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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri, Inc., for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise Control and Manage a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas Service in Cass County as an Expansion of its Existing Certificated Area.

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### APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND REOUEST FOR WAIVER

**COMES NOW** Spire Missouri, Inc. ("Spire" or the "Company"), on behalf of its Spire Missouri West operating unit and by and through its undersigned counsel, and, pursuant to RSMo. §393.170, RSMo, 20 CSR 4240-2.060 and Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-3.205, requests a certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Cass County, Missouri, as a further expansion of its existing certificated area. In support of this request, Spire respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

 Spire West is a public utility and gas corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri, with its principal office located at 700 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. A Certificate of Good Standing evidencing Spire West's standing to do business in Missouri was submitted in Case No. GU-2020-0376 and is incorporated by reference herein for all purposes. The information in such Certificate is current and correct.

- 2 Spire West is engaged in the business of distributing and transporting natural gas to customers in Missouri as a gas corporation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Spire West provides gas service in western Missouri to customers in the western Missouri counties of Andrew, Barry, Barton, Bates, Buchanan, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Cooper, Dade, Dekalb, Greene, Henry, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, McDonald, Moniteau, Newton, Pettis, Platte, Ray, Saline, Stone, and Vernon. Other than cases that have been docketed at the Commission, Spire West has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court within the past three years that involve customer service or rates. Spire West has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.
  - 3. All correspondence, communications, notices, orders and decisions of the Commission with respect to this matter should be sent to the undersigned counsel and to:

Wesley E. Selinger Manager, Rates and Planning Spire Missouri Inc. 700 Market Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor St. Louis, Missouri 63101 (314) 230-5867

4. Spire seeks a service area CCN to provide gas to two separate projects. The first project ("Project One") will extend service to an industrial park located in Section 29, Township 46 North, Range 32 West. The second project ("Project Two") will extend service to commercial customers with the potential to service residential customers located in Sections 17, 20, and 29 in Township 44 North, Range 30 West. These projects are both located in Cass County, Missouri.

The listed sections above are areas where customers have contacted Spire with a need for a distribution system extension to receive natural gas service. The legal descriptions of the requested areas are set forth in the attached Appendices. Attached as Appendix 1 is a plat drawn to a scale of one-half inch (1/2") to the mile on maps comparable to county highway maps issued by the Missouri Department of Transportation or a plat drawn to a scale of two thousand feet (2,000') to the inch.

5. Estimated revenues and expenses for the first three years of operations are shown in the feasibility studies for both Project 1 and Project 2. These feasibility studies are attached in Appendix 2. Pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A)3 and 4, Appendix 2 has been identified as Confidential because it contains information relating to market-specific information. No external financing will be required for construction relating to these projects.

6. The rates for the proposed areas will be those approved and in effect for the customers in the adjoining Spire West operating unit certificated areas, until such rates may be changed by approved tariff or order of the Commission. Spire anticipates it may add up to fifteen additional customers from Project 2. The addresses of these potential customers are attached in Appendix 3. The potential for additional customers related to Project 1 is unclear at this time, as this extension is to serve a developing industrial park.

7. Spire holds all necessary franchises and permits from municipalities, counties, or other authorities that are required for Spire to serve the subject areas. A county-wide assent document from the Cass County Commission can be found in Appendix 4.

8. Spire's experience in the operation of natural gas systems gives it the ability to provide this service in an efficient manner. For all reasons set forth herein, a grant of the

application will further the public convenience and necessity.

9. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) provides that "(a)ny person that intends to file a case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such case." No such notice was filed herein. As such, Spire seeks a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement.

10. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D) provides that a waiver may be granted for good cause. In this regard, Spire declares (as verified below) that they have had no communication with the Office of the Commission (as defined in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.015(10)) within the prior 150 days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in this case. WHEREFORE, Spire requests, for good cause shown, that the Commission waive the notice requirement of 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), approve this Application, and issue a CCN to Spire as set forth above and in the attached schedules, and grant such other and further relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted, **SPIRE MISSOURI INC.** 

By: /s/ Matthew Aplington

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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 application has been sent to all Parties of record by electronic mail this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

/s/ Goldie Bockstruck

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### VERIFICATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF PATTI REARDON

STATE OF MISSOURI	)	
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CITY OF ST. LOUIS	)	

Patti Reardon, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

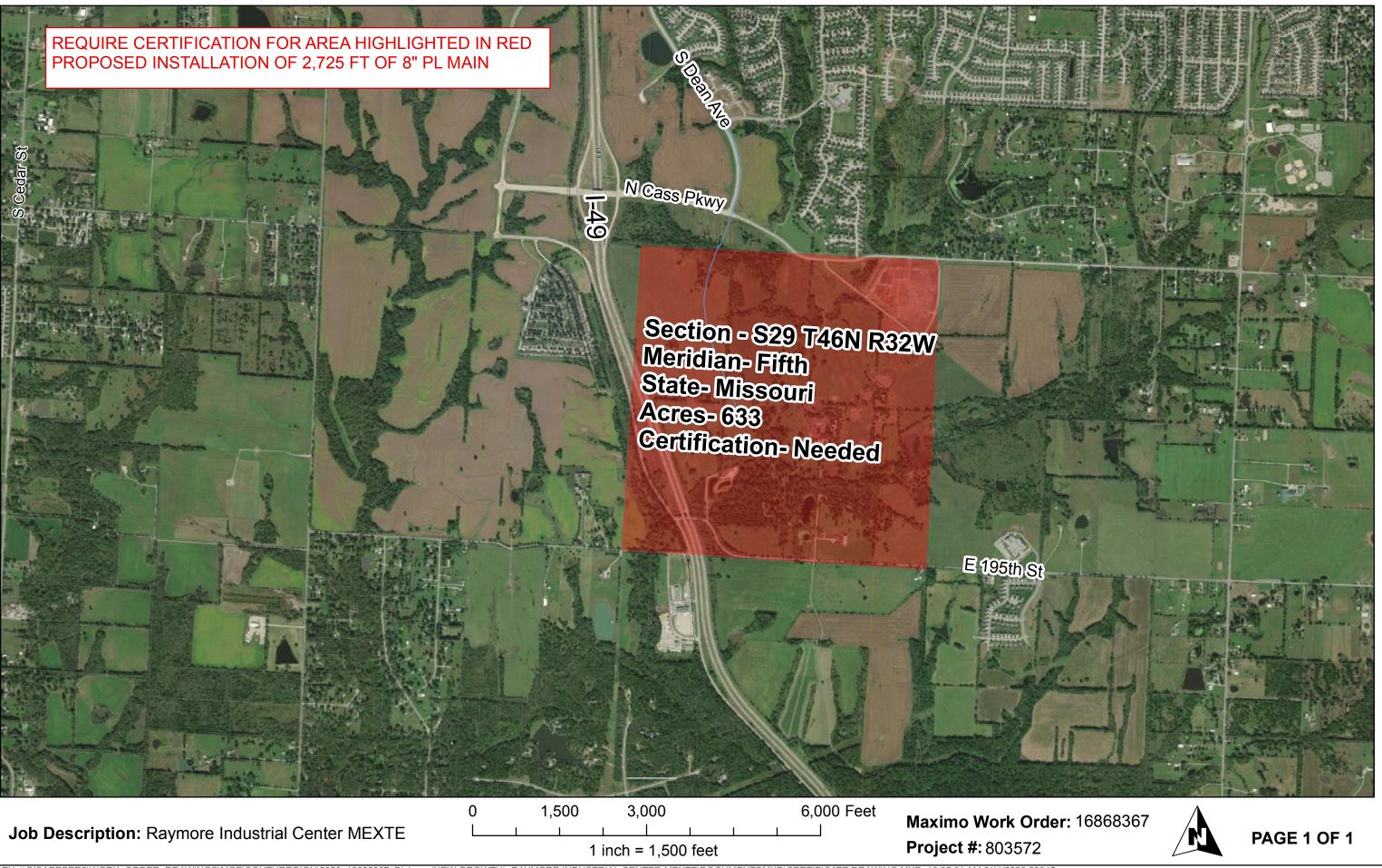
1. My name is Patti Reardon. I am the Manager of Small Industrial and Commercial Sales for Spire Missouri Inc. My business address is 700 Market St., St. Louis, Missouri, 63101.

2. I have read the foregoing Application and Appendices, and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I also hereby swear and affirm that I have read the foregoing Request for Waiver, and hereby declare that, other than pleadings or other public communications, Spire Missouri Inc. has had no communication with the office of the Commission, within the prior one hundred and fifty (150) days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in the above referenced case.

3. Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

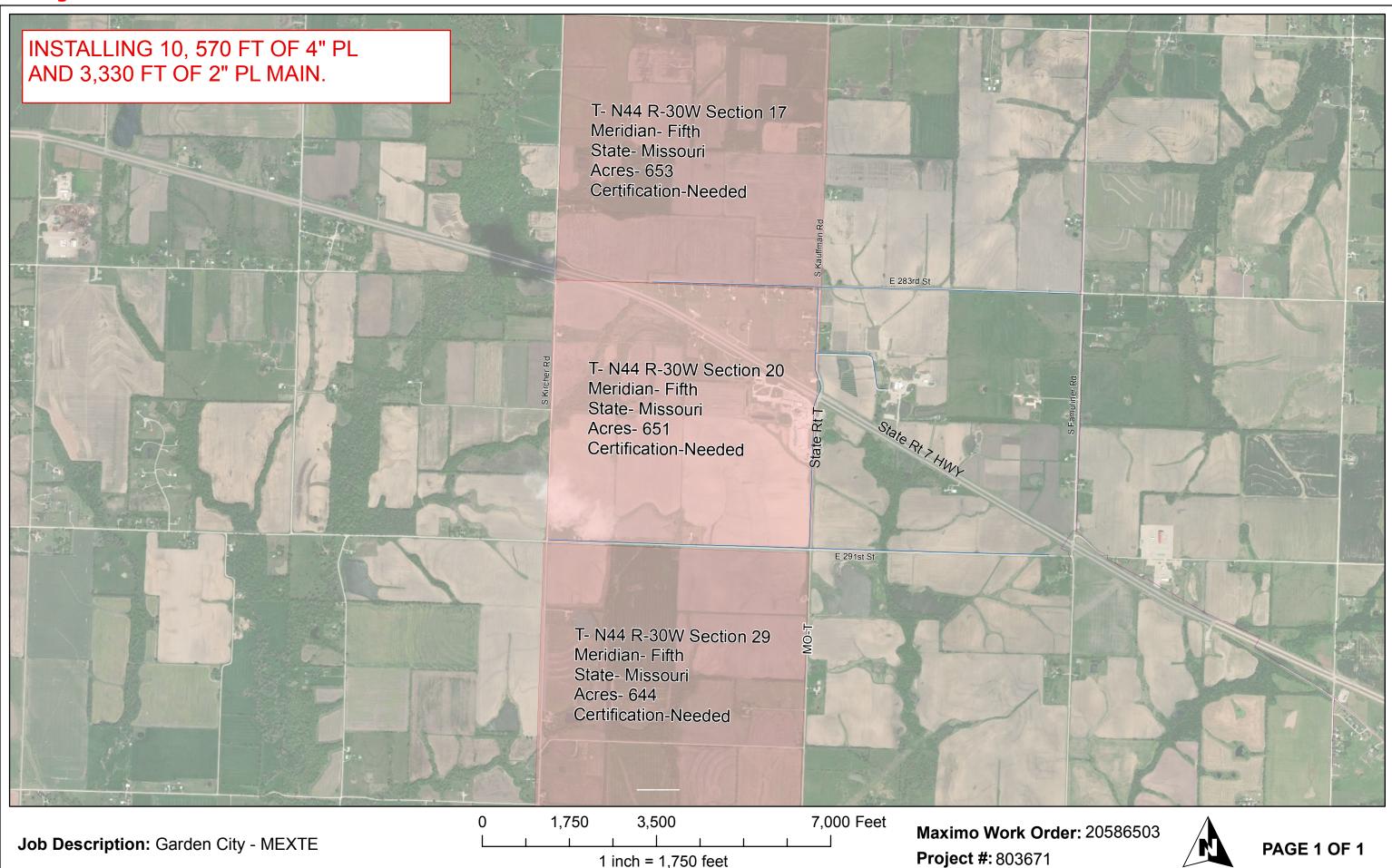
<u>/s/ Patti Reardon</u> Patti Reardon

## **Project 1**



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## **Project 2**



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## Confidential pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A)3 and 4

Project 2 Garden City

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#### Cass County CCN Project 2 Garden City Addresses

Residential Addresses North of Highway 7

North Side of Triangle Area

30309 E 283rd St Garden City, MO 64747 30101 E 283rd St Garden City, MO 64747 30009 E 283rd St Garden City, MO 64747 29807 E 283rd St Garden City, MO 64747 29701 E 283rd St Garden City, MO 64747 29603 E 283rd St Garden City, MO 64747 29503 E 283rd St Garden City, MO 64747 29403 E 283rd St Garden City, MO 64747

East Side of Triangle Area

28322 S Kauffman Rd Garden City, MO 64747 28411 S Kauffman Rd Garden City, MO 64747 28408 S Kauffman Rd Garden City, MO 64747 28418 S Kauffman Rd Garden City, MO 64747

North Along Highway 7

28424 HWY 7 Garden City, MO 64747 28418 HWY 7 Garden City, MO 64747 28400 HWY 7 Garden City, MO 64747

## **Certified Copy of Record**

## STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Cass,

In the County Commission of Cass County, Missouri, at the January Term, 2020, held on the 6th day of February, 2020 amongst others, were the following proceedings:

#### CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI ORDER NO.20-01 Spire Gas Company

### AN ORDER GRANTING TO SPIRE MISSOURI, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ASSENT TO USE OF THE PUBLIC ROADS OR HIGHWAYS OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AND RELATED FACILITIES UNDER SAID PUBLIC ROADS OR HIGHWAYS.

