

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application for an Accounting Authority)
Order, Request for Waiver of 60-Day Notice) Case No. GU-2026-0225
Rule and Motion for Expedited Treatment.)

**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE BY THE CONSUMERS COUNCIL OF MISSOURI
AND MOTION TO REQUIRE SPIRE TO FOLLOW RULE 20 CSR 4240-2.135**

COMES NOW the Consumers Council of Missouri (“Consumers Council” or “CCM”), by and through counsel, pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075, and respectfully applies for intervention as a party in this matter, which was initiated by Spire Missouri, Inc. (“Spire” or “Company”) with a completely confidential filing. In support of this application, Consumers Council states as follows:

1. Consumers Council is a nonpartisan, nonprofit corporation that is dedicated to educating and empowering consumers statewide and to advocating for their interests. Consumers Council of Missouri was originally founded in 1971 as Utility Consumers Council of Missouri, and has participated in numerous cases at the Missouri Public Service Commission, including previous Laclede Gas Company and Spire rate cases.

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

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3. Consumers Council's interest in this matter relates to potential impact that the Company's requested relief may have for residential natural gas customers, including low-income and vulnerable natural gas customers. This interest is different than the general public interest.

4. Consumers Council is opposed to any unjust and unreasonable relief that Company may be requesting with Spire's confidential filing. Consumers Council cannot give a definitive position on the substance of a petition that it is not yet allowed to read. Thus, Consumers Council reserves the right to provide a detailed position in this rate case, after it has been allowed to view the confidential petition, and to investigate any supporting documentation.

Consumers Council is opposed to the request for a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

Consumers Council is also opposed to Spire's request for expedited treatment.

5. Consumers Council believes that its intervention and participation in this proceeding would serve the public interest, and wishes to become a party to this case for all purposes.

6. Missouri law and the Commission own rules favor transparency and public disclosure. Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(1) states that "[a]ll items filed in case proceedings before the commission shall be open to the public unless protected pursuant to this rule or otherwise protected by law."

7. Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(B) states "[a]ny information designated as confidential shall be submitted with a cover sheet or pleading describing how such

information qualifies as confidential under subsection (2)(A) of this rule, including the specific subsection relied upon and an explanation of its applicability. Only the specific information that qualifies as confidential shall be designated as such.”

Consumers Counsel is not aware of any justification being given for the filing of a completely confidential petition with the Commission in the public record of this case. The EFIS docket page for this case contains no cover sheet nor pleading that is available for view that makes any claim that the contents of Spire’s petition fall within a designation required under subsections 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A) and (2)(B).

8. Consumers Council does not see any motion for protective order filed by Spire in this case, nor any separate public (redacted) version of the petition, which is also contemplated by the Commission’s rule. Only the confidential version of the petition is listed on the docket page, and it is completely unreadable to the public.

WHEREFORE, Consumers Council respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Grant its Application to Intervene, entitling it to fully participate in this proceeding, and
- B. Issue an order requiring Spire to follow the procedures of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135 regarding the proposed designation and filing of material purported to be confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 20, 2026

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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 listed on the official service list on this 20th day of March 2026.

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