BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's 2014-2015 Actual Cost Adjustment |) | <u>Case No. GR-2015-0201</u> |
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| In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's (Laclede) PGA Filing |) | <u>Case No. GR-2015-0203</u> |
| In the Matter of the ACA Review of Spire Missouri, Inc. f/k/a Laclede Gas Company |) | <u>Case No. GR-2016-0224</u> |
| In the Matter of the ACA Review of Spire Missouri, Inc. f/k/a Missouri Gas Energy |) | <u>Case No. GR-2016-0225</u> |

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and states as follows:

1. On May 23, 2018, the Commission issued orders in Case Nos. GR-2015-0201, GR-2016-0224, and GR-2016-0225 which required Staff to file status reports in each of those cases no later than June 6, 2018. This status report addresses each of those cases, as well as the related case of GR-2015-0203.

2. <u>Case No. GR-2015-0201</u>: Staff's last filing in this case, on September 21, 2017, recommended this case remain open pending resolution of the GO-2017-0223 investigation docket which had been opened by the Commission on February 22, 2017, for the purpose of investigating Laclede's (Spire Missouri Inc.'s) compliance with the gas supply documentation requirements of its CAM and Standards of Conduct. Staff is filing a separate status report in Case No. GO-2017-0223. Based

on Staff's investigation in Case No. GO-2017-0223 it is highly improbable that Staff would propose any additional disallowances for the period of time covered by Case No. GR-2015-0201 as a result of such investigation. Therefore, the Commission may now issue an order establishing Laclede's ending ACA balances for the 2014-2015 ACA period as set forth in the table on page 15 of 15 of the Staff Recommendation Memorandum filed on December 16, 2016, and closing this case.

3. Case No. GR-2015-0203: Staff's last filing in this case, on April 7, 2017, recommended this case remain open pending resolution of the GO-2017-0223 investigation docket which had been opened by the Commission on February 22, 2017, for the purpose of investigating Laclede's (Spire Missouri Inc.'s) compliance with the gas supply documentation requirements of its CAM and Standards of Conduct, as well as resolution of certain other items identified in the Staff ACA recommendation. Staff is filing a separate status report in Case No. GO-2017-0223. Based on Staff's investigation in Case No. GO-2017-0223 it is highly improbable that Staff would propose any additional disallowances for the period of time covered by Case No. GR-2015-0203 as a result of such investigation. In addition, after discussions with the Company and receipt of additional documentation from the Company, the Company has provided documents showing that the other monetary adjustments identified in Staff's ACA recommendation were related to timing issues and that the necessary adjustments had been made in the following ACA period. Therefore, the Commission may now issue an order establishing Missouri Gas Energy's ending ACA balances for the 2014-2015 ACA period as set forth in the table below and closing this case.

| | 6-30-15 | Current ACA Period | 6-30-15 |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | Ending Balance | Staff Proposed | Staff Recommended |
| Account | per MGE Filing | Adjustment | Ending Balance |
| ACA Balance | \$ (5,305,121.74) | \$ O | \$ (5,305,121.74) |

4. <u>Case No. GR-2016-0224</u>: Staff's last filing in this case, on April 18, 2018, recommended this case remain open pending resolution of the GO-2017-0223 investigation docket which had been opened by the Commission on February 22, 2017, for the purpose of investigating Laclede's (Spire Missouri Inc.'s) compliance with the gas supply documentation requirements of its CAM and Standards of Conduct, as well as resolution of all prior Laclede/Spire Missouri East ACA cases that remained open. Staff is filing a separate status report in Case No. GO-2017-0223. Based on Staff's investigation in Case No. GO-2017-0223 it is highly improbable that Staff would propose any additional disallowances for the period of time covered by Case No. GR-2016-0224 as a result of such investigation. Therefore, the Commission may now issue an order establishing Laclede's (Spire Missouri East's) ending ACA balances for the 2015-2016 ACA period as set forth in the table on page 2 of the Staff Supplemental Reply to Spire Missouri Inc.'s Response to Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum filed on April 18, 2018, and closing this case.

5. <u>Case No. GR-2016-0225</u>: In Staff's ACA Recommendation Memorandum filed in this case on December 18, 2017, in addition to recommending that this case be held open pending resolution of the GO-2017-0223 investigation docket and resolution of all prior Missouri Gas Energy ACA cases that remained open, Staff recommended an adjustment to the Company's ACA account balance based on Staff's analysis of the

Company's actual gas costs and billed revenue. The Company is continuing to provide documentation to Staff regarding this proposed adjustment in an effort to come to a resolution. Therefore, this case cannot be closed until resolution of this proposed adjustment.

6. In summary, ending ACA balances may be established as described above for Case Nos. GR-2015-0201, GR-2015-0203, and GR-2016-0224, and those cases may be closed. However, ending ACA balances may not be established for Case No. GR-2016-0225 and that case needs to remain open.

7. Staff would note that it intends to examine Spire Missouri Inc.'s compliance with the gas supply documentation requirements of its CAM and Standards of Conduct in future ACA cases and may propose adjustments related thereto in such future cases.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this status report and recommends the Commission issue an order establishing the ending ACA balances as described above for Case Nos. GR-2015-0201, GR-2015-0203, and GR-2016-0224, and closing those cases, and holding Case No. GR-2016-0225 open without establishing ending ACA balances at this time.

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 6th day of June, 2018.

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