# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. for an Accounting Authority Order Concerning Its Commission Assessment for the 2019 Fiscal Year

File No. GU-2019-0011

#### LIST OF ISSUES, ORDER OF WITNESSES, ORDER OF CROSS-EXAMINATION AND ORDER OF OPENING STATEMENTS

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, pursuant to the Commission's *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule* ("Order") issued herein on September 5, 2018, and submits the following List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination and Order of Opening Statements, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. The parties to this proceeding are Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire"), Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), and Midwest Energy Consumers' Group ("MECG").

2. Pursuant to the Commission's September 5 Order, the parties were to agree upon and Staff was to file "a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness." Staff reached out to the parties to this case and now files this pleading in satisfaction of that directive. However, as recognized by the Commission, "not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described, or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue." With the understanding that not all parties may agree upon how the following are described or if each listed issue is in fact a proper issue, Staff submits the following.

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### List of Issues

(1) Does Spire Missouri Inc.'s accounting authority order (AAO) / tracker request meet the Commission's expressed criteria for authorizing AAO / tracker deferrals?

- (A) Is the increase in the Commission Assessment billed to Spire Missouri Inc. in fiscal year 2019 an extraordinary event, as defined by past Commission criteria?
- (B) Is the increase in the Commission Assessment billed to Spire Missouri Inc. in fiscal year 2019 of a material nature?

#### **Order of Witnesses**

Witnesses to appear on December 11, 2018, in the following order:

- Spire ----- Weitzel
- Staff ----- Oligschlaeger
- OPC ---- Roth
- MECG --- (no witness)

### **Order of Cross-Examination**

- Spire's witnesses: MECG, OPC, Staff
- Staff's witnesses: MECG, OPC, Spire
- OPC's witnesses: MECG, Staff, Spire

## **Order of Opening Statements**

Spire

Staff

OPC

MECG

WHEREFORE, Staff, on behalf of the parties, submits this List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination and Order of Opening Statements as ordered by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

#### <u>/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil</u>

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

# /s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil