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**SPIRE MISSOURI INC.**

**CASE NO. GR-2025-0107**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY**

**OF**

**TRISHA E. LAVIN**

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**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF TRISHA E. LAVIN**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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**Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

A. My name is Trisha E. Lavin. My business address is 700 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

**Q. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT POSITION?**

A. I am a Senior Regulatory Analyst for Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or the “Company”).

**Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES.**

A: I have been in my current position since September 2022. In my position, I am responsible for assisting in many facets of regulatory research and modeling. I also lead and help assist in the preparation and processing of Spire Missouri’s regulatory mechanisms, including, but not limited to, the Company’s Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (“ISRS”) filings.

**Q. WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE?**

A. I joined Spire Missouri as a Regulatory Analyst in 2018. Prior to that, I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Economics with a minor in International Studies from the University of Illinois-Springfield in 2017 and received my Master's Degree in Political Science from University of Illinois-Springfield in 2019. During my Master’s program, I was a graduate assistant to the Director of the Center for Business & Regulation within the College of Business and Management. In this role, I undertook regulatory research to further understand the relationship between regulators and businesses, as well as assisted in

1 hosting the American Gas Association Rate Schools in Chicago, Illinois for both the  
2 introductory and advanced courses.

3 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED TESTIMONY BEFORE THE MISSOURI**  
4 **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (“COMMISSION”) OR ANY OTHER**  
5 **COMMISSION?**

6 A. Yes. I have filed testimony in Case Nos. GR-2021-0108, GO-2022-0171, GO-2023-0203,  
7 GO-2023-0432, GO-2024-0214 and GR-2025-0026.

8 **II. PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY**

9 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

10 A. The purpose of my testimony is to identify and explain how this rate case filing satisfies  
11 the minimum filing requirements pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-3.030(3)(B) and sponsor  
12 certain income statement adjustments in the areas of revenue and gas costs. More  
13 specifically, these adjustments include weather normalization and customer annualization  
14 for the Residential class, and rate switching normalization for those customers who  
15 changed rates throughout the test year or should change rates going forward based on  
16 Spire Missouri’s annual usage review. Additionally, my testimony includes revenue and/  
17 or expense adjustments for operating income items. I will also address the  
18 Company’s Commission ordered Certificate of Convenience and Necessity audit, as  
19 well as the excess capacity adjustment that was made in GR-2021-0108.

20 **Q. PLEASE LIST THE SCHEDULES YOU ARE SPONSORING.**

21 A. I am sponsoring Schedule G-1 in both EAB-MOE1 and EAB-MOW1 which is attached to  
22 Company Witness Eric Bouselli’s direct testimony.

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**III. MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS**

**Q. WHAT IS THE AGGREGATE ANNUAL INCREASE AND THE PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE OVER CURRENT REVENUES THAT SPIRE MISSOURI IS PROPOSING IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

A. As explained in the testimony of Spire Missouri witness Scott Weitzel, in order to continue to provide the safe and reliable natural gas service that our customers count on, Spire Missouri is requesting a gross revenue increase of approximately \$289.5 million. However, this amount is offset by the \$53.6 million in ISRS revenues that the Company is already collecting, making Spire Missouri’s net incremental revenue increase \$235.8 million or a 15.85% annual total bill increase for an average residential customer.

**Q. WHAT IS REQUIRED BY COMMISSION RULES 20 CSR 4240-3.030(3)(A) AND 20 CSR 4240-3.030(3)(B)?**

A. These rules set forth the standard Minimum Filing Requirements (“MFR”) for all general rate increase requests for public utilities. Counsel for Spire Missouri is providing the tariff transmittal letter as required by 20 CSR 4240-3.030(3)(A). The remaining MFRs as required by 20 CSR 4240-3.030(3)(B) are listed below and can be found in Exhibit No. 2 of the Minimum Filing Requirements Package.

