

**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.)

**SPIRE MISSOURI INC'S
MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or “Company”), and, pursuant to Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080 (14), submits this Motion for Expedited Treatment to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), stating the following:

1. On June 6, 2024, Spire Missouri filed its *Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and Approval of Purchase of Assets, and Request for a Waiver* seeking Commission approval of its purchase of farm taps from Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (“Southern Star”) and a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CC&N”) for the areas containing the farm taps being acquired.

2. On October 24, 2024, Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) issued its *Staff Recommendation*, which recommended approval of the Company’s application subject to three conditions. Spire Missouri filed its response to the recommendation on October 31, 2024. No other responses were filed.

3. On November 21, 2024, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Acquisition of Assets and Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* (“Order) and directed the Company

to file compliance tariffs incorporating the legal description of the areas to be served under the CC&N. The Commission made its Order effective on December 1, 2024.

4. In compliance with the Commission's Order, the Company has contemporaneously filed, with this Motion for Expedited Treatment, compliance tariff sheets incorporating the legal description of the areas to be served under the CC&N.

5. The purpose of this Motion for Expedited Treatment is to request the Commission approve the Company's compliance tariff sheets filed on this date to become effective on December 6, 2024.

6. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080 (14) (B) requires that a motion for expedited treatment set out the "harm that will be avoided, or the benefit that will accrue," and include "a statement of the negative effect, or that there will be no negative effect on the party's customers or the general public" if the Commission acts as requested.

7. Spire Missouri and Southern Star are working to close this transaction before the end of the calendar year, which includes transferring assets that Spire Missouri will be operating and maintaining to serve customers. Unlike other CC&N applications where Spire Missouri obtains approval, begins construction, and then serves customers months to years later, in this situation, the Company will be serving customers in the approved certificated areas once the transaction is closed. The benefit that will accrue from expedited treatment is that Spire Missouri will have the certificated areas in its effective tariffs at closing and be able to start serving the customers receiving natural gas from these farm taps going into the peak of the winter season. Spire Missouri has a proven record of providing safe and reliable service, as well as responding to emergencies quickly and efficiently to ensure customers are not left without gas service during the

heating season. At the same time, there will be no negative impact on the Company's customers or the general public if the Commission grants this request for expedited treatment.

8. For all of these reasons, Spire Missouri submits that there is good cause for the Commission to approve the compliance tariffs to become effective on December 6, 2024.

7. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been following the Company's preparation and filing of the compliance tariff sheets in accordance with the Order issued by the Commission on November 21, 2024.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission consider and grant this Motion for Expedited Treatment and approve the compliance tariffs to become effective on December 6, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 21st day of November, 2024.

/s/ Julie Johnson
