## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's ) <u>Case No. GT-2017-0221</u>
Proposed Rebate Tariff Sheet Filing ) Tariff No. JG-2017-0151

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND REPLY

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Recommendation and Reply respectfully states as follows:

- 1. On January 23, 2017, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") filed P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, Second Revised Sheet No. R-46-b, with a proposed effective date of February 22, 2017. This filing was assigned Tariff Tracking No. JG-2017-0151. Laclede filed its first substitute tariff sheet in the JG-2017-0151 file on February 8, 2017.
- 2. On February 14, 2017, Staff filed a *Motion to Suspend or Reject Tariff and Motion for Expedited Treatment* ("Motion") in response to the tariff on the basis that Laclede had not demonstrated that all of the new or revised rebate provisions on its proposed revised tariff sheet were cost-effective demand side resources. More specifically, the proposed new rebate in the commercial portfolio for "Gas storage water heater greater than or equal to 20 gallons and less than or equal to 55 gallons" did not appear to have been analyzed using the cost-effectiveness tests.
- 3. On February 16, 2017, the Company filed another substitute tariff sheet which removed the above-referenced gas storage water heater rebate from the tariff sheet. On that same date, the Company also filed a response to Staff's Motion.

4. The Company's February 16, 2017, substitute tariff filing resolved Staff's concerns which led Staff to file its Motion. Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the tariff sheet as substituted on February 16, 2017.

**WHEREFORE** Staff respectfully requests that the following tariff sheet, as substituted on February 16, 2017, be permitted to go into effect on February 22, 2017, as requested by the Company:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated
Second Revised Sheet No. R-46-b

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 February, 2017.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil