

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

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| In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s |) | |
| Request for Authority to Implement a |) | |
| General rate Increase for Natural Gas |) | <u>File No. GR-2025-0107</u> |
| Service Provided in the Company's |) | Tracking No. JG-2025-0078 |
| Missouri Service Areas |) | |

LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING RECOMMENDATIONS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire ("Spire Missouri"), Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers ("MIEC"), Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("MECG"), Consumers Council of Missouri ("CCM"), and Missouri School Board Association ("MSBA") (collectively, the "parties"), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully submits this *Local Public Hearing Recommendations*:

1. On November 25, 2024, Spire Missouri filed tariffs to increase its revenues for natural gas service.
2. On January 9, 2025, the Commission issued an *Order Setting Procedural Schedule* and the schedule contemplated local public hearings in June 2025. The Commission further ordered the parties to provide recommendations for locations and number of local public hearings to be held during the month of June 2025, no later than January 21, 2025.
3. The parties have agreed that there should be five in-person hearings and two virtual hearings in this matter. Suggested locations are University of Missouri St. Louis in St. Louis County, Missouri; South County Sunset Hills in St. Louis County, Missouri; Gregg/Klice Community Center in Kansas City, Missouri; City Hall in St. Joseph, Missouri; and Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Missouri.

4. In order to provide Spire Missouri sufficient time to produce, print, and mail the notice of local public hearings, an order from the Commission approving the local public hearings and identifying the exact meeting locations for the in-person local public hearings must be issued no later than February 4, 2025.

5. Listed below are some suggested dates, times, and locations for the local public hearings:

- a. June 2, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. in St. Louis County, Missouri;
- b. June 2, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in St. Louis County, Missouri;
- c. June 3, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. virtual hearing;
- d. June 4, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. in St. Joseph, Missouri;
- e. June 4, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in Kansas City, Missouri; and
- f. June 5, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in Joplin, Missouri.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully submit this *Local Public Hearing Recommendations*, and pray the Commission accept the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 this 21st day of January, 2025.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey