## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc. )	
d/b/a Spire (East) Purchased Gas )	Case No. GR-2022-0135
Adjustment (PGA) Tariff Filing )	

## **STAFF REPLY**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, for its *Staff Reply* to Spire Missouri, Inc.'s *Response to Staff's Recommendation* that was filed on January 19, 2023, states as follows:

- 1. Staff has reviewed Spire Missouri, Inc.'s Response to Staff's Recommendation that was filed on January 19, 2023, and although Spire Missouri is correct in its assertion that Staff proposed no adjustments to Spire East's ACA account balances for the 2020-2021 ACA period in the Staff Recommendation Regarding Spire East's 2020-2021 Actual Cost Adjustment Filing filed on December 15, 2022, on page 5 of Staff's memorandum contained a proposed adjustment in the amount of \$(1,253,584) related to an Asset Management Agreement transaction in the prior Spire East ACA period, Case No. GR-2021-0127.
- 2. On January 6, 2023, Spire Missouri and Staff filed a *Partial Stipulation and Agreement* ("Agreement") to resolve the Asset Management Agreement issue in Case No. GR-2021-0127. Spire Missouri and Staff agreed to a total disallowance of \$600,000 to resolve the issue. However, a procedural schedule has been ordered by the Commission in Case No. GR-2021-0127 for the remaining issues, including the issue of prudence regarding transactions with Spire STL Pipeline.

3. The ACA account balance is cumulative. The ending balance from one period is the beginning balance of the next ACA period. As such, Staff recommends the Commission not order ACA balances for this case at this time and further recommends the Commission hold this case open pending the full resolution of the 2019-2020 Spire East ACA in Case No. GR-2021-0127.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff submits this *Staff Reply* for the Commissions information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 27th day of January, 2023.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers