#### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company ) dba Missouri Gas Energy's ) Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Factors ) To be Reviewed in Its 2016-2017 Actual ) Cost Adjustment )

File No. GR-2017-0300

Tracking No. YG-2018-0049

# **ORDER APPROVING PGA TARIFF**

Issue Date: November 8, 2017

Effective Date: November 15, 2017

Spire Missouri, Inc. ("Spire") filed a tariff<sup>1</sup> ("tariff") to reflect changes in Spire's purchased gas adjustment ("PGA") for Spire's western operating division, formerly known as Laclede Gas Company, formerly known as Missouri Gas Energy, as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas. In addition to an amount for an actual cost adjustment ("ACA"), the tariff will decrease the PGA rate for firm sales to \$0.51977 per hundred cubic feet ("Ccf") from the current PGA rate of \$0.56934 per Ccf, an decrease of \$0.04957 per Ccf, which represents an decrease of \$5.48 per month for the average residential customer. The tariff bears a proposed effective date of November 15.

The Commission's Staff ("Staff") filed its recommendation.<sup>2</sup> Staff recommends approving the tariff on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final decisions in this and related cases on the ACA balance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Electronic Filing Information System ("EFIS") No. 6 (October 31). All dates are in 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EFIS No. 8 (November 7) *Staff Recommendation*.

Based on the verified filings, <sup>3</sup> the Commission will approve the tariff as Staff recommends and, because the PGA Clause allows for filings that change the PGA to take effect on 10 days' notice, the Commission will order the tariff to become effective on less than 30 days' notice.<sup>4</sup>

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff assigned tracking no. YG-2018-0049 is approved, on an interim basis and subject to refund as described in the body of this order, to become effective on November 15, 2017. The tariff sheet approved is:

### P.S.C. MO. No. 6 Consolidated

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 24.3, Cancelling Seventh Revised Sheet No. 24.3

2. The results of Staff's review of actual cost adjustment factors shall be filed no

later than December 17, 2018.

3. This order shall become effective on November 15, 2017.

#### BY THE COMMISSION



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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur; Hall, Chm., absent.

Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Ent., Inc. v. Public Serv. Comm'n</u>, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App., W.D. 1989). No law requires a hearing before approving the unopposed tariff and the applicant has not sought a hearing, so this action is not a contested case and the Commission need not separately state its findings of fact.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2016.