

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

In the matter of Spire Missouri Inc’s Motion for)
Expedited Treatment of its Low-Income Tariff) Case No. GA-2020_____
Filing)

**SPIRE MISSOURI INC.’S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT
OF LOW-INCOME TARIFF FILING**

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or “Company”), on behalf of its operating units, Spire Missouri East (“Spire East”) and Spire Missouri West (“Spire West”) and, pursuant to Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-2.065(2) and 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14) files this Motion for Expedited Treatment of its low-income tariff filing. In support thereof, Spire Missouri respectfully states as follows:

1. As this Commission is well aware, in a matter of weeks the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has spread across the country at an alarming rate, crippling the economy, and significantly impacting daily life. In an effort to mitigate the spread and impact of COVID-19, the majority of the United States, including the State of Missouri, is under prolonged stay at home orders. In order to discourage gatherings and promote social distancing, governments have ordered non-essential businesses to close, resulting in many businesses having to shut its doors, and people losing their jobs at a rate that is being compared to the Great Depression.

2. As these events unfold, the Company is committed to supporting its customers by revising its low-income tariff in order to devote approximately \$940,000 of funding to customers financially impacted by COVID-19. Spire Missouri will partner with United Way to screen customers for eligibility in order to provide those eligible customers a one-time monetary credit to their accounts.

3. Given the exigencies of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to implement these

measures on a timely basis, the Company submits that there is good cause to approve its tariff filing on an expedited basis and respectfully requests that the Commission approve its tariff filing filed on this same date by no later than April 17, 2020.

4. Spire Missouri submits that harm will be avoided by expedited approval of the application by permitting the Company to promptly begin the process of granting low income customers access to energy assistance funding on a timely basis. At the same time, there will be no negative impact on other customers or the general public if the Commission grants such relief. For all of these reasons, Spire Missouri submits that there is good cause for the Commission to approve its motion for expedited treatment and companion tariff sheets no later than April 17, 2020.

5. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been following the Company's formulation of this initiative for helping its customers in this time of need.

6. Spire Missouri has discussed this application for a variance with the Commission Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Spire Missouri, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion for expedited treatment as described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing pleading has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff and on the Office of the Public Counsel by hand delivery, email, fax, or United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 7th day of April, 2020.

/s/ Goldie T. Bockstruck
