

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Factors)
To be Reviewed in Its 2016-2017 Actual)
Cost Adjustment)
File No. GR-2017-0299

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On March 24, 2020, the Commission filed its *Order Directing Filing of Status Report*, directing Staff to file a status report or recommendation no later than May 20, 2020.
2. Staff previously proposed adjustments in this case for insufficient detail to verify the ACA balances which led to a gas cost discrepancy and an inaccurate beginning ACA balance.
3. The Company has provided Staff with 1) the necessary spreadsheets to provide an audit trail from the underlying gas cost invoices to the gas cost amount used to derive the ACA balance, and 2) further explanation to clarify that the Company's beginning ACA balance was accurate. Therefore, Staff's proposed adjustments are not necessary.
4. Staff recommends that the September 30, 2017 ending ACA balances be finalized and the case closed.

| | Firm Sales non-LVTSS | Firm Sales LVTSS | Interruptible Sales | LP Sales | Firm Transportation | Basic Transportation | Vehicular Fuel |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ACA Balance per Filing | \$29,159,713 | \$140,772 | \$ (177,573) | \$5,833 | \$ 1,614,653 | \$ 0 | \$959,249 |
| Staff Adjustments | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Staff Recommended ACA Balance | \$ 29,159,713 | \$140,772 | \$ (177,573) | \$5,833 | \$ 1,614,653 | \$ 0 | \$ 959,249 |

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission accept this recommendation.

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 20th day of May, 2020.

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