

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company’s) **File No. GR-2017-0215**
Request to Its Revenues for Gas Service) Tariff No. YG-2017-0195

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company d/b/a) **File No. GR-2017-0216**
Missouri Gas Energy’s Request to Increase) Tariff No. YG-2017-0196
Its Revenues for Gas Service)

**RESPONSE OF THE MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSUMERS TO
ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF ADJUSTMENT INFORMATION
REGARDING THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT
AND SETTING PROCEDURAL DATES**

COMES NOW the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (“MIEC”), and
for its Response to Order Directing Filing states as follows:

1. On January 18, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing of Adjustment Information Regarding the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and Setting Procedural Dates*. In response to that order, Spire Missouri, Inc. filed a response on January 22 and an affidavit on January 23. The Staff of the Commission filed its response and affidavit pursuant to the Commission January 18 order on January 25.

2. Spire and the Staff have arrived at significantly different quantifications of the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The first step in determining what, if anything, can be done in this case to address the impacts of the Tax Act is to understand and reconcile the different quantification of the Act’s impact on Spire.

3. To that end, the MIEC suggests that the Commission schedule, as expeditiously as possible, a technical/settlement conference at which the parties can discuss, narrow, and perhaps eliminate the differences between the quantifications. At that conference, the parties can also discuss what actions the Commission can or should

take in this case to address the impacts of the Tax Act. The MIEC suggests Tuesday or Wednesday, January 30 or 31 as possible dates.

4. The Commission has tentatively scheduled a hearing for February 5, and the MIEC requests that the Commission keep that date open to hear any issues left unresolved by the technical/settlement conference.

5. Counsel for the Midwest Energy Consumers Group (“MECG”) has advised that the MECG concurs in this Response.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers respectfully submits this Response to Order Directing Filing, requests that a technical/settlement conference be scheduled, and requests that the Commission continue to hold February 5 as a date for a possible hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been emailed this 25th day of January, 2018, to all parties on the Commission's service list in this case.

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