

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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)
Missouri Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience)
and Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, Operate)
Maintain, and Otherwise Control and Manage a) Case No. GA-2026-xxxx
Natural Gas Distribution System in)
Christian County, Missouri As an Expansion)
of its Existing Certified Areas.)

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY FOR CHRISTIAN COUNTY AND
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF 60-DAY NOTICE RULE**

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or the “Company”), by and through its undersigned counsel, and, pursuant to Section §393.170 RSMo, and Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-2.060 and 20 CSR 4240-3.205, respectfully submits this Application to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Christian County, Missouri, as a further expansion of its existing certificated area. Pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D), the Company also requests a waiver from the notice provisions of Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1). In support of its application and request for a waiver, the Company states as follows:

1. Spire Missouri is a public utility and gas corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri, with its principal office located at 700 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.
2. A Certificate of Good Standing evidencing Spire Missouri’s standing to do business in Missouri was submitted in Case No. GF-2025-0053 and is incorporated by reference herein for

all purposes. The information in such Certificate is current and correct.

3. Spire Missouri is engaged in the business of distributing and transporting natural gas to customers in Missouri as a gas corporation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Spire provides gas service in Missouri to customers in the City of St. Louis and the Counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Crawford, Jefferson, Franklin, Iron, St. Genevieve, St. Francois, Madison, Butler, Andrew, Barry, Barton, Bates, Buchanan, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Cooper, Dade, Dekalb, Greene, Henry, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, McDonald, Moniteau, Newton, Pettis, Platte, Ray, Saline, Stone, and Vernon.

4. Other than cases that have been docketed at the Commission, the Company has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court within the past three years that involve customer service or rates. Spire Missouri has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.

5. All correspondence, communications, notices, orders, and decisions of the Commission with respect to this matter should be sent to the undersigned counsel and to:

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Lissa.payne@spireenergy.com

CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

6. Spire Missouri submits this Application for a CCN to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas system to provide natural gas service in Christian County, Missouri (“Application”), as a further expansion of its existing certificated area.

The Company is seeking a CCN for Section 03 and Section 04, Township 26 North, Range 21 West of Christian County.

7. Natural Bridge Estates (“Customer”) contacted Spire Missouri to provide natural gas service for Phase 1 of its development, which will consist of 105 lots located in Section 03. There are also eleven additional customers between the Company’s existing facilities and Phase 1. Phase 2, which will be located in Section 04, is planned for 2027.

8. The legal description of the area is listed above. Attached as **Appendix 1** is a plat map showing the proposed installations for this project. Natural gas service is not currently offered by another unregulated or regulated entity in the area for which a CCN is being requested. The Company has Commission approved certificated areas surrounding the requested section, which are shown in the attached map in **Appendix 2**.

9. The residential rates in tariff sheet P.S.C. MO. No. 9 Second Revised Sheet No. 2, for the proposed areas will be those approved and in effect for the customers in the adjoining Spire Missouri West operating unit certificated areas, until such rates may be changed by approved tariff or order of the Commission.

10. The names and addresses of the eleven potential customers that are located between the end of the Company’s existing facilities and Phase 1 are listed in **Appendix 3**, which has been marked confidential pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A)1 because it contains customer-specific information.

11. Current revenues and actual construction costs associated with the initial main extension for Phase 1 are shown in the feasibility study attached as **Appendix 4**, which has been marked confidential pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A) 3 and 4 as it is

marketing analysis and market-specific information. No external financing will be required for construction relating to this project. There is no feasibility study for Phase 2 at the time of filing, but the developer's conceptual plans for Phase 2 have not influenced and will not affect the economic analysis or revenue calculations for Phase 1 in Section 03. As shown in the letter of support from the Customer attached as **Appendix 5**, Phase 2 will consist of approximately 400 additional homes.

12. Spire Missouri holds all necessary franchises and permits from municipalities, counties, or other authorities that are required for the Company to serve the subject areas. The ordinance granting Spire Missouri a franchise for Ozark, Missouri is attached as **Appendix 6**.

13. Attached as **Appendix 7** is a signed affidavit of Clifford Garrett, Manager, Residential Business Development, Spire Missouri, asserting that all information related to this CCN application is true and correct.

14. The requested CCN is in the public interest because service is needed by the Customer, the Company is qualified and has the financial ability to provide such service, and the proposal is economically feasible. Spire Missouri has extensive experience operating natural gas distribution systems and has a proven record of providing safe and reliable service in an efficient manner. For these reasons, Commission approval of this Application is in the public interest.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM 60-DAY NOTICE RULE

15. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) provides, in part, as follows:

Any person that intends to file a case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such case. Such notice shall detail the type of case and issues likely to be before the commission and shall include a summary of all communication regarding substantive issues likely to be in the case between the filing party and the office of the commission that occurred in the ninety (90) days prior to filing the notice.

16. Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D) permits a party to request a waiver of the above cited rule for good cause. The rule provision specifically provides that good cause may be established by submitting a verified declaration that the filing party has had no communication with the office of the commission within the prior one hundred fifty (150) days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in the case. The Company interprets this to mean that good cause is established if the filing party has had no communication with a member of the office of the Commission outside of pleadings or other public communications. Subject to that understanding, the Company has attached to this Application, the verification of Lissa Payne that neither the Company nor any person or entity acting on behalf of the Company, has had a communication with a member of the office of the Commission in the last 150 days regarding any substantive issues that are likely to arise in the case. For that reason, the Company requests that the Commission grant a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement for Spire Missouri's application for a CCN in Christian County.

WHEREFORE, Spire Missouri respectfully requests, for good cause shown, that the Commission waive the notice requirement of 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), grant the requested CCN,, and order any other relief as is just and reasonable..

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Antonio Arias

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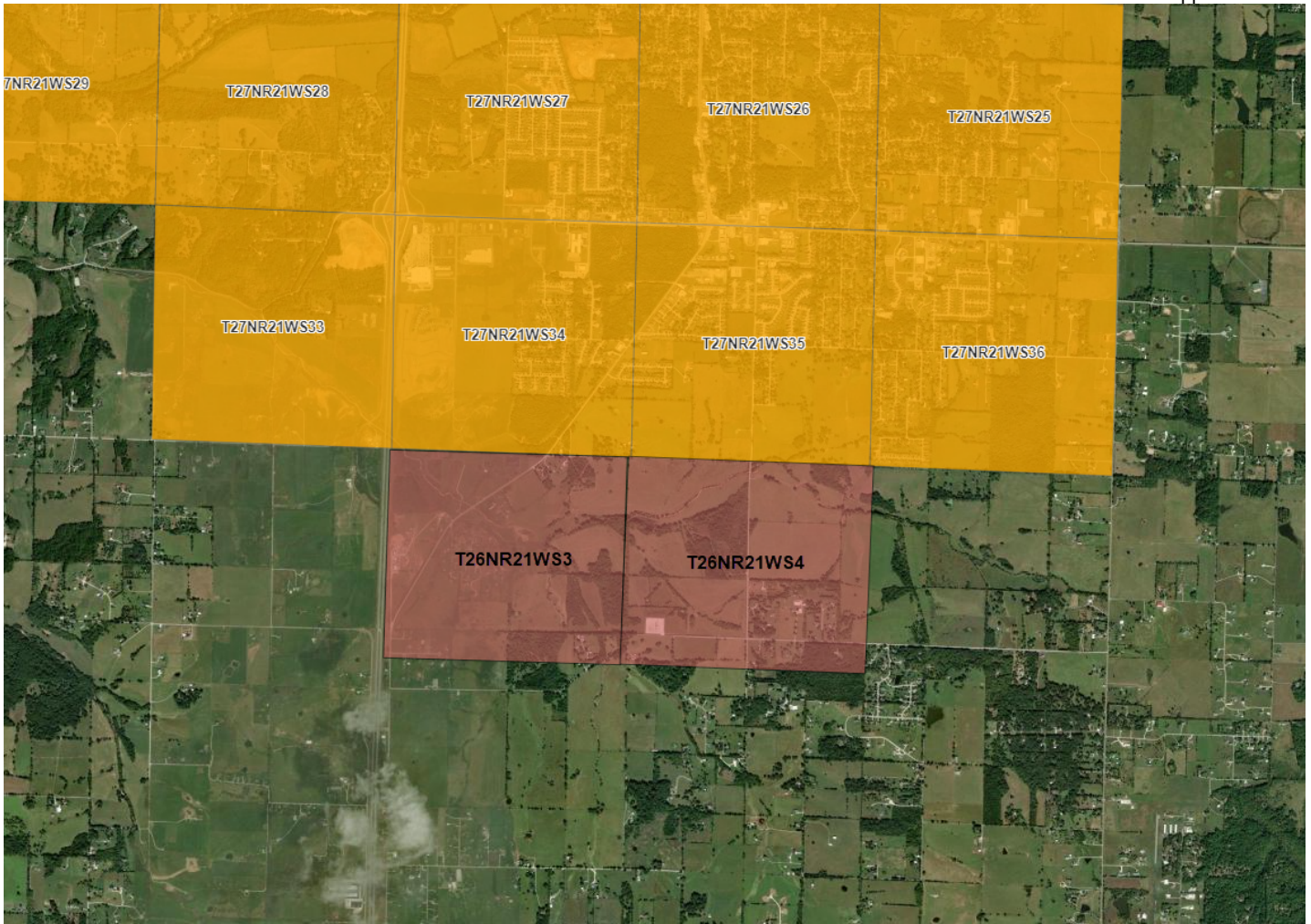
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was serve on the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel via electronic mail (e-mail) on this 20th day of April, 2026.

