

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

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede)
Gas Company to Change its Infrastructure) **Case No. GO-2016-0333**
System Replacement Surcharge in its)
Laclede Gas Service Territory)

In The Matter of the Application of Laclede)
Gas Company to Change its Infrastructure) **Case No. GO-2016-0332**
System Replacement Surcharge in its)
Missouri Gas Energy Service Territory)

RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COME NOW Spire Missouri Inc. (f/k/a Laclede Gas Company and referred to herein as “Spire Missouri” or “Company”), on behalf of itself and its two operating units, Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West (f/k/a Missouri Gas Energy) and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and submit this Response to the Order Directing Filing issued by the Commission on March 22, 2018. In support thereof, the Company and Staff state as follows:

1. On March 22, 2018, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing in which it instructed the parties to advise the Commission on how they believe the Commission should proceed in light of the opinion issued by the Western District Court of Appeals in which it reversed and remanded the Commission’s Report and Order in the above-captioned proceedings.

2. The Company and Staff recommend that the Commission direct the parties to arrange a technical conference so that the parties can confer on the scope, timing and conduct of any further proceedings and make their joint or separate procedural

recommendations to the Commission regarding these items. The Company and Staff believe that they can file such recommendation(s) by April 28, 2018.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Spire Missouri Inc. and the Commission Staff respectfully request that the Commission schedule a technical conference in these cases for the purposes set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel, on this 30th day of March, 2018 by hand-delivery, fax, electronic mail or by regular mail, postage prepaid.

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