32 per month. Ten years ago it was about \$10 per
- 17 month. Spire, Laclede, Missouri Gas Energy are
- 18 proposing to go to \$37 per month.
- Spire says on its website its investors
- 20 have been receiving a 7 to 10 percent rate of
- 21 return. That is about a normal rate of return for
- 22 business.
- However, they also state that they have
- 24 two suppliers for natural gas: One is the gulf
- 25 coast, which provides for Mississippi, Alabama, and

1 St. Louis. The other is Midwest Kansas and the west into Wyoming, which provides Kansas City, our area 2 around in here. 3 4 They are proposing to build 70 miles of 5 major main to connect the west to St. Louis, 6 Missouri. I propose that Western Missouri should 7 not have to pay for that. 8 Thank you. 9 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you very much, sir. 10 11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you. I believe that is the last witness I have 12 13 on my list. Before we close, is there anyone else 14 who wishes to testify that did not sign up? 15 All right. I don't see any volunteers. 16 Commissioner Kenney, any closing remarks? 17 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: I would just like to 18 thank each and every one of you for taking the time 19 out of your busy schedules to come here today 20 because what you have had to say is very important 2.1 to me as a commissioner and I know the other 2.2 commissioners as well. And we will take that into 2.3 consideration and be diligent as we decide what the 2.4 rates will be in this future case. 25 So thank you very much.

- 1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you. And I just
- 2 want to echo Mr. Kenney's comments. Thank you for
- 3 coming out to participate.
- 4 Yes, sir.
- 5 MR. LAWTON: I just need to ask you a
- 6 question. I am kind of curious about it.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: We can't really answer any
- 8 questions for you. You can ask questions
- 9 afterwards.
- 10 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: We cannot answer any
- 11 questions.
- 12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: You can certainly talk to
- 13 the company and staff afterwords, and they'll try to
- 14 help you.
- MR. LAWTON: Well, then I'll just make a
- 16 comment.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Well, you've already
- 18 testified. Do you want to testify again?
- MR. LAWTON: Well, I don't really need to,
- 20 but if you want me to, I'll do it.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I didn't want you to.
- 22 That's why I had you up the first time. I am kind
- 23 of trying to see what you're after.
- MR. LAWTON: So do you want me to make the
- 25 comment?

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Not especially. I already gave you a chance to testify. I gave you five 2 3 minutes like everybody else. 4 MR. LAWTON: Well, if you don't want me 5 to, I won't do it. 6 JUDGE PRIDGIN: If you have questions, 7 you're certainly free to ask, and I've given 8 everybody a chance to testify once. 9 MR. LAWTON: Well, I just had a question, 10 a comment with a question is what it was. 11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. 12 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Mr. Sartain, right? 13 Is it Sartain? 14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: No, It's Mr. Lawton. 15 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Mr. Lawton, I 16 apologize. We are not allowed to answer any 17 questions because of judicial procedures, but you can -- afterwards the company will be here, the 18 19 company's representative, Office of Public Council 20 and Staff will be here to answer any questions you 2.1 have. 2.2 MR. LAWTON: Are they coming up? 2.3 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: No. They'll be 24 right here. They're right here. But thank you. 25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: That's the same people we

1	had the Q-and-A session with beforehand. It's the
2	same people.
3	Anything further from counsel before we go
4	off the record?
5	All right. Hearing nothing, that
6	concludes this evening's local public hearing.
7	Thank you very much. We are off the record.
8	(The hearing concluded at 7:28 p.m.)
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