

**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                                )  
**Case No. GR-2021-0108**

**NOTICE OF RULE 13.01(c) WRITTEN APPROVAL**

Pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13.01(c) Governing the Missouri Bar and the Judiciary, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through Staff Counsel's Office, files this written approval for Madeline McKernan to be granted leave to appear in this matter for the purposes of making mini-opening statements, perform direct-, cross-, and redirect-examination of witnesses, and introduce exhibits into the record in this matter. In support, Staff states the following:

1. Under Missouri Supreme Court Rule 13.01(b)(1) governing the Missouri Bar and the Judiciary, an eligible law student may appear in any matter on behalf of the State<sup>1</sup> with the written approval of the supervising lawyer.
2. The written approval shall be filed in the record of the case and brought to the attention of the presiding officer of the administrative tribunal. Rule 13.01(c).
3. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through Staff Counsel's Office, wishes that Ms. McKernan be granted leave to make mini-opening statements, perform direct-, cross-, and redirect-examination of witnesses, and introduce exhibits for certain issues in this case.

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<sup>1</sup> "Under the Constitution and the Public Service Commission Act, the Public Service Commission, (supervised by the courts as to the reasonableness of rates) is exercising the police power of the state by its delegated authority from the Legislature." *State ex rel. City of Sedalia v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 204 S.W.2 497, 499-500 (Mo. 1918).

4. Ms. McKernan, is certified and eligible under Rule 13 to make an appearance pursuant to Rule 13.

5. I, the undersigned attorney, am the supervising lawyer for Ms. McKernan for purposes of Rule 13.

6. I am a member of the Missouri Bar in good standing, I have assumed professional responsibility for guiding any work undertaken by Ms. McKernan and for supervising the quality of Ms. McKernan's work, and I have assisted Ms. McKernan's preparation for this matter.

7. I am filing this written approval in the record of this case and bringing it to the attention of the presiding officer pursuant to Rule 13.01(c).

**WHEREFORE**, Staff requests the Commission accept this written approval into the record of this case pursuant to Rule 13.01(c), and for such other and further relief as the Commission deems just.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Curtis Stokes**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

**/s/ Curtis Stokes**