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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company’s ) **File No. GR-2017-0215**

Request to Increase Its Revenue for Gas Service )

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company d/b/a ) **File No. GR-2017-0216**

Missouri Gas Energy’s Request to Increase Its )

Revenues for Gas Service )

**TRUE-UP HEARING LIST OF ISSUES, ORDER OF WITNESSES, ORDER OF**

**CROSS-EXAMINATION AND ORDER OF OPENING STATEMENTS**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, on behalf of Staff, OPC and LAC/MGE, and for its *True-up Hearing List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination and Order of Opening Statements* states:

Laclede Gas Company (”LAC”) and Laclede Gas Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy (“MGE”) filed revised tariffs indicating requests for a rate increase on April 11, 2017, causing the Commission to open Case Nos. GR-2017-0215 and GR-2017-0216, respectively. The Procedural Schedule approved by the Commission for these matters sets a true-up hearing for January 3, 2018. This list of issues, order of witnesses, cross-examination and order of statements has been assembled by Staff based on input from the parties and comprises the best efforts of the parties to list all true-up issues in these matters. The Commission will be advised as soon as possible of any errors in issues or witnesses discovered in this pleading. All parties to these matters do not agree that all issues listed herein are actual issues in these cases. To prevent the need for filing multiple lists of issues, the parties have agree to include all issues in this pleading whether or not agreed to by opposing parties.

The parties to the above-referenced matters are:

CCM – Consumers Council of Missouri

DE – Missouri Division of Energy

EDF – Environmental Defense Fund

LAC/MGE - Spire Missouri

KCPL/GMO – Kansas City Power & Light Company/ KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company

MIEC - Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers

MECG – Midwest Energy Consumers Group

MoGas – MoGas Pipeline, LLC

MSBA – Missouri School Boards Association

NHT – National Housing Trust

OPC – The Office of the Public Counsel

Staff

St. Joseph – The City of St. Joseph

USW 11-6 – USW Local 11-6

**LIST OF ISSUES**

**I. AMR Meters – LAC Only**

*a. What is the appropriate amount to include in rates to account for expenses related to LAC’s purchase of automated meter reading (“AMR”) devices?*

*b. What is the appropriate amount to include in the cost of service to account for property taxes related to the AMR meters?*

**II. Incentive Compensation**

*a. What level of expense should be included in the cost of service to account for incentive compensation plans utilized by LAC/MGE?*

**III.** OPC Issue - **Forest Park Depreciation Reserves**

*a. Did Laclede improperly use mass asset accounting in addition to gain accounting for the retirement of the Forest Park buildings? If yes, what adjustment should be made to reserves?*

**IV.** Company issue - **Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider Tariff**

*a. What modifications, if any, should be made to the weather normalization adjustment rider tariff submitted by Staff on the last day of the evidentiary hearing as Exhibit 281?*

**HEARING SCHEDULE**

The hearing will start at 9:00am. The parties intend to maintain this hearing schedule and acknowledge that it may be necessary to extend the hearing past 5pm.

**Opening Statements**

* Spire
* Staff
* OPC

**AMR METERS**

* Spire witnesses
  + Glenn Buck
  + Eric Lobser
* Staff witnesses
  + Lisa Ferguson
  + Karen Lyons
  + Keenan Patterson
* OPC witnesses
  + John Robinett

**INCENTIVE COMPENSATION**

* Spire witnesses
  + Mark Mispagel
* Staff witnesses
  + Matthew Young
* OPC witnesses
  + John Riley

**FOREST PARK DEPRECIATION RESERVE**

* OPC witnesses
  + John Robinett

**WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT RIDER**

* Spire witness: TBD

**ON-THE-RECORD PRESENTATION OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENTS**

**ORDER OF CROSS-EXAMINATION**

While for specific issues a different order of cross-examination may be more appropriate, generally, the order of cross-examination based on adversity, is the following:

LAC/MGE Witnesses

*Staff, OPC*

Staff Witnesses

*OPC, LAC/MGE*

OPC Witnesses

*Staff, LAC/MGE*

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served electronically, or hand-delivered, or via First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on all parties of record herein on this 29th day of December, 2017.

**/s/ Mark Johnson**