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

David Apted, ) Complainant, ) v. ) Case No. GC-2017-0348 Laclede Gas Company, ) Respondent. )

#### PROPOSED PROCEDUAL SCHEDULE

**COMES NOW** Spire Missouri Inc., formerly known as Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), and on behalf of itself, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") (collectively referred to for purposes of this pleading as the "Parties"), submits the following proposed procedural schedule:

1. At the prehearing conference held in the above referenced case on August 2, 2018, the participating Parties agreed that they would submit a proposed procedural schedule by August 23, 2018 unless a settlement between the Complainant and the Company resolving all issues in this case was reached before then.

2. No such settlement has been reached, so the Parties recommend that the Commission approve the following procedural schedule and terms to govern this proceeding, which schedule and terms were agreed to the procedural conference:

October 4, 2018 Parties file List of Issues, Position Statements and Identification of Witnesses

October 10, 2018 Evidentiary Hearing

3. The Parties agree that all direct and any rebuttal testimony shall be presented live and shall be subject to cross-examination.

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4. The Parties further agree that all pleadings previously filed in this proceeding, including the Complaint, Amended Complaint, Answers and Staff reports shall be admitted into evidence subject to cross-examination on any factual matters asserted therein.

5. The Parties agree that the Order of witnesses and cross-examination should be as follows:

Complainant's witness or witnesses

Company cross-examination

Staff cross-examination

The Company's witness or witnesses

Staff cross-examination

Complainant cross-examination

The Staff's witness or witnesses

Company cross-examination

Complainant cross-examination

6. The Parties agree that the need for briefs should be addressed at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing.

7. Although the Complainant agreed to the general terms of this procedural schedule at the procedural conference held in this proceeding, he has not responded to the circulation of this proposal. Accordingly, if and when the Complainant does communicate with the other Parties on this issue, there made be a need for an additional filing depending on the nature and substance of that communication.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Parties respectfully request that

the Commission approve the foregoing procedural schedule and terms.

Respectfully submitted,

### SPIRE MISSOURI INC.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the Complainant, the Staff, and the Office of Public Counsel on this 23th day of August, 23, 2018, by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

## /s/Marcia Spangler