

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

In the Matter of Spire Inc.'s)	
Acquisition of EnergySouth, Inc.)	File No. GM-2016-0342
and Related Matters)	

**AMENDED RESPONSE TO STAFF'S MOTION
TO SHORTEN DATA REQUEST RESPONSE TIMES**

COME NOW Spire Inc. ("Spire"), formerly known as The Laclede Group, Inc. ("LG"), and Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede"), including both of its Missouri operating units, Laclede Gas and MGE (Spire and Laclede are sometimes referred to herein as the "Companies"), and submit this amended response to the Staff's July 28 motion (the "Motion") to shorten objection and answer times in responding to data requests in this case. In support thereof, Spire states as follows:

1. In its Response to Staff's Motion to Shorten Data Request Response Times that was filed yesterday, the Company believed that it had clarified that KCPL had 5 and 8 calendar days to object and respond, respectively. Staff's Motion requested that Spire and Laclede have the same discovery timeframes as KCPL in Case No. EM-2016-0324.

2. Since that time, however, the Company has learned that KCPL's response times were 5 *business* days to object, and 8 *business* days to respond. In light of this information, the Companies request that 5 business days for objections and 8 business days for responses also be used in this case. The Company has discussed the matter with Staff, and Staff has agreed to use business days rather than calendar days, consistent with the KCPL case.

3. Based on the foregoing, Spire and Laclede request that the Commission issue its order shortening objection and response times to 5 business and 8 business days respectively,

and that for DRs sent before the order approving the shortened time, the objection and response period begin on the date of the order.

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 parties of record in this case on this 2nd day of August, 2016 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

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