

**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

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files its *Status Report* and states as follows:

1. On November 12, 2021, the Commission issued its *Amended Report and Order* ("Order") and, among other things, directed Staff, Spire Missouri, and OPC to provide 60-day status reports of the progress in Staff's completion of its audit and determination that Spire Missouri is in compliance with the USOA requirements for capitalized overheads. The Order further directs that the first of these status reports shall be submitted on or before January 17, 2022.

2. Staff's audit is ongoing. Staff has maintained a timeline of meetings and events in its audit, which is attached hereto as Appendix A.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this *Status Report*, consistent with the Commission's *Amended Report and Order* issued on November 12, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jamie S. Myers

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or their counsel of record this 14th day of January, 2022.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers

Staff Meeting Timeline– Appendix A

11/8/21 – Initial meeting (virtual) between Staff and Spire to discuss interpretation of Report and Order.

11/10/21 – Staff emails OPC draft of deliverables for capitalized overheads.

11/12/21 – In response to meeting held on 11/8/21, Spire emails Staff some time studies and additional support for some previous data requests.

11/15/21 – Staff emails Spire deliverables for capitalized overheads.

11/15/21 – Meeting (virtual) between Staff and Spire to discuss interpretation of Amended Report and Order and further exploration of accounting for the Commission’s Order.

11/15/21 – OPC emails Staff expressing a desire to understand overhead capitalization and commits to providing Staff input regarding Staff’s deliverables.

11/17/21 – Spire emails Staff five files responsive to a portion of Staff’s deliverables.

11/18/21 – Spire proofpoints 12 files supporting “Construction Misc” overheads.

11/19/21 – Staff and Spire hold conference. The “buckets” of overheads to include in the ongoing scope was agreed to.

11/21/21 – Spire proofpoints 3 files responsive to a portion of Staff’s deliverables.

11/29/21 – Staff emails talking points for the upcoming meeting.

12/1/21 – Spire proofpoints written responses to Staff’s talking points prior to meeting.

12/2/21 – Staff and Spire hold meeting to review a portion of presentation Spire provided Staff on 11/21/21. During this meeting, Spire notified audit Staff that it had engaged PWC for time studies of supervisory labor. Spire stated a PSC Director had been notified prior to the meeting.

12/7/21 – Staff emails talking points for the upcoming meeting.

12/9/21 – Staff and Spire hold meeting to review the remaining portion of presentation Spire provided Staff on 11/21/21.

12/15/21 – Spire proofpoints Staff additional data for Engineering Design costs.

12/23/21 and 12/30/21 – Weekly meeting cancelled,

1/6/22 – Staff and Spire hold meeting to discuss accounting for insurance claims and upcoming events including concurrent ISRS case and status reports.

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AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW R. YOUNG

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

COMES NOW MATTHEW R. YOUNG, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Status Report*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.



MATTHEW R. YOUNG

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, at my office in Kansas City, on this 12th day of January, 2022.



M. RIDENHOUR
My Commission Expires
July 22, 2023
Platte County
Commission #10003403



Notary Public