

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

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede)
Gas Company to Transfer an Asset to Spire) **Case No. GM-2017-0018**
Pipeline, Inc.)

RESPONSE TO STAFF STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and files this Response to the Status Report filed by Staff in this case on January 6, 2017. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

1. Staff’s Status Report discussed Staff’s investigative work to date, and requested a two-month extension, until March 10, 2017, to either submit a recommendation, a request for hearing or an additional status report.

2. Laclede does not oppose Staff’s requested extension. Laclede appreciates the efforts Staff has put into this case to date, and hopes that the parties can continue to work together toward reaching a timely resolution on the conditional transfer¹ of the 880 Line Segment that will provide the customer benefits discussed in the Application. If it appears that the parties are not heading toward a constructive solution, Laclede reserves the right to request a proposed procedural schedule be set for this case.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission accept this response to the Staff Status Report and grant Staff’s request.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Rick Zucker

Rick Zucker, #49211

¹ The transfer of the 880 Line Segment is conditioned upon Spire STL Pipeline obtaining FERC approval of its proposed pipeline and actually building it. Otherwise, Laclede will retain ownership of the 880 Line.

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to Staff and Public Counsel on this 17th day of January, 2017.

/s/ **Marcia Spangler**