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

JOINT STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and on behalf of itself, Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire ("Spire"), by and through counsel, and for their *Joint Status Report* respectfully state as follows:

1. On May, 10, 2021, the Commission conducted an on the record procedural conference with Staff and Spire. The Commission granted parties approximately two weeks to determine if a procedural schedule would be necessary or if another solution can be reached.

2. On May 25, 2021, Staff and Spire filed a Joint Status Report requesting two additional weeks to provide a status update to the Commission. On May 26, 2021, the Commission ordered the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule, status report or other pleading by June 7, 2021.

3. On June 7, 2021, Staff and Spire filed a Joint Status Report indicating that the parties requested two additional weeks to continue to discuss the matter. The same day the Commission extended the deadline to file a proposed procedural schedule, status report, or other pleading to no later than June 21, 2021.

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4. On June 21, 2021, Spire withdrew its request for an entire county CCN but noted that further discussion between Staff and Spire concerning the third proposed condition in Staff's recommendation is required.

5. On June 28, 2021, the Commission acknowledged Spire's withdrawal of their application requesting the entire Barry County CCN and ordered the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule, status report, or other pleading no later than July 12, 2021.

6. Staff and Spire continue to discuss the matter and hope that a settlement may be possible. In compliance with the June 28, 2021, order, the parties are filing this status report to request an additional three weeks to discuss possible settlement of this case. Therefore, Staff and Spire request the Commission order the parties to file either a status update or other pleading on or before August 2, 2021.

7. Counsel for Spire agrees with this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Staff and Spire hereby request the Commission grant additional time until August 2, 2021, to file either a status update or an alternative resolution to this matter with the Commission.

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 12th day of July 2021.

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