/s/ Julie Johnson

Confidential in its Entirety

Confidential pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A) 7



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Names and Addresses

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STENGER MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.
RONALD K. STENGER - Manager

April 16, 2026

Mr. Austin McCanless
Business Development
Spire Energy

RE: Natural Bridge Development – Support for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity

To Whom It May Concern:

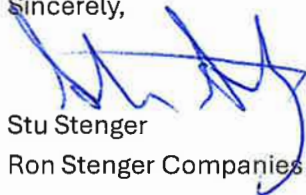
I am writing to express our support for the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to extend natural gas service to the Natural Bridge development located in Ozark, Missouri.

Natural Bridge is a residential development comprising over 100 residential lots, with the potential for over 500 lots, representing a significant investment in the Ozark community. As we move forward with development, timely access to natural gas infrastructure is critical to maintaining our construction schedule and meeting market demand.

We are writing to ask that the process for Spire to attain a certificate of convenience and necessity to serve the area of this development be expedited as quickly as possible. Delays in the availability of natural gas could increase construction costs and disrupt our development timeline, ultimately impacting the project's financial performance. Ensuring service is available as planned will allow us to proceed efficiently.

We appreciate your consideration and support efforts to move this process forward as efficiently as possible.

Sincerely,



Stu Stenger
Ron Stenger Companies

BILL NO. 3489

ORDINANCE NO. 23 - 074

**AN ORDINANCE
GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION
SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY TO SPIRE MISSOURI INC.**

WHEREAS, Section 71.530 RSMo., grants Missouri cities the authority to contract with a corporation for the purpose of supplying gas; and

WHEREAS, Spire Missouri Inc. (Spire), has approached the City of Ozark, Missouri, (City) with a request to renew the franchise granted to Spire for an additional twenty-year (20) term; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen desires to renew said franchise agreement with Spire, under the terms and conditions provided in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OZARK, MISSOURI, as follows, that:

SECTION 1 – The right, permission and authority for a period of twenty (20) years is hereby granted to Spire Missouri Inc., a corporation of the State of Missouri (hereinafter referred to as “Spire”), its successors and assigns, to construct, reconstruct, excavate for, place, replace, extend and maintain all necessary or appropriate mains, service pipes, conduits, conductors, vaults, vaporizers, regulators, meters, sensors, routers, poles, antennae, and any and all other equipment, appurtenances and fixtures as may be reasonably necessary or desirable in the operation of a natural gas distribution system, in, along, across, over and under the streets, roads, alleys, sidewalks, squares, bridges within the corporate limits of the City of Ozark, (hereinafter referred to as “City”) as now fixed and within any future extensions of its limits as hereafter extended, and areas dedicated to the City for public utility use, for the purpose of transmitting, furnishing, transporting and distributing natural gas for light, heat, power and other purposes within the City, and in territory adjacent to said City and for the purpose of transporting and transmitting natural gas through said City; all such equipment, appliances and apparatus to be installed and maintained with due regard to the rightful use by other persons with vehicles or otherwise, of the streets, roads, alleys, sidewalks, squares, bridges and other public places and areas dedicated to the City for public utility use; and exercise of the rights, permission and authority hereby granted shall at all times be subject to lawful regulation by the City in the exercise of its police powers. For the purposes of this Ordinance, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term “right-of-way” or “rights-of-way” shall include streets, roads, alleys, sidewalks, squares, and bridges and areas dedicated to the City for public utility use.

SECTION 2 – Extensions of, and additions to, the distribution system maintained by Spire, its successors or assigns, in the City, shall be made in accordance with the rules and regulations governing such extensions and additions by Spire now on file with the Public Service Commission of Missouri or in accordance with such amended rules and regulations

governing such extensions and additions by Spire, its successors or assigns, as may hereafter become effective in the manner provided by law. The financial responsibility for relocations of the Spire's facilities within the City's rights-of-way shall be borne by Spire only to the extent that such relocations are required by (i) public necessity or (ii) public convenience and security. The City will not vacate any public right-of-way containing any Spire facilities without first advising Spire of its intention to vacate the right-of-way and cooperating with Spire in its reasonable attempts to maintain its property rights set forth herein. City will make reasonable effort to provide Spire with a reasonable opportunity to make arrangements to relocate its facilities before completing any such vacation.

