

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc.	)	
d/b/a Spire's Request for Authority to	)	
Implement a General Rate Increase for	)	
Natural Gas Service Provided in the	)	Case No. GR-2022-0179
Company's Missouri Service Areas	)	

**RESPONSE TO SPIRE MISSOURI INC.'S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED  
TREATMENT**

**COMES NOW** the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) and for its *Response to Spire Missouri Inc.'s Motion for Expedited Treatment*, states as follows:

1. On February 24, 2023, Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire (“Spire”) filed tariff sheets for the Critical Needs Program, which Spire agreed to develop with the parties.
2. On February 27, 2023, the Commission issued an *Order Directing an Expedited Tariff Recommendation and Setting Time for Responses* that required, among other things, that “[a]ny other responses to the Critical Needs Program tariff sheets shall be filed no later than February 28, 2023.”
3. Pursuant to this *Order*, the OPC responds to Spire’s *Motion*.
4. The Commission should approve the compliance tariff sheets to implement Spire’s critical needs program pilot and should further do so with less than thirty (30) days’ notice.

5. This compliance tariff was developed with stakeholder input and serves to implement a critical needs program as set forth in the testimony of the OPC's witness Dr. Geoff Marke in this case.

6. This program will benefit Spire's ratepayers and serve to protect those customers with serious illness – or who require the use of life-support equipment – whose condition would be seriously impaired due to a loss of service.

7. Expeditious approval of this tariff will speed the implementation of these measures, and thus, the ability of this program to protect customers.

8. Therefore, the OPC requests the Commission approve Spire's *Motion for Expedited Treatment*.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests the Commission approve Spire's *Motion for Expedited Treatment*.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing have been mailed, emailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this twenty-eight day of February, 2023.

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