BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company) Concerning a Natural Gas Incident at) 5730 Mango Drive in Oakville, Missouri)

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (hereinafter "Laclede" or "Company") and submits this Status Report in compliance with the Commission's December 12, 2016 order in this docket. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

1. In its Motion for Extension of Time filed on December 6, 2016, Laclede stated that it would like to take an opportunity to meet with Staff to discuss and clarify the details of Staff's recommendation before filing an official response to the Staff's Gas Incident Report in this case.

2. In the past month, Laclede has engaged in discussions with Staff regarding those recommendations. At this point, Laclede believes it is very close to coming to an understanding with Staff, after which Laclede would file its response to the Staff's Report.

3. Laclede requests that the Commission issue an order requiring Laclede to either file a status report or a response to the Staff Report by January 31. Laclede avers that no party will be prejudiced by this extension.

4. Laclede discussed this request with Staff before making this filing.

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WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company respectfully

requests that the Commission require Laclede to file either a status report or a response to

the Staff Report on or before January 31, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Marcia Spangler hereby certifies that the foregoing pleading has been duly served upon the Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel by hand delivery, email, fax, or United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 6th day of January, 2017.

/s/ Rick Zucker