- Counties and Communities Affected
- Aggregate Annual Increase in Dollars and Percentages
- Number of Customer Affected by Service and Rate Class
- Dollar and Percentage Change by Service and Rate Class
- Proposed Annual Aggregate Change by Service and Rate Class
- Press Release

- Summary of Explanation for Additional Rate

**Q. DID SPIRE MISSOURI ISSUE ANY PRESS RELEASES PRIOR TO OR AT THE TIME OF THE FILING OF THIS RATE CASE?**

A. Yes. The Company’s press release, anticipated for November 26, 2024, is attached in Exhibit No. 2.

**Q: IS THE COMPANY REQUIRED TO FILE ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS RATE CASE UNDER THE COMMISSION’S RULES?**

A. Yes. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-40.090 requires a gas utility to submit a depreciation study with a general rate increase request, except when a depreciation study has been provided in the three years prior to the request. This rule also contains additional filing requirements for a gas utility’s submission of a depreciation study and a property unit catalog. The Company’s full and complete detailed deprecation study for this proceeding can be found in the Direct Testimony of Company witness John Spanos from Gannett Fleming. The Company’s property unit catalog can be found in the Minimum Filing Requirements Package as Exhibit 4.

**Q. WILL YOUR TESTIMONY INCLUDE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF WHY SPIRE MISSOURI IS SEEKING A RATE INCREASE?**

A. While I am sponsoring the minimum filing requirements required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-3.030, Spire Missouri Witnesses Scott Weitzel and David Yonce are filing direct testimony that more fully reflect the reasons for the Company’s proposed rate relief.

1                   **IV.    CERTIFICATED AND UNCERTIFICATED AREAS**

2   **Q.    WHAT ISSUES ARE BEING ADDRESSED IN REGARD TO ASSETS IN**  
3   **CERTIFICATED AND UNCERTIFICATED AREAS?**

4   A.    First, Spire Missouri is making an adjustment to Account 105000 stemming from  
5   Stipulation and Agreement Item #25 in GR-2021-0108 for plant held for future use.  
6   Second, over the last two years, Spire Missouri has filed a number of CCN applications for  
7   uncertificated territory containing Spire Missouri assets. As a condition of Commission  
8   approval of such applications, Spire Missouri was ordered to perform an internal audit of  
9   the processes and procedures regarding compliance with 20 CSR 4240-3.205.

10 **Q.    WHY IS THE COMPANY MAKING THIS ADJUSTMENT TO ACCOUNT**  
11 **105000?**

12 A.    In Docket GR-2021-0108 Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) Witness Robin Kliethermes  
13   stated that a total of seven CCNs and the associated revenue requirements of each CCN  
14   were subject to review in the Company’s next general rate proceeding<sup>1</sup>. Staff Witness  
15   Kliethermes went on to describe how in three CCN dockets the level of capacity installed  
16   far exceeded the level of capacity currently utilized by the customer(s) and therefore  
17   recommended an “excess capacity” adjustment based on the percentage of capacity  
18   utilized. However, in the past couple of years the Company has experienced additional  
19   hookups on some of those CCNs, and the Company is making this adjustment to reflect  
20   plant investments associated with Docket Nos. GA-2020-0105, GA-2019-0226 and GA-  
21   2019-0210.

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<sup>1</sup> GR-2021-0108 Staff Direct Revenue Requirement Report, page 29, Robin Kliethermes.

1 **Q. WHAT IS THE IMPACT TO THE COMPANY’S PLANT HELD FOR FUTURE**  
2 **USE ACCOUNT 105000?**

3 A. Because we are using more of the asset capacity with the additional hookups, the  
4 adjustment will move \$57,100 from Plant Account 105000 Plant Held for Future Use to  
5 Plant Account 101000 Plant in Service.

6 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INTERNAL AUDIT ORDERED BY THE**  
7 **COMMISSION.**

8 A. The primary objectives of the audit were to review the Company’s CCN processes and  
9 procedures regarding compliance with 20 CSR 4240-3.205 and confirm that all of the areas  
10 in which Spire Missouri is providing regulated service to customers has been certificated  
11 by the Commission.

