

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF SPIRE MISSOURI, INC., d/b/a SPIRE FOR PERMISSION, etc

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STATE OF MISSOURI

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Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire for)
Permission and Approval and a) File No. GA-2021-0216
Certificates of Convenience and)
Necessity, Construct, Install, 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.)

PAUL T. GRAHAM, Presiding
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.
GLEN KOLKMEYER,
Commissioner.

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2 JUDGE GRAHAM: Okay. We will go on the record.
3 Today's date is May 10th, 2021. The Commission has set this
4 time for a procedural conference in the case captioned: In the
5 Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire
6 for Permission and Approval and a Certificate of Convenience and
7 Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain and
8 Otherwise Control and Manage a Natural Gas Distribution System
9 to Provide Gas Service in Barry County, Missouri as an Expansion
10 of an Existing Certificated Area. File Number is GA-2021-0216.

11 My name is Paul Graham. I am the regulatory law
12 judge in this matter. We will begin by the attorneys making
13 their entries of appearance. But at this time, I would like to
14 introduce and welcome Commissioner Glen Kolkmeier who has
15 recently been confirmed by the Senate and who was sworn in as
16 our newest commissioner of the Public Service Commission on May
17 6th last week. So, welcome to Commissioner Kolkmeier.

18 Why don't we go ahead and have appearances at
19 this time. Why don't we go ahead and start with the attorneys
20 for Spire -- for Spire today.

21 MS. NIEMEIER: Go afternoon, Judge. Welcome
22 Commissioner. This is Rachel Niemeier and Goldie Bockstruck for
23 Spire Missouri, Inc. The address is 700 Market Street,
24 St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

25 JUDGE GRAHAM: Thank you very much. And next,

1 do we have someone today for Summit Natural Gas of Missouri,
2 Inc? I think we do. Ms. South, can you hear me? Is everyone
3 able to hear me?

4 MS. SOUTH: How about now?

5 JUDGE GRAHAM: Okay. There you go.

6 MS. SOUTH: Sorry about that.

7 JUDGE GRAHAM: Ms. South, would you go ahead and
8 enter your appearance, please.

9 MS. SOUTH: Of course, this is Brooke South for
10 Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. Address is 116 Chief Ct.
11 Branson, Missouri.

12 JUDGE GRAHAM: All right. Thank you very much.
13 And I think -- do we have someone here from Staff here today? I
14 am sure we do. Who am I looking at? Would Staff please make
15 their appearance here? My pleadings show that -- my file shows
16 that Ron Irving is on this case at some point. Is there no one
17 here from Staff?

18 MR. IRVING: I'm apologize. I actually had it
19 on mute. This is Ron Irving with the Public Service Commission,
20 Staff counsel. Our address is the Government Office Building,
21 Suite 800, 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City,
22 Missouri 65102-0360.

23 JUDGE GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Irving. I don't
24 think I have missed -- well, do we have somebody from OPC? Yes,
25 we went with Nathan today. Nathan, have I asked you to enter

1 your appearance?

2 MR. WILLIAMS: Not in this case, but you did
3 this morning in another one.

4 JUDGE GRAHAM: All right. Well, let's do it in
5 this case too.

6 MR. WILLIAMS: All right Nathan Williams, chief
7 deputy public counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri
8 65102, appearance on behalf of the Office Counsel and the
9 public.

10 JUDGE GRAHAM: Thank you very much. I think
11 we've got everybody now. We're sent here for a procedural
12 conference. Are there any preliminary matters in this case that
13 we need to discuss before I leave you and leave you to your own
14 devices? All right. When shall we say that a proposed
15 procedural schedule will be submitted? Any suggestions on that?

16 MR. IRVING: Judge Graham, I think that there is
17 a possibility of Spire and Staff to have a settlement. And We
18 ask that we would like to submit -- we would like maybe two
19 weeks in order to submit a procedural schedule.

20 JUDGE GRAHAM: Do you think that will get it
21 done? Don't answer that. That will be fine. We will say that
22 you will submit it on May 24th, if that is agreeable to all? If
23 there's nothing else, we would look for a procedural schedule or
24 something else before that. Thank you very much I am going to
25 go off the record at this time.

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