

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

STAFF'S NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Notice* in this matter hereby states:

1. It came to Staff's attention at the previous agenda meeting that there was a difference in the balance of accumulated deferred income taxes ("ADIT") referred to in the initial briefs of Spire Missouri and Staff filed January 9, 2018.
2. Staff now provides notice to the Commission that the difference is related in part to the tax rate utilized by each party, and in part to differences in the parties' positions regarding various regulatory assets/liabilities. After conferring with the Company both Spire Missouri and Staff agree that the actual statutory tax rate of 38.3886% is the appropriate rate to be applied. Following issuance of the Commission's final report and order in this proceeding the parties will work together to determine the actual amount of ADIT to include in the final reconciliation.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission will accept this *Notice*; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 30th day of January, 2018, to all counsel of record.

/s/Whitney Payne