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Witness: *David M. Sommerer*
Sponsoring Party: *MoPSC Staff*
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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS ANALYSIS DIVISION

PROCUREMENT ANALYSIS

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

DAVID M. SOMMERER

Joshua M. Kearney, Complainant

v.

Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire, Respondent

CASE NO. GC-2024-0172

Jefferson City, Missouri
June 2024

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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. David M. Sommerer, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, MO. 65101.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as the Manager of the Procurement Analysis Department.

Q. Have you provided your educational background and work experience in this file?

A. Yes. My education background and work experience is included as Schedule DMS-d1.

Q. What is the purpose of your Direct Testimony?

A. My Direct Testimony will address technical or tariff aspects of Mr. Joshua Michael Kearney’s Complaint. In my view, the Staff’s recommendation has adequately addressed the tariffs that are relevant to Mr. Kearney’s complaint. I am attaching a confidential version of the Staff recommendation as Confidential Schedule DMS-d2.

Q. Do you have any changes you would propose to make for Confidential Schedule DMS-d2?

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1 A. Yes, with respect to the point noted in Mr. Kearney's response to
2 Staff's Recommendation the quote in Staff's recommendation page 2 that states
3 "The *current* charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an
4 adjustment per Ccf for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchase gas, as
5 set out on Sheet No. 11."...the word "current" is not on the statement cited on Sheet No. 2
6 of the Company's tariff. The corrected quote needs to have the word "current" removed.

7 Q. Does this conclude your Direct Testimony?

8 A. Yes, it does.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Joshua M. Kearney,)	
Complainant)	Case No. GC-2024-0172
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v.)	
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Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire,)	
Respondent)	

AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID M. SOMMERER

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
)	ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)	

COMES NOW DAVID M. SOMMERER and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Direct Testimony of David M. Sommerer*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.



DAVID M. SOMMERER

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 3rd day of June 2024.

D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025 Commission Number: 12412070



 Notary Public

David M. Sommerer

Educational Background and Work Experience

In May 1983, I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Administration with a major in Accounting from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois. In May 1984, I received a Master of Accountancy degree from the same university. Also, in May 1984, I sat for and passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountants examination. I am currently a licensed CPA in Missouri. Upon graduation, I accepted employment with the Commission.

From 1984 to 1990 I assisted with audits and examinations of the books and records of public utilities operating within the state of Missouri. In 1988, the responsibility for conducting the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) audits of natural gas utilities was given to the Accounting Department. I assumed responsibility for planning and implementing these audits and trained available Staff on the requirements and conduct of the audits. I participated in most of the ACA audits from early 1988 to early 1990. On November 1, 1990, I transferred to the Commission's Energy Department. Until November of 1993, my duties consisted of reviews of various tariff proposals by electric and gas utilities, Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) reviews, and tariff reviews as part of a rate case. In November of 1993, I assumed my present duties of managing a newly created department called the Procurement Analysis Department. This Department was created to more fully address the emerging changes in the gas industry especially as they impacted the utilities' recovery of gas costs. My duties have included managing the Procurement Analysis staff, reviewing ACA audits and recommendations, participating in the gas integrated resource planning project, serving on the gas project team, serving on the natural gas commodity price task force, and participating in matters relating to natural gas service in the state of Missouri. In July of 2006, the Federal Issues/Policy Analysis Section was transferred to the Procurement Analysis Department. That group analyzes filings made before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). During the reorganization in August 2011, the Federal Issues/Policy Analysis Section was transferred to the Secretary/ General Counsel Division. In 2015, I assumed the responsibility for the rate design aspects of the Gas Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS) process. The Gas ISRS allows for a more expedited process of including eligible pipeline replacements in rates prior to general rate cases. In April of 2021, I participated in the development of Staff's Report in the Cold Weather Event Investigation Case No. AO-2021-0264.

