

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's     )  
Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas     )           Case No. GR-2017-0215  
Service   )

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

**OPC REPLY TO PROPOSED  
TEST YEAR AND UPDATE PERIODS**

**COMES NOW** the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) and for its Reply to Laclede’s proposed test-year and update periods, states as follows:

1.     The Commission’s April 20, 2017 *Notice of Hearing and Order Setting Conference Date, Directing Notice of Actions, Establishing Intervention Date, and Directing Filings* directs responses to Laclede Gas Company’s (“Laclede”) and Missouri Gas Energy’s (“MGE”) proposed test-year and update period to be filed by May 1, 2017. The Order states the companies “both propose a historical test year ending December 31, 2016 and adjusted through September 30, 2017.”
2.     OPC concurs with Laclede’s and MGE’s proposals to use the twelve-months ending December 31, 2016 as the test year for these cases.
3.     Regarding the companies’ proposal to update through September 30, 2017, it is premature to determine whether an update of accounts is necessary. OPC recommends the Commission delay a decision on an update until after direct testimony determines whether an update is necessary.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully offers this response to Laclede's and MGE's proposed test year and update periods.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2017.

**/s/ Marc Poston**

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