12 **Q. HAS SPIRE MISSOURI COMPLETED THIS AUDIT?**

13 A. Yes.

14 **Q. WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THE AUDIT?**

15 A. The Company verified the accuracy of certificated Spire Missouri service locations within  
16 the GIS Mapping Overlay as compared to currently effective Spire Missouri Tariff Sheets,  
17 validated the accuracy of the Regulatory-led reconciliation of GIS records, and assessed  
18 business methods and processes across all Company departments involved. Spire Missouri  
19 also discovered that the majority of assets that were located outside of certificated areas  
20 were legacy Missouri Gas Energy (“MGE”) installations.

21 Additionally, the Company has implemented a semi-annual reconciliation between the  
22 Company’s tariff sheets and the GIS asset records. Other departments involved in the CCN



1 process will also continue to look for ways to clean up the process and improve compliance  
2 ownership opportunities.

3 **Q. HOW AND WHY DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE TO HANDLE THE AUDIT**  
4 **FINDINGS IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

5 A. The Company has chosen to treat this CCN audit as a rate case item instead of a single-  
6 issue item outside of a rate case. The Company is viewing the results of the audit as a  
7 chance to update Tariff Sheet Nos. 21-21.16. These changes will be noted in the Company  
8 MFRs.

9 **Q. IS STAFF IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS TREATMENT?**

10 A. At this time, the Company is unsure of Staff's position with respect to the treatment of this  
11 audit. Spire Missouri reached out to Staff prior to this rate case filing but was unable to  
12 find a suitable time to discuss the treatment of the audit. However, the Company is open to  
13 working with Staff on an agreed upon path forward on this issue.

14 **V. ADJUSTMENTS TO OPERATING INCOME**

15 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENTS TO OPERATING INCOME FOR**  
16 **SPIRE MISSOURI.**

17 A. I am sponsoring adjustments to revenues to reflect the appropriate level of test year margin  
18 from off-system sales and capacity releases for Spire Missouri. Additionally, I am  
19 sponsoring adjustments to the net operating revenues.

20 **VI. OFF-SYSTEM SALES AND CAPACITY RELEASE**

21 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENTS RELATED TO MARGINS**  
22 **RETAINED BY SPIRE MISSOURI FROM OFF-SYSTEM SALES AND**  
23 **CAPACITY RELEASES IN MORE DETAIL.**

1 A. In accordance with our tariff, Spire Missouri is allowed to retain 25% of the pre-tax margins  
2 realized from its off-system sales and capacity releases. Consistent with its tariff, these  
3 adjustments eliminate the Company’s portion of income realized in utility operating  
4 income during the test year. This specific income should not be considered revenue that  
5 will be present on an ongoing basis and because of this, the Company has omitted including  
6 these revenues from the test year revenues.

7 **VII. WEATHER NORMALIZATION**

8 **Q. WHAT IS WEATHER NORMALIZATION AND WHAT IS THE RELEVANCE**  
9 **OF THIS PROCESS IN A RATE CASE?**

10 A. Weather normalization is the process that adjusts energy consumption to account for  
11 normal weather conditions. Because Spire Missouri’s customer base is primarily  
12 comprised of space-heating customers, weather is the major driver for the levels of  
13 revenues and gas costs incurred throughout a 12-month period. Therefore, test year margins  
14 must be adjusted to a weather normalized basis.

15 **Q. WHAT IS THE ADJUSTMENT MADE FOR WEATHER NORMALIZATION**  
16 **AND WHAT IS THE IMPACT/RESULT?**

17 A. The revenue adjustment to test year revenues is shown in Schedule G-1 in both EAB-  
18 MOE1 and EAB-MOW1 on Line 2.

