

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc.            )  
d/b/a Spire (East) Purchased Gas            )       GR-2021-0127  
Adjustment (PGA) Tariff Filing            )

**STATUS REPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND**

Environmental Defense Fund (“EDF”), an intervenor herein, provides its status report as required by the Order Directing a Status Report, dated Oct. 20, 2022.

**Background**

As the EDF comments of August 1, 2022 indicate, there are large issues in this case. They include among other issues the prudence of the Spire Missouri, Inc.(Company”) purchases from, and reliance on, affiliate Spire STL Pipeline (“Affiliate Pipeline”) for critical service while potential significant FERC Pipeline certification risks existed, and questions of compliance with the State’s affiliate transaction rules.

This case was initiated over two years ago. EDF, Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”), Consumers Council of Missouri, and Midwest Energy Consumers Group filed their joint Comments and Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule on November 9, 2020. The Commission denied that motion, stating that it would establish a procedural schedule following Staff’s report and recommendation. Staff’s May 27, 2022 report was the first substantive filing in the case.

On August 1, 2022, EDF filed comments that, among other things, renewed its request for the Company to file a case supporting the prudence of its decisions, and for the Commission to investigate issues identified in the Staff Report. The July 29, 2022 filing by the Office of Public Counsel requested a procedural schedule. EDF reiterated its request for the Company to file its case in its October 18, 2022 status report.

The ALJ issued an Order Directing a Status Report, dated Oct. 20,2022, requesting reports of the parties on November 18, 2022, and did not require any other filings or schedule.

**Status Report**

EDF has exchanged settlement communications with Spire and is still engaged in settlement negotiations on this case. EDF is yet unable to represent whether there is a likely prospect of settlement on the issues it has raised. EDF submits that requiring the Company to file its direct case in chief could be helpful to achieving a settlement. Such a requirement for filing and an eventual procedural schedule would catalyze productive settlement discussions.

For these reasons, EDF continues to recommend that the Commission require the Company to file its direct case, thoroughly addressing all of the issues that have been raised, on a date certain between mid-January and mid-February. A procedural schedule can be set at the same time or subsequently but should also be set if a settlement is not forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Certificate of Service**

The undersigned certifies I have caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing status report to be served on Spire Missouri, Inc., Midwest Energy Consumers Group, and Consumers Council of Missouri, the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of Public Counsel by email on this 18th day of November, 2022.



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