**CASES WHERE TESTIMONY
WAS FILED
DAVID M. SOMMERER**

COMPANY	CASE NO.	ISSUES
Spire West	GR-2022-0136	Off-system Sales
Summit Natural Gas of Missouri	GR-2022-0122	PGA/ACA Carrying Costs
Summit Natural Gas of Missouri	GC-2022-0158	Ozark Healthcare Complaint
Spire East/West	GR-2021-0108	PGA/ACA Consolidation, Seasonal PGA
Spire East	GO-2019-0356	ISRS rates
Spire West	GO-2019-0357	ISRS rates
Spire East	GO-2019-0115	ISRS rates
Spire West	GO-2019-0116	ISRS rates
Spire East	GO-2018-0309	ISRS rates
Spire West	GO-2018-0310	ISRS rates
Missouri Gas Energy	GO-2017-0201	ISRS rates
Laclede Gas Company	GO-2017-0202	ISRS rates
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-2017-0216	Gas Inventory Carrying Cost and Service Agreements
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2017-0215	Gas Inventory Carrying Cost and Service Agreements
Laclede Gas Company	GO-2016-0333	ISRS rates
Missouri Gas Energy	GO-2016-0332	ISRS rates
Laclede Gas Company (MGE)	GO-2016-0197	ISRS rates
Laclede Gas Company	GO-2016-0196	ISRS rates

COMPANY	CASE NO.	ISSUES
Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities	GR-2014-0152	Special Contact Customers Gas Contract
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-2014-0007	Gas Supply Incentive Plan Property Tax PGA Recovery
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2010-0171	Bad Debt in PGA, CAM
Atmos Energy Corporation	GR-2009-0417	Affiliated Transactions
Atmos Energy Corporation	GR-2008-0364	Affiliated Transactions
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-2009-0355	PGA tariff
Laclede Gas Company	GT-2009-0026	Tariff Proposal, ACA Process
Missouri Gas Utility	GR-2008-0060	Carrying Costs
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2007-0208	Gas Supply Incentive Plan, Off-system Sales, Capacity Release
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2005-0284	Off-System Sales/GSIP
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2004-0273	Demand Charges
AmerenUE	EO-2004-0108	Transfer of Gas Services
Aquila, Inc.	EF-2003-0465	PGA Process, Deferred Gas Cost
Missouri Gas Energy	GM-2003-0238	Pipeline Discounts, Gas Supply
Laclede Gas Company	GT-2003-0117	Low-Income Program
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2002-356	Inventory, Off-System Sales
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2001-629	Inventory, Off-System Sales
Laclede Gas Company	GR-2001-387	ACA Price Stabilization
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-2001-382	ACA Hedging/Capacity Release
Laclede Gas Company	GT-2001-329	Incentive Plan
Laclede Gas Company	GO-2000-394	Price Stabilization

COMPANY	CASE NO.	ISSUES
Laclede Gas Company	GT-99-303	Incentive Plan
Laclede Gas Company	GC-99-121	Complaint PGA
Laclede Gas Company	GR-98-297	ACA Gas Cost
Laclede Gas Company	GO-98-484	Price Stabilization
Laclede Gas Company	GR-98-374	PGA Clause
Missouri Gas Energy	GC-98-335	Complaint Gas Costs
United Cities Gas Company	GO-97-410	PGA Clause
Missouri Gas Energy	GO-97-409	PGA Clause
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-96-450	ACA Gas Costs
Missouri Public Service	GA-95-216	Cost of Gas
Missouri Gas Energy	GO-94-318	Incentive Plan
Western Resources Inc.	GR-93-240	PGA tariff, Billing Adjustments
Union Electric Company	GR-93-106	ACA Gas Costs
United Cities Gas Company	GR-93-47	PGA tariff, Billing Adjustments
Laclede Gas Company	GR-92-165	PGA tariff
United Cities Gas Company	GR-91-249	PGA tariff
United Cities Gas Company	GR-90-233	PGA tariff
Associated Natural Gas Company	GR-90-152	Payroll
KPL Gas Service Company	GR-90-50	Service Line Replacement
KPL Gas Service Company	GR-90-16	ACA Gas Costs
KPL Gas Service Company	GR-89-48	ACA Gas Costs
Great River Gas Company	GM-87-65	Lease Application
Grand River Mutual Tel. Company	TR-87-25	Plant, Revenues
Empire District Electric Company	WR-86-151	Revenues

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COMPANY	CASE NO.	ISSUES
Associated Natural Gas Company	GR-86-86	Revenues, Gas Cost
Grand River Mutual Telephone	TR-85-242	Cash Working Capital
Great River Gas Company	GR-85-136	Payroll, Working Capital
Missouri-American Water Company	WR-85-16	Payroll

THIS RECOMMENDATION OF THE STAFF

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