BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire, for Permission and Approval and a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise Control and Manage a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas Service in Barry County, Missouri as an Expansion of its Existing Certificated Areas

File No. GA-2021-0216

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its *Status Report*, states as follows:

1. On January 12, 2021, Spire Missouri, Inc. ("Spire"), filed an *Application* with

the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") requesting a Certificate of

Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") to install, own, construct, operate, control, manage,

and maintain a natural gas distribution system to provide gas in Barry County, Missouri,

as an addition to Spire's existing service territories.

2. On January 13, 2021, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and

Establishing Time for Filings directing Staff to file, no later than February 19, 2021, a recommendation or a status report.

3. Staff issued a number of data requests to help its review, has provided feedback, and continues discussions with Spire. Due to the ongoing status of discussions with Spire, Staff respectfully requests an extension to file its recommendation. Staff intends to file its recommendation no later than April 19, 2021.

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WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Status Report for the Commission's

information and consideration and hereby requests the Commission approve Staff's

anticipated April 19, 2021, date for filing its recommendation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Ron Irving</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 18th day of February 2021.

/s/ Ron Irving