19 **Q. SPIRE MISSOURI HAS A WEATHER NORMALIZATION RIDER ALREADY.**  
20 **WHY IS SPIRE MISSOURI MAKING THIS ADJUSTMENT IN THIS CASE?**

21 A. As discussed in Company Witness David Yonce’s direct testimony, Spire Missouri is  
22 proposing to replace its current Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (“WNAR”),  
23 which has been in effect since the conclusion of Docket Nos. GR-2017-0215/0216, with a

1 new mechanism. However, even with the current weather rider, weather volatility,  
2 especially within the heating months of November to April, can impact monthly margins.  
3 The weather normalization adjustment restates test year volumes and associated revenues  
4 for the residential and general service customer classes to reflect volumes and revenues  
5 that would have been experienced if normal weather had occurred during this test year.

6 **Q. WHAT MEASURE OF NORMAL WEATHER DID YOU USE FOR THE**  
7 **ADJUSTMENT?**

8 A. Spire Missouri engaged a weather consulting firm, Atmospheric G2 (“AG2”), which  
9 provided a comprehensive weather analysis of Spire Missouri’s service territories. The  
10 data was compiled from the St. Louis station, which is located at Lambert International  
11 Airport, and from the Kansas City station located at the Kansas City International Airport.

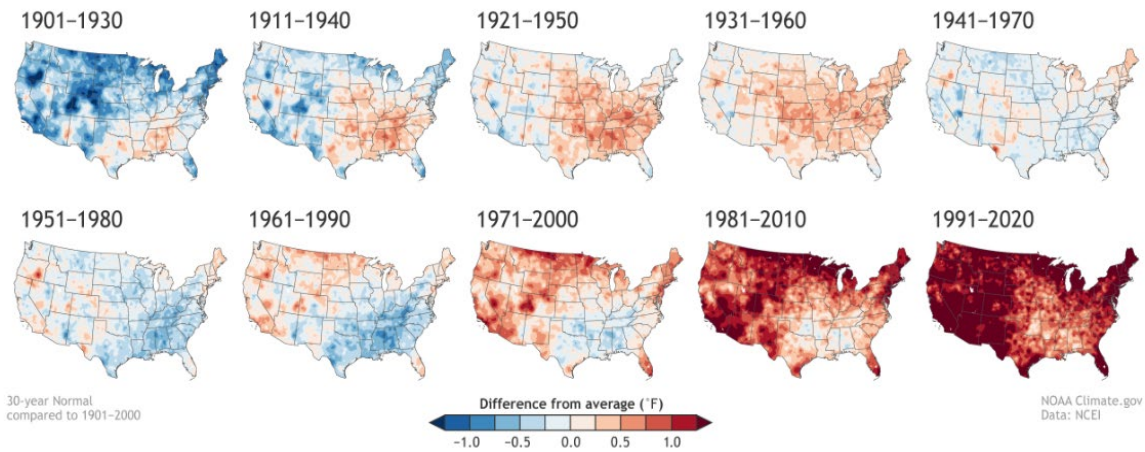
12 **Q. WHAT WAS SPIRE MISSOURI’S RATIONALE FOR UTILIZING A WEATHER**  
13 **CONSULTANT?**

14 A. The standard 30-year normal has been the accepted definition of normal weather for  
15 decades. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”) defines a  
16 climate normal as the arithmetic mean of a climatological element computed over three  
17 consecutive decades. However, NOAA has acknowledged that its averages from 1991-  
18 2020 are the warmest on record for the country<sup>2</sup>. Spire Missouri has felt the effects of that  
19 warming weather pattern and decided to take a deeper look at how to better reflect the  
20 warming trends.

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<sup>2</sup> Retrieved on November 11, 2024, [NOAA Delivers New U.S. Climate Normals | News | National Centers for Environmental Information \(NCEI\)](#).

