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

Charles A. Harter	)	
Complainant,	)	
-	)	
v.	)	File No. GC-2023-0097
	)	
Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire,	)	
	)	
Respondent	)	

## **JOINT MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDING**

**COMES NOW** Respondent Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire" or "the Company") and Complainant Mr. Charles A. Harter, by and through counsel, jointly file a motion to stay the procedural schedule, stating as follows:

- 1. On September 13, 2022, Mr. Harter filed a formal complaint against Spire regarding the cold weather rule payment arrangement between the parties.
- 2. The Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") ordered Spire to file an answer on October 13, 2022, and ordered the Staff of the Commission to investigate the complaint and file a report on October 28, 2022.
- 3. After the filing of the complaint, Mr. Harter and Spire discussed the complaint, the cold weather rule payment arrangement, and pledges made for the outstanding balance on Mr. Harter's account.
- 4. The pledges were made on September 6, 2022, and generally are paid within 60 days. Mr. Harter has filed evidence of those pledges in this docket.
- 5. Notwithstanding the pledges made on his account, Mr. Harter would be eligible for a cold weather rule payment arrangement on November 1, 2022, when the program opens.

6. In order to allow for the pledges to be paid and for Mr. Harter to initiate a cold weather payment rule payment arrangement if desired, the parties agree to stay the procedural schedule set by the Commission.

7. The parties also agree that Spire's answer, or a joint status update requesting additional time to settle the complaint or dismissing the complaint, will be due on November 14, 2022.

**WHEREFORE** the parties jointly move to stay the procedural schedule, so that Spire's answer, or a joint status update from the parties, would be due November 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Charles A. Harter

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 28th day of September, 2022.

/s/ J. Antonio Arias

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