

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.)
Filing its Pre-Qualification Process for Contactors)
Seeking to Participate in Competitive Bidding) GO-2021-
to install ISRS-eligible Gas Utility Plan Projects)

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or “Company”) by and through counsel, and pursuant to 393.1012.4, RSMo files this Notice of Pre-Qualification Process for Contractors Seeking to Participate in a Competitive Bidding to Install ISRS-Eligible Gas Utility Plan Projects (“Notice”), and in support thereof respectfully states as follows:

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for contractors seeking to participate in competitive bidding to install ISRS-eligible gas utility plant. This legislation became effective August 28, 2020.

4. Pursuant to this statute, Spire Missouri has prepared the attached Pre-Qualification Process and Pre-Qualification Requirements, which are marked Exhibit A to this Notice.
5. This filing is being filed in advance of the statutory deadline of July 1, 2021, to ensure compliance with the new requirement and to allow time to discuss this filing with interested parties, if necessary. *Id.*
6. Communications, correspondence, orders and decision in this matter should be addressed to the undersigned.

WHEREFORE, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission accept this this Notice of Pre-Qualification Process for Contractors Seeking to Participate in a Competitive Bidding to Install ISRS-Eligible Gas Utility Plan Projects and for any other relief the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully requested,

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Pre-Qualification Process for Contractors Seeking to Participate in a Competitive Bidding to Install ISRS-Eligible Gas Utility Plan Project was served on the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 29th day of April, 2021 by e-mail, fax, or by placing a copy of such document, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

/s/Matthew Aplington



HB 2120 ISRS Pre-Qualification Compliance

ISRS Pre-Qualification Process.

- A checklist of qualifications for construction vendors wishing to participate in competitive bidding process for ISRS-eligible work will be posted on the Spire website, under “Doing Business with Spire” tab
- A button will be created on the webpage to allow prospective vendors to submit documentation supporting pre-qualification
- Supply Chain will receive documents submitted by prospective vendors and will review all supporting documentation
- Once the package is complete, Supply Chain will review all supporting documents and make a determination as to whether the prospective vendor meets the requirements to be pre-qualified to participate in the ISRS competitive bidding process. Other departments may support Supply Chain in making the determination of pre-qualification eligibility (e.g. Legal, Insurance, Field Operations, Construction Engineering).
- The determination will be pass/fail/deficient, and will be communicated to the prospective vendor.
- Prospective vendors who submit a pre-qualification package but do not become pre-qualified may request an explanation of the reasons for the determination. Supply Chain will promptly provide an explanation for denials, and suggestions for how to become pre-qualified, as required by the statute.
- Pre-qualification status will be maintained for two years, unless earlier revoked.
- The company reserves the right to revoke pre-qualification of vendors at any time. Examples of events that may trigger revocation of pre-qualified status include, without limitation, poor performance of field work, safety incidents or concerns, and cancellation of insurance coverage.

ISRS Pre-Qualification Requirements.

In order to become pre-qualified, the prospective vendor must:

- Have a minimum of seven (7) years’ of natural gas grid replacement, distribution pipeline and/or transmission pipeline experience, or equivalent utility construction experience
- Be licensed to provide the services to be bid, where applicable
- Demonstrate a history of providing exceptional service that meet Spire’s specifications and requirements, including its brand and conduct standards, and provide references upon request.
- Demonstrate financial viability acceptable to Spire, which consists of having a Credit Rating of “BBB-” or better by S&P Global Market Intelligence LLC or its successor ("S&P") or "Baa3" or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or its successor ("Moody's") or “BBB-“ or better by Fitch Ratings,

Inc. or its successor ("Fitch"). "Credit Rating" means with respect to a party or entity, on any date of determination, the respective rating then assigned to its long-term senior unsecured debt (not supported by third party credit enhancements) by either S&P or Moody's or Fitch. In the event of a split rating among S&P/Moody's/Fitch, the lowest rating prevails. If the prospective vendor has no rating at all, it can provide its most recent annual and quarterly financials for evaluation by the company and calculation of an equivalent rating. If the party or entity does not meet these Credit Rating criteria or calculated equivalent, Spire will require adequate assurance of performance consisting of a guarantee from a company which meets the Credit Rating criteria, a deposit, letter of credit or performance bond, in a form which is acceptable to Spire.

- Provide proof of insurance coverage underwritten by Missouri-admitted insurers with an A.M. Best rating of A- or better and Financial Strength Rating of XII or better, with the following coverages
 - \$25MM/occurrence, \$50MM aggregate General Liability
 - \$10MM/occurrence, \$20MM aggregate Automobile Liability
 - Statutory Workers' Compensation
 - \$10MM/occurrence, \$15MM aggregate Pollution
 - Subrogation waiver
- Have a current Gas Main and Service Line Agreement with Spire, or be willing to execute Spire's current form of FSA
- Be a current ISNetWorld subscriber, or be willing to become a subscriber, and **maintain** a grade of C or higher while performing work for Spire.
- Be Operator Qualified through Energy World Net for all tasks to be performed pursuant to the work to be bid (all field service employees)
- Demonstrate a reputation for safety, integrity and inclusion
- Provide all of its own tools, vehicles, machinery, and IT systems
- Have no outstanding unsatisfied judgments or tax liens
- Business principals must be willing to submit to a background check and have no record of convictions. Business principal is defined as (1) if an LLC, each member, or (2) if a corporation, the officers with responsibility for the relevant market area.