# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri, Inc., for Permission and Approval and 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 Barton County as an Expansion of its Existing Certificated Areas.

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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 permission and approval and 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 Newton 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. GM-2013-0254 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 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 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:

David P. Abernathy Vice President & General Counsel Spire Missouri Inc. 700 Market Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor St. Louis, MO 63101 314-342-0536 Office 314-421-1979 Fax David.Abernathy@spireenergy.com

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4. Spire seeks a service area CCN to provide gas to an individual project. This project is in Section 34, Township 27 North, Range 31 West. This project located in Newton County in Missouri. The listed section above is an area where a customer has contacted Spire with a need for a distribution system extension to service poultry operations. The legal description of the new area is 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. The rates for the proposed area would 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 estimates the addition of 4 additional customers from this project. The names and addresses of the additional customers are attached in Appendix 2. Appendix 2 has been identified as Confidential pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A)1, because it contains information relating directly to specific customers. Estimated revenues and expenses for the first three years of operations are shown in the feasibility study attached as Appendix 3. Appendix 3 has been identified as Confidential pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A)3 and 4, because it contains information relating information relating market-specific information. No external financing will be required for construction

related to this project.

6 Spire holds all necessary franchises and permits from municipalities, counties, or other authorities that are required for Spire to serve the subject area. Documentation that provides assent for Newton County can be found in Appendix 4. Also included in Appendix 4 is a signed affidavit of Patti Reardon, Manager, Small Commercial and Industrial, Spire Missouri, attesting to the validity of the county assent.

7. 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.

8. 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 wavier of the 60-day notice requirement.

9. 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), grant a variance from the filing requirements of Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-3.205(1)(A), approve this Application, 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,

Bordion Y. Bockszmick **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 this  $14^{m}$  day of October, 2019, to:

General Counsel's Office Missouri Public Service Commission staffcounselservice@psc.mo.gov

Office of the Public Counsel opcservice@opc.mo.gov

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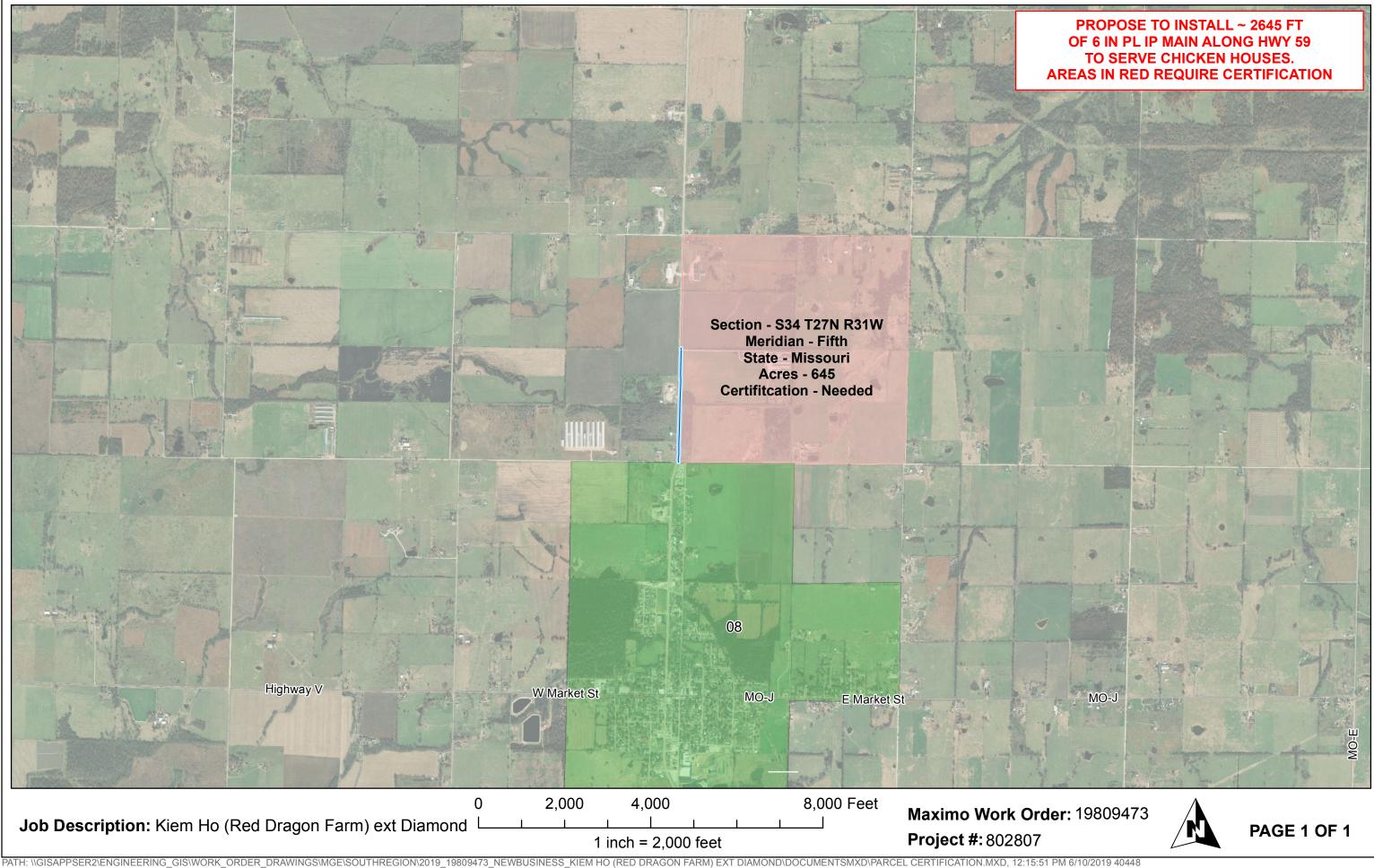
### VERIFICATION

