BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Company to Change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge in its Laclede Gas Service Territory)))	File No. GO-2016-0333
In the Matter of the Application of Laclede)	TN 32 GO 3044 033
Gas Company to Change its Infrastructure)	File No. GO-2016-0332
System Replacement Surcharge in its)	
Missouri Gas Energy Service Territory)	
In the Matter of the Application of Laclede Gas)	
Company to Change its Infrastructure System)	File No. GO-2017-0201
Replacement Surcharge in its Missouri Gas Energy)	
Service Territory)	
In the Matter of the Application of Laclede)	
Gas Company to Change its Infrastructure)	File No. GO-2017-0202
System Replacement Surcharge in its)	
Laclede Gas Service Territory)	
European Sub 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), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") (collectively "the Parties) and submit this Response to the Order Directing Filing issued by the Commission on April 5, 2018. In support thereof, the Parties state as follows:

1. In the April 5 Order Directing Filing, the Commission directed the Parties to meet and confer in a technical conference and make a recommendation as to how the Commission should proceed in the above referenced cases, in light of the opinion issued

by the Western District Court of Appeals in Case No. WD80544, in which the Court reversed and remanded the Commission's Report and Order in the first two above-captioned proceedings (GO-2016-0332 and 0333).

- 2. On April 24, 2018, the Parties met and conferred in Jefferson City. As a result of this meeting, the Parties recommend the following:
 - A. The Parties will ultimately submit to the Commission proposed findings of fact and a recommended decision in the first two cases named above. The proposed findings and recommended decision will be based on the record in those cases as it stands today. If one or more Parties agree on these matters, they can file a joint pleading. To the extent the Parties disagree on these matters, they may file separate pleadings.
 - B. The Parties believe it would be beneficial to schedule another technical conference to further develop an understanding of, and agreement on, the underlying facts in the record of the above cases. The Parties believe this will reduce some disagreement and enhance the accuracy of the Parties' proposals. The Parties request that the Commission direct them to supplement this recommendation by May 25, 2018.
 - C. The Parties continue to agree that the findings in the Western District's Order in Case No. WD80544 would also apply to the 2017 cases (Case Nos. GO-2017-0201 and 0202).

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Parties respectfully request that the Commission direct the Parties to supplement this recommendation by May 25, 2018.

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 April, 2018 by hand-delivery, fax, electronic mail or by regular mail, postage prepaid.

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