

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a)
Spire’s Request for Authority to Implement a) Case No. GR-2022-0179
General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service)
In the Company’s Missouri Service Areas)

SPIRE MISSOURI INC.’s MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

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 Revised Sheet R-32, which incorporates language regarding the Critical Needs Program, to go into effect on March 6, 2023. In support thereof, the Company states as follows:

1. On November 4, 2022, the parties filed the *Full Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* (“Agreement”) in this case, which would resolve all contested issues in the case.
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”), approving the agreement in full.
4. Paragraph 28 of the Agreement states that Spire Missouri would provide funds to the Critical Needs Program and that the parties would continue to work to develop the details of the Critical Needs Program.
5. Spire Missouri has been working with the Critical Needs Partnership, which includes Office of the Public Counsel, Consumers Council of Missouri, United Way of Greater St. Louis, United Way of Joplin, and other utilities in Missouri. The Critical Needs Partnership has

developed language that all participating utilities have agreed to include in their tariffs to better define the Critical Needs Program.

6. The purpose of this Motion for Expedited Treatment (this “Motion”) is to enable the Revised Sheet R-32, filed contemporaneously with this Motion and currently showing an effective date of March 26, 2023, to become effective on March 6, 2023.

7. The Critical Needs Partnership is seeking to have a soft launch of the Critical Needs Program in early March. Spire Missouri submits that expedited approval of the Revised Sheet R-32 will benefit customers and the general public as the revisions better define the Critical Needs Program assistance available to customers at or around the time of the launch. There will be no negative effect on the Company’s customers or the general public if the Commission’s grants such relief, as the changes to Revised Sheet R-32 only clarifies the details of the Critical Needs Program.

8. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been following the Critical Needs Partnership agreeing to the final language included in Revised Sheet R-32.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission consider and grant this Motion for Expedited Treatment to allow Revised Tariff Sheet R-32 to become effective on March 6, 2023.

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 24th day of February, 2023 by electronic mail.

/s/ Lew Keathley

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