BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (East) Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Tariff Filing

Case No. GR-2021-0127

SPIRE MISSOURI DECEMBER 2023 REPORT

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COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire Missouri" or "Company"), and, as required by the *Stipulation and Agreement* (the "Stipulation") filed on August 11, 2023, and approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") on August 23, 2023, states as follows:

1. Under the Stipulation, Spire Missouri is required to annually commit, starting in fiscal year 2024 and continuing for five (5) years until fiscal year 2028, \$300,000 to six (6) community action agencies ("CAAs") for weatherization efforts and \$200,000 to either the Payment Partner Program or the Critical Needs Program for lowincome bill assistance.

2. Under the Stipulation, annually on December 1, starting on December 1, 2023 and ending on December 1, 2027, Spire Missouri is required to file a report, supported by affidavit, which includes the following information:

a. The dates, amounts and methods of payments made under this paragraph during the prior year and cumulatively;

b. For the weatherization funds and based on the individual reports from the CAAs, Spire Missouri will report on how many low-income families benefited in the prior 12 months and will estimate how many low-income families are expected to benefit from those funds in the next 12 months;

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c. For the bill assistance programs, Spire Missouri will report on which program the funding was contributed to, and, if feasible, the estimated number of low-income families that received such funding in the prior 12 months and the estimated number of low-income families that will receive such funding in the next 12 months; and

d. Identification of all relevant facts related to any non-compliance with this paragraph and explaining such non-compliance.

3. Attached as **Appendix 1** is the Affidavit of Scott A. Weitzel, which verifies that everything stated in this report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

4. On October 13, 2023, via electronic transfer, the \$300,000 for weatherization efforts for fiscal year 2024 was dispersed to the CAAs in the amounts required by the Stipulation. Attached as **Appendix 2** to this filing is an explanation of how each CAA will utilize the funds allocated for fiscal year 2024 under this Stipulation and how many families are expected to benefit.

5. For the \$200,000 for low-income assistance funding, Spire Missouri will be dispersing these funds to the United Way Greater St. Louis ("UWGSL"), so that they may be used to provide bill assistance to customers identified in the Critical Needs Program. However, Spire Missouri is still finalizing a statement of work for the Critical Needs Program with UWGSL, which it will execute in early December. Spire Missouri will then disperse the funds to UWGSL, no later than December 15, 2023. The Company commits to providing a confirmation directly to all parties of record on the date the \$200,000 is dispersed. 6. Spire Missouri is currently unable to estimate how many low-income families will receive assistance out of these funds at this time. The Critical Needs Program is still in its "pilot" year, which started in April 2023 and is intended to be a soft launch of the program. Based on data and information received from UWGSL after the pilot year, Spire Missouri, on December 1, 2024, will report on how many families benefited from the funding in fiscal year 2024, and, if feasible, estimate how many families will benefit fiscal year 2025.

WHEREFORE, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission accept this report.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Antonio Arias

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail to all counsel of record this 1st day of December, 2023.

/s/ Julie Johnson

Appendix 1

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AFFIDVAIT

STATE OF MISSOURI)) SS. CITY OF ST. LOUIS)

I, Scott A. Weitzel, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. I am the Vice President, Regulatory and Governmental Affairs for Spire Missouri Inc. My business address is 700 Market St., St. Louis, Missouri, 63101.

2. I am authorized to make the following declaration on behalf of Spire

Missouri Inc.

3. I have read the foregoing document and verify, under penalty of perjury, that the matters and things set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Scott Weitzel 023 14:45 CST)

Scott A. Weitzel

December 1, 2023

Dated

Appendix 2

CAA Budget Projection SWxRF

Fiscal Year 2024

Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis

- > Plan to use the funds primarily for roof repair/replacement.
- Service 10-15 families @ \$6,000 to \$8,000 per home

North-East Community Action Corporation (NECAC)

- Plan to use the funds for: roof replacements, sewer leaks, pest control, addressing/fixing mold issues.
- Their goal is to help 5-10 low-income families: all dependent on the cost of the repairs they encounter.

Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation (JFCAC)

- Plan to use the funds to help approximately 6 homes.
- Expect to use the funds to make plumbing, small structural (floor, chimney) repairs, up to larger repairs which would include roof replacement.

Community Action Agency of STL County (CAASTLC)

- Plan to use the funds for: pest control, plumbing repair, water damage clean-up & restoration, roof, gutter, sewer leak repairs.
- > Their goal is to help approximately 40-45 homes.

East MO Action Agency (EMAA)

- > Plan to use the funds to help approximately 4 homes.
- > The funds will be used to make plumbing, roof, and electrical repairs.

South Central MO Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

- > Plan to use the funds to help 4-5 homes.
- > The funds will be used primarily to replace/repair roofs.