BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede Gas)
Company to Transfer an Asset to Spire Pipeline, Inc.)

File No. GM-2017-0018

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO STAY, BUT RELIEVING STAFF OF THE OBLIGATION TO RESPOND

Issue Date: February 24, 2017 Effective Date: February 24, 2017

This case concerns Laclede Gas Company's application for authority to sell a section of natural gas pipeline to an affiliated company, Spire STL Pipeline, LLC. In a previous order, the Commission directed its Staff to file a status report, recommendation, or proposed procedural schedule by March 10. On February 16, 2017, Laclede filed a motion asking the Commission to stay these proceedings until it is determined whether Spire STL Pipeline wants to proceed with the purchase of a section of Laclede's gas pipeline.

The Commission will not grant Laclede's motion to stay at this time because Public Counsel has filed a motion to compel Laclede to provide certain documents in response to a data request submitted by Public Counsel. That motion will need to be addressed before these proceedings can be completely stayed. However, the resolution of Public Counsel's motion will not require Staff to file a status report, recommendation, or proposed procedural schedule regarding Laclede's application. Therefore, the Commission will relieve Staff of its obligation to make such a filing.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

 Laclede Gas Company's Motion to Stay Proceedings is denied, pending resolution of Public Counsel's Motion to Compel.

- 2. The Commission's Staff is relieved of its obligation to file a status report, recommendation, or proposed procedural schedule by March 10, 2017.
 - 3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 24th day of February, 2017.