

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire's)	
Verified Application to Renew its Financing)	Case No. GF-2018-0249
Authority)	
)	

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire Missouri" or "Company"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") (collectively "the Parties") and in support of their proposed procedural schedule in the above-captioned case state as follows:

1. On June 20, 2018, Spire Missouri filed a verified application for approval of financing authority in the amount of \$500 million through September 30, 2021, subject to the same terms and conditions approved by the Commission in Case No. GF-2015-0181. Additionally, Spire Missouri requested that the Commission approve the application no later than September 30, 2018, the expiration of its current financing authority. Because of the request for expeditious approval, Spire Missouri requested that the Commission order an early procedural conference so that the Parties can discuss the anticipated timeline for processing this case.

2. On June 21, 2018, the Commission issued its order scheduling a procedural conference for July 11, 2018. Since that order was issued, the Parties have had an opportunity to confer and develop the following proposed procedural schedule:

Discovery ¹	June 20-July 31
Technical Conference	July 11, 2018
Staff Recommendation Due	August 8, 2018
Responses to Staff Recommendation and Request, if any, for Evidentiary Hearing	August 28, 2018
Motion for Temporary Extension (if necessary)	August 29, 2018

3. The schedule recommended herein should permit the Commission to issue its Order prior to the September 30, 2018 expiration date of the Company's existing financing authority, assuming that no evidentiary hearing is required. In the event an evidentiary hearing is required, however, the Parties agree that (1) the Company may file for and the Parties will not oppose a motion extending the financing authority granted in Case No. GF-2015-0181, subject to the same terms and conditions approved by the Commission in that case, until the effective date of the Commission's Order disposing of the Company's application for new financing authority in this case, and (2) no later than September 12, 2018, the Parties will file, either jointly or individually, a new proposed procedural schedule which provides for the processing of this case with an evidentiary hearing.

4. To expedite review of the Company's application², the Parties agree that responses to data requests will be due within ten (10) calendar days through July 17, 2018, with five (5) calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than

¹ These dates for discovery assume no evidentiary hearing is requested and no further procedural schedule becomes necessary. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is requested, or a further procedural schedule becomes necessary, discovery may extend beyond these dates.

² The shortened response and objection times contained in this paragraph assume no evidentiary hearing is requested and no further procedural schedule becomes necessary. In the event that an evidentiary hearing

ten (10) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. Responses to data requests submitted between July 18, 2018 and July 31, 2018, will be due within five (5) business days, with three (3) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five (5) business days will be needed to provide the requested information.

5. The Parties agree that if the Commission approves this proposed procedural schedule, the proposed procedural conference currently scheduled for July 11, 2018 should be used as a technical conference at which the Parties can discuss and, to the extent possible, resolve any technical matters or questions relating to the relief sought in the Company's application.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties respectfully request that the Commission issue its Order approving the proposed procedural schedule and other provisions set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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is requested or a further procedural schedule becomes necessary, response and objection times for data requests submitted after July 31, 2018, shall be as provided in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090.

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Proposed Procedural Schedule was served on Counsel for the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 6th day of July, 2018 by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax, or by placing a copy of such document, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

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