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 a Certificate of) Convenience and Necessity to Construct,) Install, Own, Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise) Control and Manage a Natural Gas Distribution) System in and around the City of Oronogo) in Jasper County, Missouri as an Expansion) of its Existing Certificated Areas)

File No. GA-2023-0038

STAFF STATUS REPORT AND MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Status Report and Motion for Extension*, states as follows:

1. On January 25, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Approving Acquisition of Assets and Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") in this matter, with an effective date of February 24, 2023. The Order granted Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire ("Spire Missouri"), a CCN to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in and around the City of Oronogo in Jasper County, Missouri, as a further expansion of its existing certificated area.

2. On June 26, 2023, Spire Missouri filed a letter with the Commission regarding proposed modifications to its tariff sheets.

3. On September 14, 2023, the Commission issued an order directing Staff to file a status report on this matter or request for an extension of time to file its report no later than September 28, 2023.

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4. Shortly thereafter, Staff reached out to Spire Missouri with questions and received some responses from Spire Missouri. Staff is in the process of reviewing those responses from Spire Missouri and conducting an investigation, which may require additional questions or data requests. As such, Staff requests an extension of time to file a more thorough report/recommendation. Staff requests the Commission permit Staff to file its report/recommendation no later than October 30, 2023.

5. Staff has reached out to Spire Missouri and Spire Missouri stated that it has no objection to Staff's request to file its recommendation no later than October 30, 2023.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept and grant this *Staff Status Report and Motion for Extension* and permit Staff to file its status report/recommendation no later than October 30, 2023; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers reasonable in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 27th day of September, 2023.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey