# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a Spire Verified Application for Approval of Financing Authority

File No. GF-2022-0169

### STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXPEDITED CONSENT ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), through Staff Counsel's Office, files this request for an additional seven days, until January 31, 2022, to file its recommendation Regarding the Verified Application of Spire Missouri Inc. for Approval of Financing Authority and Request for Waiver of 60 Day Notice Rule (application). In support Staff states:

1. On December 22, 2021, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (Spire) filed its application.

2. On December 23, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Directing Staff to File Recommendation no later than January 24, 2022.

3. The Staff has served several data requests ("DR") on Spire. Staff requested 2020, 2021 and pro forma financial ratios information. Spire provided 2020 and 2021 financial ratios but stated: "The Company believes that updating the total debt without changing any other input would not provide beneficial metrics." Staff also requested Spire's annual pro forma consolidated financial statements and capital structure in an executable Excel format. In response, Spire referred to exhibits filed with the application containing pro forma amounts for Spire. Staff has been unable to locate these documents.

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4. Staff reviewed Spire's responses, and additional DR's were issued on January 18, 2022. All parties, including the Office of Public Counsel, conferred on the DR status on January 19, 2022, and reached an agreement that the deadline for Staff's recommendation would be extended to no later than January 31, 2022.

5. This request is not made to unduly delay or inconvenience the parties or the Commission.

6. Because the deadline for Staff's recommendation is January 24, 2022, Staff requests an expedited ruling.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff requests the Commission's expedited order extending the deadline for Staff's recommendation to no later January 31, 2022.

#### Respectfully Submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic filing in the EFIS system of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, to all parties and/or counsel of record.

## <u>/s Paul T. Graham</u>