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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s Application ) for Issuance of an Accounting Authority Order ) Related to Hedging Positions )  Case No. GU-2025-0036
FULL AND UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT
COME NOW Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire Missouri" or the "Company") and Staff
of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") (collectively, the "Parties") and
respectfully submit this Full and Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement (this
"Stipulation") to resolve this docket, stating the following:
1. On July 26, 2024, Spire Missouri filed its Application for Approval of an
Accounting Authority Order Related to Hedging Positions ("Application").
2. The Application requested Commission authorization to defer the net effect
from the settlement of interest rate hedges into a regulatory liability. **
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3. The Parties agree that it is appropriate for the Company to defer the net
effect from the settlement of interest rate hedges into a regulatory liability as requested by
the Company and amortize it to earnings over the ten-year term of the bonds issued in
August 2024.
4. The Parties agree that the Missouri Public Service Commission

("Commission") should issue an order authorizing the Company to defer the net effect from

the settlement of interest rate hedges into a regulatory liability as requested by the Company and amortize it to earnings over the ten-year term of the bonds issued in August 2024.

- 5. The Parties agree that this Stipulation and its terms are specific to this case only, and this Stipulation cannot be treated as precedent in future cases before the Commission.
- 6. The Office of the Public Counsel has been advised of this Stipulation and does not object.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT

- 7. **Limitation of Scope**: This Stipulation is being entered into for the purpose of disposing of the issues specifically addressed herein. In presenting this Stipulation, none of the Parties shall be deemed to have approved, accepted, agreed, consented or acquiesced to any procedural principle, and none of the Parties shall be prejudiced or bound in any manner by the terms of this Stipulation, whether approved or not, in this or any other proceeding, other than a proceeding limited to the enforcement of the terms of this Stipulation, except as otherwise expressly specified herein. The Parties further understand and agree that the provisions of this Stipulation relate only to the specific matters referred to in this Stipulation, and no Party waives any claim or right which it otherwise may have with respect to any matter not expressly provided for in this Stipulation. The Parties further understand and agree that no Party to this Stipulation shall assert the terms of this Stipulation as a precedent in any future proceeding.
- 8. **Interdependence and Non-Severability**: This Stipulation has resulted from negotiations and the terms hereof are interdependent. If the Commission does not

approve this Stipulation in total or approves it with modifications or conditions to which a Party objects, then this Stipulation shall be void and no Party shall be bound by any of its provisions. The agreements herein are specific to this proceeding and are made without prejudice to the rights of the Parties to take other positions in other proceedings except as otherwise noted herein. If the Commission does not unconditionally approve this Stipulation without modification, and notwithstanding its provision that it shall become void, neither this Stipulation, nor any matters associated with its consideration by the Commission, shall be considered or argued to be a waiver of the rights that any Party has for a decision in accordance with Section 536.080, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri ("RSMo") or Article V, Section 18, of the Missouri Constitution, and the Parties shall retain all procedural and due process rights as fully as though this Stipulation had not been presented for approval, and any suggestions or memoranda, testimony or exhibits that have been offered or received in support of this Stipulation shall become privileged as reflecting the substantive content of settlement discussions and shall be stricken from and not be considered as part of the administrative or evidentiary record before the Commission for any further purpose whatsoever.

9. **Waiver of Procedural Rights**: If the Commission unconditionally accepts the specific terms of this Stipulation without modification, the Parties waive, with respect to the issues resolved herein, their respective rights as follows: (1) to call, examine and cross-examine witnesses pursuant to Section 536.070(2), RSMo.; (2) to present oral argument and/or written briefs pursuant to Section 536.080.1, RSMo.; (3) to the reading of the transcript by the Commission pursuant to Section 536.080.2, RSMo.; (4) to seek rehearing pursuant to Section 386.500, RSMo.; and (5) to judicial review pursuant to

Section 386.510, RSMo. These waivers apply only to a Commission order respecting this Stipulation issued in this above-captioned case and do not apply to any issues or matters raised in any prior or subsequent Commission order, or any issue or other matters not explicitly addressed by this Stipulation.

10. **Merger and Integration**: This Stipulation contains the entire agreement of the Parties concerning the issues addressed herein. The intent of the Parties to this Stipulation has been fully and exclusively expressed in this document.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request the Commission approve this Stipulation, issue an order authorizing the requested accounting treatment, and grant any other relief as is just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Certificate of Service**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel via electronic mail (email) on this 27th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Julie Johnson