

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc’s Motion for)
Expedited Treatment of its COVID-19 Residential) File No. GO-2021-0115
Assistance Program Tariff Filing)

**SPIRE MISSOURI INC.’S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT
OF ITS FIRST REVISED COVID-19
RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TARIFF FILING**

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or “Company”), on behalf of its operating units, Spire Missouri East (“Spire East”) and Spire Missouri West (“Spire West”) and, pursuant to Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-2.065(2) and 20 CSR 4240-3.080(14) files this Motion for Expedited Treatment of its First Revised COVID-19 Residential Assistance Program Tariff Filing. In support thereof, Spire Missouri respectfully states as follows:

1. In October 2020, the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approved Spire Missouri’s Covid-19 Residential Program Tariff. The Program was designed to provide some economic relief to those Spire customers who have either lost their jobs, been furloughed, or lost income since March 1, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Program was formulated through collaboration with interested stakeholders as part of the Unanimous Settlement Agreement reached in the Company’s COVID-19 accounting authority order case (Case No. GU-2020-0376). Under the program, eligible customers receive \$100 upon enrollment, and in addition, the Company contributes a dollar for dollar match of up to \$300 towards a customer’s past due bills.

2. As set forth in the Amended Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, interested stakeholders have met monthly to discuss the progress of the program and any modifications that could be made to the program design. As a result of these discussions, the Company has made

improvements to its program outreach. To date, the Program has provided approximately \$375,000 to its customers in need. While Spire Missouri has been able to assist many customers through the program, the Company believes even more customers could benefit by allowing customers an additional option to prove program eligibility in the form of a signed self-declaration. This additional option would allow those customers impacted by COVID-19 who are unable to provide the requisite proof of impact, another means of obtaining eligibility.

3. Per the currently approved tariffs, the Program ends on March 31, 2021. Given the ongoing financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company is also amending its tariff to extend the program an additional two months, from March 31, 2021, to May 30, 2021.

4. Since the program ends under the tariff on March 31, 2021, and given the national financial crisis still facing many of the Company's customers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a need to implement on a timely basis. The Company submits that there is good cause to approve its tariff filing on an expedited basis and respectfully requests that the Commission approve its tariff filing filed on this same date by no later than March 21, 2021 so the tariff may go into effect by March 31, 2021.

5. Spire Missouri submits that harm will be avoided by expedited approval of the application by permitting the Company's qualified residential customers continued access to energy assistance funding on a timely basis. At the same time, there will be no negative impact on other customers or the general public if the Commission grants such relief. For all of these reasons, Spire Missouri submits that there is good cause for the Commission to approve its motion for expedited treatment and companion tariff sheets no later than March 21, 2021.

6. The Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel have reviewed the Company's proposed tariff and have stated no objection.

7. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been following Spire's assessment

of the Program and necessary tariff changes.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Spire Missouri, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion for expedited treatment as described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing pleading has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff and on the Office of the Public Counsel by hand delivery, email, fax, or United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 17th day of March, 2021.

/s/ Goldie T. Bockstruck