BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Complainant,

Spire Missouri Inc. f/k/a Laclede Gas Company,

David Apted,

v.

Respondent.

Case No. GC-2017-0348

<u>RESPONSE OF SPIRE MISSOURI</u> <u>TO NOTICE OF RECOMMENDED REPORT AND ORDER</u>

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc., formerly known as Laclede Gas Company ("Company" or "Respondent") and submits this Response to the Notice of Recommended Report and Order issued by the Commission on January 28, 2019. In support thereof, the Respondent states as follows.

1. On January 28, 2019, the Regulatory Law Judge presiding over this matter issued a Recommended Report and Order ("Recommended Order") for the Commission's consideration and directed any party wishing to file comments supporting or opposing the Recommended Order to do so no later than February 7, 2019.

2. For the reasons stated in its January 3, 2019 Post Hearing Brief, the Respondent fully supports the Recommended Order. The Recommended Order fairly and accurately analyzes the record evidence and the applicable law, makes reasonable and supported findings of facts and reaches sound conclusions of law. The Recommended Order further applies these elements to formulate a decision that fully satisfies all of the requirements for a valid Commission Order. The Respondent accordingly requests that the Commission adopt the Recommended Order in resolution of this Complaint.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the Recommended Report and Order issued by the Regulatory Law Judge on January 28, 2019 in full and complete resolution of this matter.

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 7th day of February, 2019, by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

/s/ Michael C. Pendergast