

**BEFORE THE MISSOURI 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)	<u>File No. GR-2025-0107</u>
A General Rate Increase for Natural Gas)	Tracking No. JG-2025-0078
Service Provided in the Company’s Missouri)	
Service Areas)	

MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS’ ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Comes Now the Missouri School Boards’ Association (“MSBA”), by and through counsel, and pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.075, files its Application to Intervene in the above referenced matter. In support of its Application, the MSBA states the following:

1. MSBA is a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit corporation representing approximately 390 school districts in the State of Missouri as a trade association, several of which are subject to Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (“Spire”) natural gas tariff rates.
2. MSBA has organized a purchasing cooperative denominated MOPRC (Missouri Purchasing Resource Center); also known as the MSBA Natural Gas Consortium, which is the authorized purchasing agent for over 2,100 utility accounts which purchase natural gas on the open market which is delivered to the various schools and school districts in Missouri under the statutory School Transportation Program (“STP”). There are currently 172 schools (1,664 meters) that participate in the MOPRC STP purchasing group on the Spire system and most of those schools have multiple gas accounts/meters.

3. Correspondence, communications, orders, and the decision in this matter should be addressed to:

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4. On November 26, 2024, the Commission issued its “Order Giving Notice, Setting a Deadline to Intervene, Setting a Deadline to Respond to the Test Year, and Directing a Proposed Schedule.” The Order provided that applications to intervene shall be filed no later than December 13, 2024.

5. MSBA is an interested, if not necessary, party to this proceeding as it is the largest STP association in the Spire service area and will be affected by tariff alterations incidental to this case, in particular as related to gas transportation to the schools.

6. Missouri Section 393.310 RSMo., clearly recognizes the direct involvement of schools in matters before the Commission dealing with gas corporations as relating to public school tariff filings, gas purchasing, gas resale, gas metering, and gas aggregation.

7. In addition, the Commission and parties will recognize this proceeding contains tariff provisions dealing with natural gas transportation service for schools which must comply with Missouri Section 393.310 RSMo. As such, this case presents a unique issue related to Spire and the MSBA schools.

8. MSBA’s interests in this filing are unique and cannot be reasonably represented by any other entity. MSBA’s requested intervention would serve the public interest, including numerous schools and school districts.

9. MSBA has been granted intervenor status in previous filings by the Public Service Commission in many natural gas utility cases and has actively participated in those proceedings.

10. MSBA is unable to take a position on Spire's filing at this time without obtaining more information through the discovery and prehearing process. It expects to take positions after obtaining more information through the discovery and prehearing process. It also expects to take positions in its direct or responsive testimony.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri School Boards' Association requests that it be granted intervention on the above referenced matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all parties on the official service list for this case on this 11th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Terry M. Jarrett

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