BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service Provided in the Company's Missouri Service Areas

Case No. GR-2022-0179

SPIRE MISSOURI'S RESPONSE TO STAFF'S CLARIFICATION OF TEST YEAR

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire" or "the Company"), by and through counsel, and files this Response to *Staff's Clarification of Test Year* ("Staff's Clarification"), stating as follows:

1. On May 11 2022, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") filed Staff's Clarification by which Staff clarified a statement made in Staff's May 6, 2022 filing, *Staff's Response to Proposed Test Year* ("Staff's Response"). In Staff's Response, Staff stated that "By providing for a true-up period through September 30, 2022, there would no longer be a need for an update period." In Staff's Clarification filing Staff addressed confusion that may have been caused by this statement, saying that Staff "would continue to follow its ongoing practice in this case of updating its direct-filed revenue requirement as far out in time as data allows, whether that update period is officially ordered by the Commission or not."

2. Spire appreciates Staff's clarification regarding the update period and agrees that an ordered update period is not necessary. It is the Company's understanding that Staff will follow its standard practice and develop a cost of service model updated as far out as feasible, likely through March or April of 2022. The Company will continue to provide the information to Staff that will enable them to conduct this update.

WHEREFORE, Spire respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted

by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 17th day of May, 2022.

15/ Lew Keathley