

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.’s)
Request for Authority to Implement a)
General Rate Increase for Natural Gas) File No. GR-2025-xxxx
Service Provided in the Company’s)
Missouri Service Areas)

SPIRE MISSOURI INC.’S NOTICE OF INTENDED RATE CASE FILING

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire” or “the Company”), on behalf of its operating units, Spire Missouri East (“Missouri East”) and Spire Missouri West (“Missouri West”) and, pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), files this Notice of Intended Case Filing (“Notice”), respectfully stating as follows:

1. First and foremost, Spire remains focused on safely delivering affordable and reliable natural gas to our customers’ homes and businesses and providing them with accurate, timely, and seamless billing and account management. We’re working hard to deliver what our customers expect, at a great value, while also supporting our communities and providing assistance to those customers struggling to pay their bills.

2. Since its last rate case, Spire has continued to make investments to modernize its infrastructure, most importantly through investments in its delivery system and technology. New infrastructure means lower maintenance costs and improved reliability and service for years to come. It will also ensure that Missouri has the modernized energy infrastructure needed to fuel economic growth and job creation. Additionally, by replacing our pipelines throughout the region, we’ve reduced our emissions, ensuring the safety of our community and contributing to a better environment for all. We’re also installing advanced metering technology throughout Missouri, which offers improved customer and employee safety, and enhanced energy insights for our customers.

3. However, Spire is not immune to the economic conditions affecting the state and country. Among other things, the Company's rate case filing will seek to address recovery of capital invested since its last rate case, roll-in of capital currently being recovered through the infrastructure system replacement surcharge (ISRS), increased borrowing costs, increased costs associated with inflationary pressures, and weather and conservation as more fully described below.

4. In Missouri rate cases, the Missouri Public Service Commission sets just and reasonable rates, which should allow a utility to recover its full cost of service and earn a reasonable return on its investments. With changing weather patterns, conservation trends, and energy efficiency investments, the Company is hard-pressed to fully recover its revenue requirement. This has been confirmed by Standard & Poor's credit rating agency issuing a recent downgrade of Spire Missouri. In this case, Spire is proposing to address the impacts of weather and conservation on revenue, as allowed for in § 386.266.3 RSMo. These proposed changes are allowed by Missouri law and will provide the Company a reasonable ability to recover its full cost of service, subject to customer protections, and continue to deliver a safe, reliable, and affordable product.

5. Additionally, Spire takes another step in this filing to fully unify its Missouri East and Missouri West operating units, proposing single distribution tariff rates for its East and West service territories that will keep the Company's service consistent throughout the state.

6. For all of the foregoing reasons, Spire intends to file tariffs to initiate a general rate case proceeding pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1). Spire has not engaged in any ex parte discussion regarding any substantive issue pertaining to this filing with the Office of the Commission (as defined in 20 CSR 4240-4.015(10)) within the ninety days immediately preceding

the filing of this notice. Spire has communicated with the Office of the Commission for calendar availability, to introduce Spire and new Spire officers, and to provide an Agenda presentation. No substantive issues pertaining to this filing were discussed in the aforementioned communications.

WHEREFORE, Spire respectfully requests that the Commission and its Secretary accept this Notice regarding Spire's upcoming rate case filing.

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 (e-mail) on this 20th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Julie Johnson