WHEREAS, Cass County (the "County") is a political subdivision duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Spire Missouri is a Missouri corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri and is engaged in the construction and operation of natural gas distribution facilities in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Spire Missouri intends to request and obtain a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Missouri Public Service Commission, recognizing that projects to be placed in service by the Company in Cass County are in the public interest and authorizing it to construct natural gas distribution facilities in Southwest Missouri and, specifically, in the County; and

WHEREAS, Spire Missouri anticipates utilizing the public roads and highways of the County as construction routes; and

WHEREAS, Spire Missouri intends to install natural gas distribution facilities under the public roads and highways of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County, acting by and through its County Commission, desires to grant to Spire Missouri its assent authorizing Spire Missouri to construct natural gas facilities under the public roads or highways.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. There is hereby granted to Spire Missouri, its successors and assigns, the assent of Cass County (the "County") pursuant to section 229.100 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for the use of the public roads or highways of Cass County, Missouri, for the construction of natural gas distribution or related facilities through, on, under, and across said public roads or highways. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the assent granted herein shall not be invalidated by the subsequent repeal of section 229.100 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

#### This order shall be in force and effect from and after its passage. Section 2.

Bob Huston Presiding Commissioner

Monty Kisner

Associate Commissioner #1

Jimmy Odom

Associate Commissioner #2

I, Jeff Fletcher, Clerk of the County Commission said County, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true copy of the proceedings of said County Commission, on the day and year above written; IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Commission, at office in the courthouse in Harrisonville, Missouri, this 6th day of February, 2020.

(SEAL)

Jeff Fletcher, Jounty Clerk