## U.S. ANNUAL TEMPERATURE COMPARED TO 20<sup>th</sup>-CENTURY AVERAGE



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2 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE RESULTS OF THE AG2 ANALYSIS.**

3 A. Spire Missouri had requested that AG2 look at a 10-year normal, 30-year normal and  
4 AG2's "Smart Normal," which uses a trend adjusted statistical model to produce normal  
5 weather data. In short, AG2 performed an evaluation of the statistical fit of each of the  
6 three normal weather patterns relative to recent temperatures. AG2 stated that in its  
7 experience, the use of the standard 30-year normal typically results in a colder bias in  
8 estimating future temperatures. AG2's Confidential Evaluation is attached to my testimony  
9 as Sch. TEL-1.

10 **Q. WHAT LEVEL OF HEATING DEGREE DAYS ARE BEING SPONSORED IN**  
11 **YOUR ADJUSTMENTS FOR SPIRE MISSOURI?**

12 A. Given all the data, Spire Missouri chose to use AG2's recommendation of a 10-year normal  
13 for the weather adjustment. For Spire Missouri East's service territory, a 10-year normal  
14 of 4,240 HDDS, were calculated and used. For Spire Missouri West's service territory, a  
15 10-year normal of 4,855 HDDs were calculated and used.

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<sup>3</sup>Retrieved November 20, 2024, [Climate change and the 1991-2020 U.S. Climate Normals | NOAA Climate.gov](https://www.noaa.gov/climate-change-and-the-1991-2020-u.s.-climate-normals) .

1 **Q. ARE THERE OTHER REASONS FOR USING THE 10-YEAR NORMAL?**

2 A. Yes. The 10-year normal is much more reflective of current weather conditions. In fact,  
3 Spire Missouri's most recent WNAR filing is a perfect example of that. The Company's  
4 most recent WNAR filing was over \$50 million. This is a significant amount and a WNAR  
5 filing should not be this large if baseline revenues are adjusted appropriately to reflect  
6 current normal weather conditions.

7 **Q. WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF USING HEATING DEGREE DAYS ON A**  
8 **BILLING CYCLE BASIS?**

9 A. Heating Degree Days ("HDDs") recorded on a calendar basis have been converted to a billing  
10 cycle basis to reflect the cycle method of billing that Spire Missouri uses. Although revenue  
11 is recognized on a calendar month basis for financial reporting purposes, to record revenues  
12 and the related cost of gas for all gas delivered during a month, the underlying records are  
13 maintained on a billing cycle basis.

14 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT**  
15 **METHOD AND CALCULATION FOR SPIRE MISSOURI.**

16 A. Weather-related volume adjustments and revenues are based on statistical relationships  
17 between volumes and temperatures. A regression analysis was used to aid in this  
18 adjustment. The output from the regression analysis was used to calculate a normal  
19 monthly use per bill for the residential and general service classes. The use per bill amounts  
20 for each month of the test year were then multiplied by the number of actual bills in each  
21 test year month to calculate a normalized volume adjustment for each rate of the above-  
22 mentioned service classes. These adjustments were then applied to the current rate design  
23 to calculate the adjustments to net revenues for each rate class. This revenue adjustment to

1 test year margin is shown on Line 2 of Schedule G-1 in both EAB-MOE1 and EAB-  
2 MOW1.

3 **Q. DOES THE COMPANY HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE IF THE 10-YEAR NORMAL**  
4 **IS NOT ACCEPTED?**

5 A. Yes. In the scenario that Staff does not accept Spire Missouri’s proposal of using a 10-year  
6 normal, Spire Missouri would recommend a 15-year normal. NOAA points to  
7 Supplemental Temperature Normals that may better reflect recent climate information that  
8 can then be a better predictor for energy system loads through the 2020s.<sup>4</sup> Nations around  
9 the world are updating their climate norms to reflect the 1991-2020 period, as mandated  
10 by the World Meteorological Organization (“WMO”),<sup>5</sup> but researchers still argue that  
11 climatological periods shorter than 30 years could be more accurate for monthly  
12 temperature averages used in the near future.

