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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 28, 2017

Mr. Morris Woodruff Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission Governor Office Building 200 Madison Street Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

# Re: In the Matter of the Name Change Request of Laclede Gas Company, also d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, to Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire File No. GN-2017-\_\_\_\_

Adoption of Tariffs of Laclede Gas Company by Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

On behalf of Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede"), also d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE"), this is to request that the Commission recognize that Laclede, a natural gas corporation regulated by the Commission, will now be operating under the name Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire. Spire Missouri Inc. will have an eastern division comprised of Laclede Gas Company Division Areas and Missouri Natural Gas Company Division Areas, and a western division comprised of Missouri Gas Energy Areas. Consistent with this requested name change, revised Tariff Sheets and Adoption Notices have been filed to effectuate the adoption of the current tariffs of Laclede and MGE by Spire Missouri Inc. The tariff sheets have effective dates no sooner than thirty (30) days after this filing.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(5), the following information is submitted for the Commission's consideration:

(A) The old name is Laclede Gas Company, also d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, and the new name is Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire.

(B) The name Spire Missouri Inc. has been reserved with the Missouri Secretary of State (Appendix A) and the Certificate of Amendment reflecting the change in name of the corporation, as well as Spire's fictitious name registration are expected to be issued by the Missouri Secretary of State on August 30, 2017, which is the proposed effective date of the revised tariff sheets and adoption notices referenced below. Copies of these

documents will be filed with the Commission within five business days of their issuance by the Secretary of State. If, for any reason, it appears that there will be a material delay in the issuance of the Certificate of Amendment or fictitious name registration, Laclede will take steps to withdraw or extend the effective date of the Revised Tariff Sheets prior to the close of business on August 29, 2017.

(C) The following revised tariff sheets and adoption notices are filed herewith, with effective dates not fewer than thirty (30) days after this date, reflecting the new name.

# P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, Original Sheet No. .01

### PSC. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, Original Sheet No. .02

P.S.C. MO. No. 6, Second Revised Sheet No. 1 CANCELLING P.S.C. MO. No. 6, 1st Revised Sheet No. 1

### P.S.C. MO. No. 6, First Revised Sheet No. 1a CANCELLING P.S.C. MO. No. 6, Original Sheet No. 1a

A copy of all correspondence, notices, orders and other communications in connection with this matter should be furnished to C. Eric Lobser, Laclede's Vice President-Regulatory & Governmental Affairs, 700 Market Street, St. Louis, Mo. 63101 (eric.lobser@spireenergy.com), as well as the undersigned counsel for Laclede. In the meantime, please contact me regarding any questions you may have concerning these filings, copies of which are being provided to the Commission Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel.

Thank you for bringing this to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Rick Zucker

Enclosures

cc: Missouri Public Service Commission Staff Counsel Office of the Public Counsel

# **APPENDIX A**



State of Missouri John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State Corporations Division PO Box 778 / 600 W. Main St., Rm. 322 Jefferson City, MO 65102

# **Application for Reservation of Name**

(Submit fee of \$25.00 for each business entity except Limited Liability Partnerships) (Submit a fee of \$30.00 for each Limited Liability Partnership)

The undersigned requests that the following name be reserved for designating a corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership.

Name to be reserved: Spire Missouri Inc.

This name reservation is for a 60-day period. You may submit additional name reservations for the same name, but please note the name you are reserving may only be reserved for a maximum of 180 days per Missouri statutes.

#### In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct:

(The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under Section 575.040, RSMo)

Ellen L. Theroff	ELLEN L. THEROFF		07/05/2017
Signature	Printed Name	Title	Date
2 Bogey Club Lane		St. Charles/MO/63303	
Address/Street		City/State/Zip	

Name and address to return filed document:		
Name:	Spire Inc.	
Address:	Email: marcia.polster@spireenergy.com	
City, State, and Zip Code:		
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Spire Inc. 700 Market Street 6th Floor St. Louis, MO 63101

# NAME RESERVATION

THE FOLLOWING NAME HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR THE SIXTY-DAY PERIOD INDICATED BELOW. THE RESERVATION MAY BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, BUT A NAME WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO ANOTHER PARTY UNLESS THE ARTICLES ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF ASSIGNMENT. THE NAME RESERVATION MAY BE RENEWED IN SIXTY DAYS.

RESERVED NAME: Spire Missouri Inc.

RESERVED FROM: 7/5/2017 TO 9/3/2017

RESERVED FOR: Theroff, Ellen L. 2 Bogey Club Lane St. Charles, MO 63303

CHARTER NUMBER: NR000770381

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