BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

Case No. GR-2022-0179

SPIRE MISSOURI INC.

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire Missouri" or the "Company"), pursuant to Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14), and submits this Motion for Expedited Treatment to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to permit the Revised Tariff Sheets filed by the Company on this date to become effective on December 26, 2022. As defined in the *Full Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* (the "Agreement") filed in this case, Spire Missouri requested that the new tariff sheets and rates would become effective on December 26, 2022, which no party opposed. In support thereof, the Company states as follows:

1. On November 4, 2022, the parties filed the Agreement in this case, which would resolve all contested issues in the case. Spire Missouri requested that rates be implemented on December 26, 2022, which no party opposed. The parties agreed that rates would be implemented no later than January 1, 2023.

2. On November 18, 2022, the parties presented the Agreement to the Commission at an on-the-record presentation.

3. On November 30, 2022, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Full Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* (the "Order") in this case, rejecting the tariff sheets initially filed by Spire Missouri on April 1, 2022, authorizing the Company to file Revised Tariff Sheets to recover revenues as determined by the Commission in its Order. In recognition of the timing set forth in the Agreement, the Commission's Order is set to take effect on an expedited basis, with an effective date of December 10, 2022.

4. The purpose of this Motion for Expedited Treatment (this "Motion") is to enable the Revised Tariff Sheets, filed contemporaneously with this Motion, to become effective on December 26, 2022 to effectuate the intent of the parties.

5. Spire Missouri submits that harm will be avoided by expedited approval of the Revised Tariff Sheets since it will permit the Company to begin collecting updated rates that are just and reasonable for both the Company and its customers. There will be no negative impact on customers or the general public if the Commission grants such relief, supported by the fact that no party opposed the Company's request to have rates become effective on December 26, 2022.

6. Spire Missouri also notes that no additional burden will be imposed on Staff by the granting of this Motion, as the Company already provided its proposed Revised Tariff Sheets, reflecting the provisions of the Agreement, to Staff on November 14, 2022. The major tariff changes include revisions to (1) the Transportation tariffs, which were filed with the Agreement after extensive negotiations among the parties, (2) the Payment Partner Program tariff, which mirror terms of the Agreement, and (3) the rate tariffs, which reflect the stipulated revenue requirement. Because the tariff revisions in this case are relatively minor, and were largely included with the Stipulation, Spire Missouri believes Staff and the intervenors will have ample time to review the Revised Tariff Sheets for an effective date of December 26, 2022.

7. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been following the Company's preparation and filing of the Revised Tariff Sheets implementing the terms of the Order issued by the Commission on November 30, 2022.

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WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission consider and grant this Motion for Expedited Treatment to effectuate the intent of the parties by approving the Revised Tariff Sheets to become effective on December 26, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Expedited Treatment was served on all counsel of record on this 2nd day of December, 2022 by electronic mail.

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