BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)
Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire for Permission and)
Approval and a Certificate of Convenience)
and Necessity to Construct, Install, Own,) File No. GA-2021-0259
Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise Control and)
Manage a Natural Gas Distribution System to)
Provide Gas Service in Buchanan County,)
Missouri as an Expansion of its Existing)
Certificated Areas)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING DEADLINE FOR INTERVENTION REQUESTS, AND DIRECTING FILING OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: February 16, 2021 Effective Date: February 16, 2021

On February 15, 2021, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire filed an application which seeks permission and approval for a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Buchanan County, Missouri, as a further expansion of Spire's existing certificated area. Spire also requests waiver of the Commission's rule requiring sixty days' notice prior to filing an application.

Spire seeks a service area CCN to provide gas to a single project where a developer has contacted Spire with a need for a distribution system extension to service 34 single-family residential lots. Natural gas service is not currently offered in the area for which a CCN is being requested. Rates for the proposed area will be those approved for customers in the adjoining Spire certificated areas.

The Commission will direct notice of the application be given to the Buchanan County Commission, local newspapers, and members of the General Assembly

representing residents of Buchanan County. The Commission will set a deadline for interested parties to intervene. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) will be directed to file a recommendation with regard to said application.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order and the Application to the County Commission of Buchanan County, Missouri.
- 2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Buchanan County and to the media serving that county.
- 3. Any person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to intervene no later than March 17, 2021. The application shall be filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) or with the Secretary of the Commission. Comments on Spire's application may also be made in EFIS.
- 4. No later than April 16, 2021, Staff shall file a recommendation regarding Spire's application.
 - 5. This order shall be effective when issued.

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BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on the 16th day of February, 2020.