SECTION 3 – Spire shall indemnify and hold City harmless from all liability, judgments, decrees, costs, expenses and attorneys' fees incurred or imposed on account of injury or damage to persons or property arising from the negligent acts or omissions or mismanagement of Spire or its subcontractors in the construction, reconstruction, excavation, extension, restoration, or maintenance of the mains, service pipes, conduits, conductors or other equipment in along, across, over or under any of the streets, roads, alleys, sidewalks, squares, bridges or other public places in the City in the exercise of any of the rights and privileges conferred by this ordinance.

SECTION 4 – The rights, privileges and authority granted herein shall inure to and be vested in Spire, its successors and assigns, successively, subject to all of the terms, provisions and conditions herein contained, and each of the obligations hereby imposed upon Spire shall devolve and be binding upon its successors and assigns, successively, in the same manner.

SECTION 5 – As consideration for the rights and privileges conferred by this Ordinance, Spire shall, not later than February, May, August and November 1 respectively, provide a report to the City of Spire's gross receipts from the transportation, distribution, and sale of natural gas for domestic or commercial purposes within the corporate limits of the City for the three month period since the last report and at the time of making such report shall pay to City a sum equal to five percent of said gross receipts, as may be lawfully prescribed by ordinance from time to time. In addition, Spire shall pay any applicable right-of-way management costs imposed by the City, subject to provisions of Section 67.1840 RSMo.

SECTION 6 – Spire shall, within thirty days after the passage and approval of this ordinance, file a memorandum detailing Spire's acceptance thereof with the City Clerk. Upon receipt by the City Clerk of such memorandum, the franchise granted herein shall continue and remain in full force and effect as a renewal of the preceding franchise for a period of twenty (20) years.

SECTION 7 – Neither acceptance of, nor compliance with, the provisions of this ordinance shall in any ways impair or affect, or constitute or be construed as a relinquishment or waiver of any right, permission or authority which Spire, its successors or assigns, may have independently of this Ordinance; nor shall any use by Spire, its successors or assigns, of public property or places in the City, as authorized by this Ordinance or service rendered by Spire, its successors or assigns, in said City, be treated as use solely of the rights, permission and authority provided for by this Ordinance or as service referable solely to this ordinance or to any obligation of service consequent upon acceptance thereof or as in any wise

indicating non-use of, non-compliance with, any obligation incident to, any right, permission or authority vested in Spire, its successors or assigns, independently of this Ordinance; and the acceptance provided for in Section 6 of this Ordinance, and each and every compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance or with any obligation arising from acceptance thereof, shall be subject to, and conditioned by, the provisions of this Section 7, with the same force and effect as though each of the provisions of this section were expressly incorporated in such acceptance and expressly declared by the acceptor, its successors or assigns, at and prior to the time of such compliance by it, as conditions of such compliance.

SECTION 8 – This Ordinance shall not relieve Spire of the obligation to comply with any lawful ordinance now existing in the City or enacted in the future requiring Spire to obtain written permits or other approval from the City prior to commencement of construction of facilities within the City right-of-way. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as a limitation on the proper exercise of the City’s police power which may be exercised by the City in the management of its property, including rights-of-way.

SECTION 9 – If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of such provision to particular circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance, or the application of such provision to circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 10 – A covenant of good faith and fair dealing being implied into every Missouri contract, during the term of this Franchise, City shall not prohibit the connection of or service to new natural gas customers within its boundaries, nor take any action to require the discontinuance of natural gas service, other than as may be set forth in the rules and regulations of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

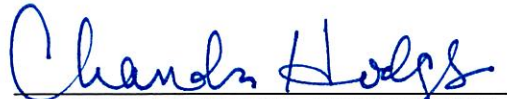
PASSED AT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2023.

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
ALDERMAN DREW OWEN			X
ALDERMAN DAVID SNIDER	X		
ALDERMAN JEAN ANN HUTCHINSON	X		
ALDERMAN HEATHER ALDER	X		
ALDERMAN RJ FLORES	X		
ALDERMAN BRUCE GALLOWAY	X		

APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2023.


DON CURRENCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CHANDRA HODGES, CITY CLERK

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AFFIDAVIT OF CLIFFORD GARRETT


State of Missouri)
) SS
County of St. Louis)

I, Clifford Garrett, being of lawful age and first duly sworn, deposes and states:

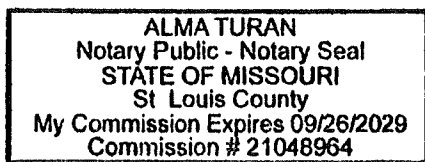
1. I am the Manager of Residential Business Development for Spire Missouri Inc. My business address is 700 Market St., St. Louis, Missouri, 63101.
2. I am authorized to make the following declarations on behalf of Spire Missouri Inc. and have knowledge of the matters stated herein.
3. As required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.060(1)(M) and under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that the matters and things stated in the foregoing Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Clifford Garrett



Dated



6th Day of April 2026
