BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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

File No. GR-2021-0108 Tracking No. YG-2021-0133

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: February 19, 2021

Effective Date: February 19, 2021

Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire submitted tariff sheets on December 11, 2020, to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service. The Commission provided notice of Spire's application and set a deadline of January 12, 2021, for applications to intervene.

On February 10, 2021, Missouri School Boards' Assocation (MSBA) late-filed an application to intervene. MSBA stated that it is a not-for-profit corporation representing 390 school districts as a trade association and has an interest in this case via the School Transportation Tariff issues and Section 393.310, RSMo (2016). MSBA also states its intervention would serve the public interest.

Late-filed applications are addressed in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(10), which provides in part, "Motions to intervene...filed after the intervention date may be granted upon a showing of good cause." To show good cause for its late-filing, MSBA notes they were omitted from the service list, and that Spire has agreed to its late intervention and all other parties have either agreed or had no objection. Based on the statements of counsel for MSBA, the Commission will consider its request for late intervention unopposed.

After considering the unopposed application to intervene, the Commission finds that MSBA has interests which are different from that of the general public and allowing it to intervene will serve the public interest. The Commission also finds that MSBA has sufficiently shown good cause for its late-filing. Therefore, in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(3) and (10), the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The application to intervene of MSBA is granted.
- 2. This order shall be effective when issued.



Charles Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 19th day of February, 2021.

BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary