

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a)
Spire Request for Authority to Implement a)
General Rate Increase for Natural Gas)
Service Provided in the Company's)
Missouri Service Areas.)

File No. GR-2022-0179

CONSUMERS COUNCIL OF MISSOURI'S MOTION
REGARDING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMES NOW the Consumers Council of Missouri ("Consumers Council" or "CCM"), and requests the Commission to set at least three in-person local public hearings to allow consumers greater opportunities to participate in this Spire Missouri, Inc. ("Spire" or "Company") rate case, as well as at least one virtual hearing for the public.

Consumers Council has conferred extensively with Spire, the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel" or "OPC"), and the Staff of the Commission ("Staff"), and it is our understanding that the following hearing schedule is agreeable to those parties:

Tuesday, September 13	Day	Harris Stowe State University
Tuesday, September 13	Evening	University of Missouri—St. Louis
Wednesday, September 14	Evening	Virtual (statewide)
Thursday, September 15	Evening	Kansas City (location TBD)

With the current waning of the Covid pandemic, Consumers Council believes that it is time for the Commission to resume more in-person local public hearings. The "digital divide" creates barriers for many consumers who wish to put their comments on the record of this case.

Consumers Council has worked with the other parties to seek a set of hearings that provides both an in-person and a virtual hearing, as well as opportunities both during the daytime and in the evening, to accommodate consumers with varying work schedules. The size of Spire's proposed rate increase and the level of community interest in this case will ensure that all of these hearings are well attended.

In the St. Louis area, Consumers Council suggests that the Commission follow a pattern that has been successful in past rate cases, by setting a daytime hearing at Harris-Stowe University and an evening hearing on that same day at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Consumers Council also proposes at least one in-person hearing opportunity be available for those consumers on the western side of the state, in the Kansas City area.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all parties listed on the official service list on this 29th day of June 2022.

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