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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri, Inc. ) d/b/a Spire, for Permission and Approval and a Certificate ) of Convenience and Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, ) Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise Control and Manage a ) Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas Service ) In Barry County, Missouri as an Extension of its Existing ) Certificated Areas )

File No. GA-2021-0216

## **STATUS REPORT**

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire ("Spire" or "Company"), by and through counsel, files this Status Report and in support thereof state as follows:

1. On January 12, 2021, Spire filed an Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") and seeking to extend its service territory to a poultry farm project and a whole county CCN, with the exception of the City of Wheaton.

2. On April 29, 2021, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff")

filed its Recommendation recommending the Commission approve the poultry farm project with certain conditions, and that the Commission deny Spire's request for the remaining portions of Barry County.

3. On April 28, 2021, Spire filed its Response to Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum opposing Staff's recommendation for the whole county CCN.

4. On June 21, 2021, Spire filed a Motion for Leave to Withdraw Portion of its Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

5. Staff and Spire have filed several Joint Status Reports, with the most recent one being filed on September 1, 2021, indicating that the parties have continued to discuss settlement and amicable resolution of this case.

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6. On September 2, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Extending Deadline giving the parties until October 1, 2021 to file a status update or other pleading. This filing complies with that Order.

7. At this time, Spire and Staff have reached agreement and are filing a Stipulation and Agreement in Commission File No. GA-2021-0259 today. Upon Approval of that Stipulation and Agreement, Spire has agreed to withdraw this application, and the Company reserves the right to file another application for the project described in that application at a later date.

8. Therefore, as a result of that Stipulation and Agreement, Staff and Spire anticipate that this matter will be resolved through Commission approval of the Stipulation and Agreement filed in Commission File No. GA-2021-0259. Ultimately, the understanding is that Spire will likely withdraw this Application. However, because the Stipulation and Agreement are being filed today in Commission File No. GA-2021-0259 Spire hereby requests that Commission grant the parties until no later than November 1, 2021 to make a filing in this case.

9. Counsel for Staff has reviewed this pleading and does not object to it. WHEREFORE, Spire hereby requests that the Commission grant the parties until no later than November 1, 2021, to make a filing in this matter and any other relief the Commission deems appropriate.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on all parties to this case on 1st day of October, 2021 by electronic mail.

/s/ Rachel L. Níemeíer