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

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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 Company's Missouri Service Areas

**File No. GR-2022-0179** Tracking No. YG-2022-0244

## <u>APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF</u> <u>MIDWEST ENERGY CONSUMERS GROUP</u>

COMES NOW, the Midwest Energy Consumers Group, ("MECG") and pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.075, applies to intervene in the above case. For its Application, MECG states:

1. Midwest Energy Consumer's Group ("MECG") is an incorporated entity representing the interests of large commercial and industrial users of electricity, water, and natural gas throughout the State of Missouri including the area served by Spire.

2. On April 1, 2022, Spire Missouri, Inc. filed for a \$151.9 million rate increase. The matters to be considered in this case and the Commission's determinations thereon, could have a direct and significant impact on the cost of service of the large commercial and industrial customers. MECG has a direct and immediate interest in these proceedings that is different from that of the general public.

3. While MECG does not at this time have sufficient information to assert a position on this case, it reserves the right to assert positions after it has had an adequate opportunity to examine the record, and any documentation of other parties filed herein.

4. MECG's intervention will serve the public interest by assisting the record for the Commission's decision in this case.

5. Pleadings, notices, and other correspondence in this case should be directed to undersigned counsel.

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WHEREFORE, MECG respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order granting its Application to Intervene and that it be made a party hereto with all rights to participate in this matter.

Respectfully,

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## Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022:

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