BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

STAFF'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Motion for an Extension of Time*, states as follows:

- 1. On March 20, 2018, Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire Missouri" or "Company") filed its proposed tariffs intended to implement the Commission's decision of March 7, 2018, embodied in its *Amended Report and Order*. These proposed tariffs are referred to as "Compliance Tariffs," and bear an effective date of April 19, 2018.
- 2. On March 22, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation*, in which it directed that "No later than March 29, 2018, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation regarding the compliance tariffs filed by Spire Missouri Inc., Tariff File Nos. YG-2018-0117 and YG-2018-0118."
- 3. Staff states that it has diligently undertaken to review several hundred tariff sheets and that, as of now, it has found a number of instances in which Staff believes the proposed sheets need to be revised for technical reasons, or to more accurately reflect the Commission's order. Staff has advised Spire Missouri of each such instance and the Company is diligently working to correct those issues. Spire

Missouri has committed to filing substitute tariff sheets that address Staff's concerns by the end of today, March 29, 2018. In order to review the substitute tariff sheets, Staff requests that the Commission grant Staff an extension to file its recommendation by Noon on April 2, 2018. .

4. If Staff is required to file its recommendation prior to the correction of the aforesaid issues and its subsequent review, its recommendation will necessarily be that the Compliance Tariffs should be rejected.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will grant an extension of time, up to and including Monday, April 2, 2018, at Noon, for the filing of its recommendation regarding the Company's Compliance Tariffs.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served electronically, or hand-delivered, or via First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on all parties of record herein on this 29th day of March, 2018.

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