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

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In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire to Revise its Transportation Service ) Tariffs.

File No. GO-2024-XXXX

# **APPLICATION OF SPIRE MISSOURI INC. TO REVISE TRANSPORTATION TARIFFS**

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire Missouri" or "Company"), by and through counsel and pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.060(1) and 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), submits this Application to Revise its Transportation Service Tariffs and Request for Waiver from the 60 Day Notice Rule to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"). In support of its Application and Request, the Company respectfully states as follows:

### **APPLICANT**

1. Spire Missouri is a public utility and gas corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri, with its principal office located at 700 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

2 A Certificate of Good Standing evidencing Spire Missouri's standing to do business in Missouri was submitted in Case No. GF-2022-0169 and is incorporated by reference herein for all purposes. The information in such Certificate is current and correct.

3. Spire Missouri is engaged in the business of distributing and transporting natural gas to customers in Missouri as a gas corporation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Spire Missouri provides gas service in Missouri to customers in the City of St. Louis and the Counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Crawford, Jefferson, Franklin, Iron, St. Genevieve, St. Francois, Madison, Butler, Andrew, Barry, Barton, Bates, Buchanan, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Cooper, Dade, Dekalb, Greene, Henry, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, McDonald, Moniteau, Newton, Pettis, Platte, Ray, Saline, Stone, and Vernon.

4. Other than cases that have been docketed at the Commission, Spire Missouri has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court within the past three years that involve customer service or rates. Spire Missouri has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.

5. All correspondence, communications, notices, orders, and decisions of the Commission with respect to this matter should be sent to the undersigned counsel and to:

Julie Johnson Manager, Tariffs and Rates Spire Missouri Inc. 700 Market Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor St. Louis, Missouri 63101 (314) 574-6636 Julie.Johnson@spireenergy.com

6. Attached as **Appendix 1** is an affidavit from Julie Johnson stating that all information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of her knowledge.

#### **TARIFF CHANGES**

7. Spire Missouri requests to revise to its Transportation Service (Sheets Nos. 9

through 9.29) tariffs, as well as adding new Sheet Nos. 25 through 25.4.

8. The proposed tariff revisions are intended to clean up the transportation tariffs, including correcting unintentional omissions or curing deficiencies, as well as add new language that the Company believes is necessary for the operation of transportation service. Filed contemporaneously with this Application is the Direct Testimony of Kristina Embry, which will discuss and explain the substantive changes.

9. The tariff setting forth the proposed Transportation Service changes has also been filed concurrently with this Application.

# **REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM 60-DAY NOTICE RULE**

10. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) provides, in part, as follows:

Any person that intends to file a case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such case. Such notice shall detail the type of case and issues likely to be before the commission and shall include a summary of all communication regarding substantive issues likely to be in the case between the filing party and the office of the commission that occurred in the ninety (90) days prior to filing the notice.

11. Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D) permits a party to request a waiver of the above cited rule for good cause. The rule provision specifically provides that good cause may be established by submitting a verified declaration that the filing party has had no communication with the office of the Commission within the prior one hundred fifty (150) days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in the case. The Company interprets this to mean that good cause is established if the filing party has had no communication with a member of the office of the Commission outside of pleadings or other public communications. Subject to that understanding, the Company has attached, as **Appendix 2**, the verified declaration of Julie Johnson that neither the Company nor any person or entity acting on behalf of the Company, has had a communication

with a member of the office of the Commission in the last 150 days regarding any substantive issues that are likely to arise in the case. For that reason, the Company requests that the Commission grant a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement for Spire Missouri's Application for the Transport Services tariff sheets.

**WHEREFORE**, for all the foregoing reasons, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission approve Spire Missouri's revisions to its Transportation Services and associated tariffs, grant the requested waiver, and order any other relief as is just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Antonio Arias

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### ATTORNEYS FOR SPIRE MISSOURI INC.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application of Spire Missouri was served to Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel this 6th day of March 2024 by electronic mail.

# <u>/s/Julie Johnson</u>

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State of Missouri ) ) SS County of St. Louis )

I, Julie Johnson, being of lawful age and first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. I am the Manager of Tariffs and Rates and Tariffs for Spire Missouri Inc. My business address is 700 Market St., St. Louis, Missouri, 63101.

2. I am authorized to make the following declarations on behalf of Spire Missouri Inc. and have knowledge of the matters stated herein.

3. As required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.060(1)(M) and under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that the matters and things stated in the foregoing Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

> /s/ Julie Johnson Julie Johnson

March 6, 2024

Dated

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## **VERIFIED DECLARATION**

State of Missouri))SSCounty of St. Louis)

I, Julie Johnson, state that I am a Manager, Tariffs and Rates for Spire Missouri Inc. I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of Spire Missouri Inc. Under the penalty of perjury, I hereby swear and affirm that I have read the foregoing Request for Waiver and declare that other than pleadings or other public communications, Spire Missouri Inc. has had no communication with the office of the Commission, within the prior one hundred and fifty (150) days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in the above referenced case.

/s/ Julie Johnson

Julie Johnson

March 6, 2024 Dated