BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of the Laclede Gas Company's Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas Service |))) | File No. GR-2017-0215 Tariff No. YG-2017-0195 |
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| In the Matter of the Laclede Gas Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy's Request to Increase Its |) | File No. GR-2017-0216 |
| Revenues for Gas Service | ĺ | Tariff No. YG-2017-0196 |

ORDER SETTING TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND ORDER SETTING HEARING

Issue Date: January 26, 2018 Effective Date: January 26, 2018

On January 18, 2017, the Commission directed Spire, Inc. and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) to file affidavits explaining the specific adjustments that would be needed to include in rates any change in cost of service as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act for each of Spire's operating units, Spire Missouri East (f/k/a Laclede Gas Company), and Spire Missouri West (f/k/a Missouri Gas Energy). The Commission also set out a time to file responses, reply affidavits, or objections and any request for hearing. Additionally, the Commission advised the parties that February 5, 2018, would be reserved as a date for hearing on this issue if one should become necessary.

Spire Missouri, Inc., Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel), and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC) filed affidavits or responses to the Commission order. MIEC and Public Counsel recommended a technical conference be held so that the parties may discuss settlement and reconciliation of the parties'

positions and calculations regarding the tax cuts. Spire and MIEC also requested that the Commission hold a hearing. The Commission will schedule the conference and hearing.

Public Counsel also made a filing on January 26, 2018 objecting to additional information that Spire included in its request for a hearing, as well as Spire's suggestion that it would be available to provide information and answer questions about *any* issues in the case. Public Counsel requested that the Commission limit the issues of "the hearing to known and measurable tax impacts of the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.*" 1

The hearing is being set in order to hear evidence related to the specific adjustments that would be needed to include in rates any change in cost of service as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act for each of Spire's operating units. However, the Commission will not further limit the hearing to "known and measurable" tax impacts as the application of that term of art is itself at issue in this matter. The Commission will hear evidence regarding the two affidavits that have been filed and any other matters agreed to by the parties during the course of the technical conference.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

A technical/settlement conference shall be held beginning at 9:00 a.m.,
 January 30, 2018, in Room 315 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street,
 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

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¹ Office of the Public Council's Response to Spire's January 25 Request for Hearing (filed January 26, 2018), p. 3.

- An additional day of hearing will convene at 9:00 a.m., February 5, 2018,
 Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City,
 Missouri 65102.
- 3. The building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the conference or hearing shall contact the Commission, not later than the day before the event. Such contact shall be through the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711.
 - 4. The transcripts of the hearing shall be expedited.
 - 5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris Woodruff Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 26th day of January, 2018.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 26th day of January 2018.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 26, 2018

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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