

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire (East)            )            File No. GR-2021-0127  
Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Tariff Filing                    )

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Spire Missouri, Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or “the Company”), Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), (collectively, “Parties”) respectfully submit this Joint Status Report as follows:

1.       On October 30, 2020, Spire Missouri filed tariff sheets to change its Purchased Gas Adjustment (“PGA”) clause for its eastern service territory and Actual Cost Adjustment (“ACA”), thereby initiating File No. GR-2021-0127. This ACA review period will reconcile the actual gas costs Spire Missouri incurred for the 2019-2020 ACA period.

2.       Staff conducted an investigation and filed its full ACA Review and Recommendation Report on May 27, 2022. Staff recommended a disallowance based on its repricing of an Asset Management Agreement (“AMA”). Subsequently, Spire Missouri, OPC, and EDF filed separate responses to Staff’s Report. Spire Missouri opposed the recommended disallowance. OPC and EDF focused on the costs from Spire STL Pipeline, which are unrelated to the AMA.

3.       On August 8, 2022, Spire Missouri filed a reply to OPC’s and EDF’s responses and asked the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to schedule a procedural conference to establish technical conferences in this docket. The Commission then held a procedural conference on August 16, 2022. Spire Missouri noted that it was providing further information to Staff and OPC and that additional time would be beneficial to reach a possible resolution in this case. No party opposed the Company’s suggestion, and the Administrative Law

Judge directed the Parties to continue negotiations and file a status report by October 17, 2022, describing any progress made in reaching a stipulation and agreement.

4. Spire Missouri, Staff, and OPC filed a joint status report by the Administrative Law Judge's October deadline. Their status report explained that negotiations continued and asked the Commission to afford the Parties more time to attempt to resolve this proceeding through a stipulation and agreement. EDF did not oppose this request for additional time, and the Commission ordered the Parties to file a subsequent status report or settlement agreement by November 18, 2022. The Commission noted that it would also entertain a proposed procedural schedule.

5. Spire Missouri, Staff, and OPC again submitted a timely joint status report. This November status report requested an additional thirty days to continue settlement negotiations. It offered that, at the end of those thirty days, the Parties would submit either a notice that a resolution has been reached or, if not, a proposed procedural schedule. The Commission accepted this status report and ordered the Parties to file a settlement agreement or procedural schedule by December 19, 2022.

6. The Parties inform the Commission through this filing that Staff and Spire Missouri have reached a resolution of one issue in this case relating to the pricing of an AMA transaction and related disallowance, to which no Party objects. Staff and Spire Missouri intend to file a Partial Stipulation and Settlement Agreement relating to this issue no later than January 17.

7. The Parties intend to file a proposed procedural schedule today to address all non-settled matters in this docket.

**WHEREFORE**, the Parties respectfully submit this Joint Status Report and request that the Commission issue an order directing the Parties to file a partial stipulation and agreement

addressing the settled matter by January 17, 2023, enter the proposed procedural schedule to be filed today or, in the alternative, granting such other relief as the Commission deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ J. Antonio Arias*

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**ATTORNEYS FOR SPIRE MISSOURI INC**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 19th day of December, 2022.

*/s/ Matthew Aplington*

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