# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain and Otherwise Control and Manage a Natural Gas Distribution Systems Throughout the State of Missouri and for Approval to Acquire Natural Gas Assets of Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

File No. GA-2024-0361 Tracking No. JG-2025-0077

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TARIFF SHEET

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and through counsel, and states the following regarding the tariff sheet Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire ("Spire") filed, bearing an effective date of December 21, 2024.

1. On November 21, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Approving Acquisition of Assets and Granting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("Order"), which granted Spire a certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system throughout the State of Missouri and to acquire natural gas assets of Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. ("Southern Star").

2. On November 21, 2024, Spire filed updated tariff sheets with an effective date of December 21, 2024. On the same date, Spire filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment; wherein, it requested the Commission to approve Spire's compliance tariff sheets to become effective on December 6, 2024.

3. On November 22, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing and Setting Time for Responses in which the Commission ordered Staff to file a

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recommendation no later than December 2, 2024, regarding Spire's updated tariff sheets

and motion for expedited treatment (four days before the requested effective date).

4. Staff reviewed Spire's tariff sheet and determined that the following comply with the Commission's *Order* and recommends approval with an effective date of December 21, 2024 or by operation of law date:

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2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.1 Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.1 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.2 Cancelling 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.2 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.3 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 21.3 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.7 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 21.7 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.8 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 21.8 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.10 Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.10 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.11 Cancelling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.11 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.12 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 21.12 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.13 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 21.13 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.14 Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.14 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.15 Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.15 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21.16 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 21.16

5. Staff attaches affidavits with this pleading verifying its review.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve Spire's updated tariff sheets as listed in paragraph 4, above, to go into effect December 21, 2024, and deny Spire's Motion for Expedited Treatment and request for an effective date of December 6, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

#### /s/ J. Scott Stacey

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2024.

## /s/ J. Scott Stacey

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF FRANCISCO DEL POZO

STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) ss. COUNTY OF COLE )

**COMES NOW FRANCISCO DEL POZO** and on his oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

FRANCISCO, DEL POZO JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 2nd day of December 2024.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027 Commission Number: 15207377

Notary Public L. Vaugt