

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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)
Missouri, Inc. for a Certificate of)
Convenience and Necessity to Construct,)
Install, Own, Operate, Maintain, and)
Otherwise Control and Manage a Natural)
Gas Distribution System in Cass County,)
Missouri as an Expansion of its Existing)
Certificated Areas)

File No. GA-2024-0243

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and for its *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On March 8, 2024, Spire Missouri, Inc. (“Spire” or the “Company”), filed an *Application* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) to install, own, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain a natural gas distribution system to provide gas in Cass County, Missouri, as an addition to Spire’s existing certificated area. In its *Application*, Spire requested a waiver from the notice provisions of Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

2. On March 20, 2024, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation* requiring applications for intervention be filed no later than April 9, 2024, and directed Staff to file a recommendation by May 3, 2024.

3. As discussed in the Staff's Memorandum ("Memorandum"), attached hereto as **Appendix A** and incorporated by reference, Staff is of the opinion that Spire has fulfilled the requirements of the Tartan criteria for approval, subject to the conditions stated on page 4 of the Memorandum, of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

4. For these reasons, as more fully explained in Staff's Memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission approve Spire's Application for its requested CCN.

5. In the *Application*, Spire requested a waiver of the 60-day filing notice of 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1). Spire's *Application* provided a verified declaration that it had not had communication with the Commission within the prior 150 days regarding any substantive issues likely to be in the case. Staff agrees good cause exists pursuant to 20 CSR 4240.017(1)(D) and that the 60-day notice requirement should be waived.

WHEREFORE, for the above stated reasons, Staff prays the Commission approve Spire Missouri Inc.'s Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the service areas described in the Company's March 8, 2024 Application; and grant such other and further relief as is appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 3rd day of May 2024.

/s/ Ron Irving