13 **VII. CONSERVATION IMPACTS**

14 **Q. IS THE COMPANY CONSIDERING ANY IMPACTS OF CONSERVATION?**

15 A. Yes. The Company’s average use per customer has continued to decline and if the  
16 Distribution Service Adjustment (“DSA”) being proposed by Spire Missouri Witness  
17 David Yonce is not approved, the Company is proposing a conservation adjustment to  
18 revenue to account for the revenue impacts the Company has experienced from  
19 conservation, as allowed by statute. Spire Missouri has included an adjustment of zero as  
20 a placeholder on Line 6 of Schedule G-1 in both EAB-MOE1 and EAB-MOW1, but will  
21 update the conservation revenue impact if the DSA is not adopted.

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<sup>4</sup> Retrieved November 20, 2024, [NOAA releases new climate normals for the U.S. - The Washington Post](#).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

1 **IX. CUSTOMER VARIANCE ADJUSTMENT**

2 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MADE TO REFLECT**  
3 **CHANGES IN THE RESIDENTIAL CLASS FOR SPIRE MISSOURI.**

4 A. This adjustment can be found on Line 4 of Schedule G-1 in both EAB-MOE1 and EAB-  
5 MOW1. The adjustment reflects the Company's revenues associated with net customers  
6 associated with disconnects and reconnects in the residential rate class throughout the test  
7 year. Spire Missouri took the net customers added or lost in each month during the test  
8 year and calculated the unrealized Ccf usage and unrealized revenues per month during the  
9 test year.

10 **Q: PLEASE EXPLAIN ANY REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MADE TO REFLECT**  
11 **CHANGES IN THE SMALL GENERAL AND LARGE GENERAL SERVICE**  
12 **CLASSES FOR SPIRE MISSOURI.**

13 A: This adjustment can be found on Line 3 of Schedule G-1 in both EAB-MOE1 and EAB-  
14 MOW1. The adjustment reflects the Company's revenues associated with SGS/LGS Rate  
15 Class Switching. To calculate this adjustment, Spire Missouri looked at the customer  
16 account usage during the test year in both the SGS and LGS rate classes for both Spire  
17 Missouri East and Spire Missouri West. By doing this, the Company was able to see which  
18 customers needed to be moved from one rate class to the other based on the 10,000 Ccf  
19 threshold. Once the number of accounts were identified, current rates for customer charges  
20 and distribution charges were applied on a cumulative basis resulting in the total adjustment  
21 for each SGS and LGS rate class.

22 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MADE FOR SPIRE**  
23 **MISSOURI'S NEGOTIATED GAS SERVICE RIDER.**

1 A. Per the Company's current Sheet No. R-34, the Company shall quantify the change in  
2 annual revenues from the Negotiated Contract as the difference between the revenues that  
3 would be recovered from the general availability tariff compared to the revenues that  
4 alternatively would be recovered from the pricing provisions in the Negotiated Contract.  
5 This adjustment can be found on Line 5 of Schedule G-1 in EAB-MOW1.

6 **X. CONCLUSION**

7 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

8 A. Yes, it does.



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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a                    )  
Spire's Request for Authority to Implement                )  
A General Rate Increase for Natural Gas                 )     File No. GR-2025-0107  
Service Provided in the Company's Missouri             )  
Service Areas   )

**VERIFICATION OF TRISHA E. LAVIN**

STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
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CITY OF ST. LOUIS     )

I, Trisha E. Lavin, of lawful age, under penalty of perjury, and pursuant to Section 509.030, RSMo, state as follows:

- I. My name is Trisha E. Lavin. I am the Senior Analyst, Regulatory Affairs for Spire Missouri Inc. My business address is 700 Market St., St Louis, Missouri 63101.
- II. My direct testimony on behalf of Spire Missouri Inc. is attached to this verification.
- III. My answers to each question in the attached direct testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

  
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Trisha E. Lavin

November 25, 2024

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Date