# **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	)	File No. GR-2021-0108
Service Provided in the Company's	)	
Missouri Service Areas	)	

#### SPIRE MISSOURI'S STATUS REPORT ON EMPLOYEE TRANSFER

**COMES NOW** Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire ("Spire" or "Company"), by and through counsel, and for its *Status Report on Employee Transfer*, hereby states as follows:

#### BACKGROUND

1. In the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") November 12, 2021 Amended Report and Order in this case, the Commission directed Spire to provide periodic updates on its employee transfer project every 60 days beginning January 17, 2022.

#### **STATUS REPORT**

2. On January 1, 2023, approximately 600 employees were transferred to Spire Services Inc. from Spire Missouri and other affiliate entities. This transition occurred in line with the project plan. Immediately post-transfer, Spire continues to work with vendors associated with the payroll, benefits, insurance, and credit card processes to ensure a smooth transition in the services provided to our employees.

3. The first financial close after the employee transition will be for the business period of January 2023 and will occur in February 2023. In this first close, Spire will be monitoring vendor and employee related costs to confirm they have been appropriately transitioned from the respective affiliate entity to a direct charge for Spire Services Inc. Spire will also confirm that any other identified accounting changes, such as the funding of Spire Services Inc., are properly implemented.

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4. Spire will continue to update Staff every 60 days on the progress of the Company's employee transfer to Spire Services Inc., a commitment that was reaffirmed as part of the Full Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement filed on November 4, 2022 in the Company's current general rate case, GR-2022-0179. Additionally, Spire proposes holding a post-implementation meeting with Commission Staff and the Office of Public Council in April, after the close of March business, to discuss the transition process and provide a final list of all employees moved to Spire Services Inc. as well as any new and updated inter-company agreements that have been put in place.

WHEREFORE, Spire respectfully requests the Commission accept this Status Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>/s/J. Antonio Arias</u>

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on all parties to this case on 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 by electronic mail.

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