

**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 ) File No. GA-2024-0361  
and Manage Natural Gas Distribution Systems )  
Throughout the State of Missouri and for Approval )  
to Acquire Natural Gas Assets of Southern Star )  
Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. )

**RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or the “Company”), by and through its undersigned counsel, and submits this *Response to Staff Recommendation*, stating the following:

1. On June 6, 2024, Spire filed its Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) and Approval of Purchase of Assets relating to its proposed acquisition of domestic farm taps from Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (“Southern Star”).
2. The Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) directed Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) to file a recommendation on Spire Missouri’s application by July 16, 2024.
3. Spire Missouri filed a supplement to its application on July 18, 2024.
4. Staff requested extensions to file its recommendation. The final request was to file its recommendation by October 25, 2024.
5. Staff filed its recommendation on October 24, 2024. Staff recommended approval of Spire Missouri’s application, subject to three conditions.
6. Spire Missouri has reviewed Staff’s recommendation and conditions, and the Company agrees with the recommendation and accepts the proposed conditions, including the

condition that the Company track all revenues, investments, and expenses directly related to the farm taps and record these items, to the extent practical. Spire Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Company's application, consistent with Staff's recommendation.

**WHEREFORE**, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Company's application for a CCN and the Company's acquisition of natural gas assets of Southern Star, consistent with Staff's recommendation, and grant 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 hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on all parties of record via electronic mail (e-mail) on this 31st day of October, 2024.

*/s/ J. Antonio Arias*

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