

**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) Case No. GA-2023-0038
Otherwise Control and Manage a Natural)
Gas Distribution System in and around the)
City of Oronogo in Jasper County,)
Missouri as an Expansion of its Existing)
Certified Areas.)

**SPIRE MISSOURI INC.’S RESPONSE TO ORDER APPROVING ACQUISITION
OF ASSETS AND GRANTING OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or “the Company”) respectfully submits this Response to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) *Order Approving Acquisition of Assets and Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* (“Order”), stating as follows:

1. On August 5, 2022, Spire Missouri submitted its Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and Request for Waiver (“Application”). Spire Missouri’s Application requested a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage the City of Oronogo, Missouri’s (“Oronogo” or “the City”) natural gas distribution system. The Application also asked the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to waive the sixty (60) day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

2. On December 20, 2022, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) recommended approval of Spire Missouri’s Application, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Reserve all rate-making determinations for the revenue requirement impact of acquiring Oronogo's natural gas distribution system until the Company's next general rate-making proceeding;
- b. Require Spire Missouri to provide updated legal descriptions of the area subject to the requested CCN consistent with the Missouri Department of Transportation Highway Map used as a reference for the Application; and
- c. Require Spire Missouri to file a revised tariff sheet to incorporate the original legal descriptions for the City's boundaries and any updated descriptions for all property served by Oronogo's distribution system consistent with Staff's second recommended condition.

3. No party objected to Staff's recommendation, and Spire Missouri accepted Staff's recommended conditions. On January 24, 2023, the Commission approved Spire Missouri's Application, subject to Staff's conditions listed above.

4. In compliance with Condition b. above, the legal description of the area to be served under the CCN is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Further, in compliance with Condition c., Spire Missouri has filed a transmittal letter with First Revised Tariff Sheet No. 21.10 and Original Sheet No. 21.10a, which bear an issue date of February 3, 2023, and an effective date of March 6, 2023. These tariff sheets incorporate the legal description as well as associated formatting changes and other updates.

WHEREFORE, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission accept this response and the attached legal description for the City of Oronogo and allow the tariff sheets incorporating the legal description to go into effect on March 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 3rd day of February, 2023.

/s/ Lew Keathley

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