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THE APPLICATION OF SPIRE MISSOURI INC, TO CHANGE ITS INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM

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1 (August 8, 2019)

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, my watch shows it's ten
3 o'clock so we'll go ahead and get started. We're here
4 for a procedural conference in File Nos. GO-2019-0115
5 and GO-2019-0116, and this is concerning the partial
6 rehearing that the Commission has ordered and I'll be
7 the judge in this case. Now this is Judge Woodruff, if
8 you didn't recognize my voice.

9 We'll begin by taking entries of appearance
10 for the attorneys beginning with Spire.

11 MS. BOCKSTRUCK: Goldie Bockstruck appearing
12 on behalf of Spire Missouri, 700 Market Street, St.
13 Louis, Missouri 63101.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And for the
15 staff?

16 MR. BERLIN: Appearing on behalf of the staff
17 of the Commission are Bob Berlin and Ron Irving at the
18 Commission's office in Jefferson City. The court
19 reporter has our contact information.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for public counsel?

21 MR. CLIZER: Appearing on behalf of public
22 counsel, John Clizer and Lera Shemwell, and I will
23 supply our information with the court reporter.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And I believe that's all the
25 parties in this case. The Commission set this up for

1 the purpose of establishing a procedural schedule to
2 deal with a partial rehearing that it had ordered. The
3 Commission's order back on July 25 specified what they
4 wanted which was filings of direct testimony by Spire
5 and staff and optionally by public counsel regarding the
6 methodology and calculations used to determine the
7 amount of property tax.

8 I'm assuming that if the parties can agree
9 upon what numbers are actually there and don't even need
10 a procedural schedule the Commission would accept that
11 as well. But if we need to have a hearing, this is the
12 time to try and come up with a schedule to do that.

13 Any questions or any matters while we're on
14 the record? Mr. Clizer?

15 MR. CLIZER: I was just going to say, and the
16 other parties can correct me if they think this is
17 wrong, but I believe that we are actually very close to
18 a settlement at this point. I believe that we have an
19 agreement in principle as to the numbers and that we're
20 just working on a few minor tweaks and we were actually
21 hoping to use this opportunity to kind of have a
22 technical settlement conference. I don't think that
23 would need to be on the record, of course. That being
24 the case, I'm not sure that we need a strict procedural
25 schedule again unless one of the other parties would

1 like to take a different position.

2 MR. BERLIN: Staff concurs with that.

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Very good.

4 MS. BOCKSTRUCK: Spire also agrees.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Well, then give
6 me something by say a week from today, which would be
7 the 16th, either an agreement or a procedural schedule
8 and we'll go from there.

9 Anything else we need to discuss while we're
10 on the record? Hearing nothing then, we'll adjourn the
11 on the record portion of this and leave you to your
12 discussions. Thank you all for being here. Thank you.

13 (Off the record.)

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