

things, provide heat to its livestock. Because time is of the essence and the customer needs to have assurance in the very near future that such natural gas service will be available (or make alternative arrangements), the Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Company's requested CCN no later than at its next agenda meeting on December 30, 2019.

4. Spire Missouri submits that harm will be avoided by expedited approval of the requested CCN by permitting the requested gas service to be provided 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 requested CCN at the Commission's next agenda meeting.

5. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been following the Staff's submission of its positive Report and Recommendation.

6. Finally, the Staff states in its Recommendation that it is unaware of any variance of Rule 20 CSR 4240-3.205(1)(A) required to process the Company's application. The Company agrees with Staff that given the information ultimately provided by the Company in support of the application that no variance is required and the Company hereby withdraws its request for such a variance.

7. The Company has consulted with counsel for the Commission Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel and both parties have indicated that they have no objection to this Motion for Expedited Treatment. Both parties, however, reserve the right to take whatever position they believe is appropriate in the Company's next rate case regarding the reasonableness and/or prudence of costs incurred in connection with providing service to the customer under the CCN. To facilitate that review, the Company agrees to provide updated information in its next rate case regarding the costs and revenues related to the extension.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that Commission consider and grant this Motion for Expedited Treatment and approve the CCN requested by the Company no later than at its next agenda meeting on December 30, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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