

**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 requested by Regulatory Law Judge John Clark in the conference held on August 16, 2022.

**Background**

As the EDF comments of August 1, 2022 indicate, there are large issues in this case, including the prudence of the purchases from, and reliance on, affiliate Spire STL Pipeline (“Affiliate Pipeline”) for critical service while significant certification risks existed, as well as questions of compliance with the state’s Affiliate Transaction Rules, among others.

Spire Missouri, Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or “the Company”) filed tariff sheets in this proceeding in October, 2020. EDF, Office of Public Counsel, Consumers Council of Missouri, and Midwest Energy Consumers Group requested a procedural schedule in the case in their November, 2020 Comments and Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule. However, the Commission denied that request, and stated that it would establish a procedural schedule following Staff’s report and recommendation. Therefore, Staff’s May, 2022 report was the first substantive filing in the case. EDF, joined by OPC, renewed their request for Spire to file a case supporting the prudence of its decisions, and for the Commission to investigate issues identified in the Staff Report, on August 1, 2022; Spire also responded. At an August 16, 2022 procedural conference, the Administrative Law Judge granted the Company’s request for additional time to

provide information to Staff and OPC and explore a potential resolution. The ALJ directed parties to submit a status report on October 17, 2022.

**Status Report**

EDF understands that Spire and other parties are requesting additional time to continue negotiations. EDF is, as yet, unable to represent whether there is a likely prospect of settlement on the issues we have raised. Further, EDF submits that requiring the company to file its case is helpful to settlement. This case has been pending for about two years. Thus, EDF's position continues to be the position it expressed in its comments of August 1, 2022: that the Commission should require the Company to file a case supporting prudence of its actions in this matter. That said, in the interest of moving forward amicably, EDF will not oppose a modest additional amount of time amount of time before the Company case is due, but respectfully request the due date should be set now. Thus, in deference to the request for a bit more time, we respectfully request for a due date in three months, January 17, 2022. Such a filing requirement is reasonable. It should not hinder, and may help, settlement efforts.

Dated: October 17, 2022      Respectfully submitted,

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**Certificate of Service**

The undersigned certifies I have caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing 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 17th day of October, 2022.



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