State of Missouri ) ) ss County of <u>St. Charles</u>

I, Wesley Selinger \_\_\_\_\_, having been duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Manager, Rates and Planning \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Spire Missouri Inc. (Spire Missouri), that I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of Spire Missouri, and that the matters and things stated in the foregoing Application and appendices thereto are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn before me this <u>14</u> day of October, 2019.

LISA M. REED Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI St. Charles County My Commission Expires: Nov. 7, 2019 Commission # 11265169



Appendix 2 Confidential

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October 2, 2019

# STATEMENT OF NEWTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING THE EXPANSION OF SPIRE MISSOURI'S SERVICE TERRITORY

On October 2, 2019, the Newton County Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting. One item addressed in the meeting was Spire Missouri's pending application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting approval to further expand the Company's service territory into Newton County. The Newton County Commission is in full support of Spire further extending its service area into Newton County and welcomes the opportunities for additional growth that providing gas service will bring. The Newton County Commission would offer this statement in full support of Spire expanding its service area into all areas of Newton County where it is legally permissible to do so and hereby grants Spire all necessary authority and permissions to do so.

Very truly yours,

## THE NEWTON COUNTY COMMISSION

Bill Reiboldt Presiding Commissioner

Alan Cook District 1 Commissioner

Lim/Jackson

District 2 Commissioner

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County not served by Natural Gas	)	
Expansion of its Existing Certificated Areas.	)	

## AFFIDAVIT AND VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI ) COUNTY OF Jackson ) SS.

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

1. My name is Patti Reardon, I am Manager, Small Commercial and Industrial

Business Development. My business address is 7500 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, 64129.

2. The purpose of this affidavit is to comply with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-3.205(1)(D) and 240.3.205(2) requiring Spire to file a certified copy of the document granting it the necessary consent or franchise or an updated affidavit attesting that it has received the necessary county consent for the requested service territory expansion.

3. Spire received a written and signed consent letter from the Newton County Commission on October 2, 2019. The Newton County Commission's signed consent letter has been included in this Appendix.

4. I hereby swear and affirm that the information contained herein, and in the attached documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Reardon Jatti Patti Reardon

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  $\underline{/4}$  th day of October, 2019.

low Notary Public

