

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a                     )  
Spire’s Application for Approval of a                     )             Case No. GO-2022-0327  
Revised Cost Allocation Manual                     )

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or the “Company”), Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), and the Midwest Energy Consumers Group (collectively, the “Parties”) respectfully submit this Joint Status Report in the above-captioned docket and request this matter be set aside for another ninety (90) days as follows:

1. On May 24, 2022, the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) opened Case No. GO-2022-0327 for purposes of reviewing Spire Missouri’s Draft Cost Allocation Manual (“CAM”) and motion for approval of the CAM, both of which were filed in Case No. GW-2018-0367. The Commission ordered responses to Spire Missouri’s CAM to be filed no later than June 21, 2022.

2. On June 21, 2022, OPC filed its response to the Company’s CAM, requesting that the Commission deny Spire Missouri’s request but also suggesting that discussions among the Parties could resolve some of OPC’s concerns. It was the only party to file a response.

3. On June 27, 2022, the Commission scheduled a procedural conference to discuss how the Parties wanted to proceed in this matter, noting that it would like to proceed expeditiously in considering Spire Missouri’s CAM.

4. On July 26, 2022, the procedural conference was held. The Parties agreed to set aside this matter for ninety (90) days to discuss the CAM and a possible resolution. The Commission ordered the Parties to file a status report no later than October 24, 2022.

5. On October 24, 2022, the Parties filed a joint status report requesting an additional ninety (90) days to resolve this matter without the need for a procedural schedule, which the Commission granted. The Commission ordered the next status report to be filed on January 23, 2023.

6. On November 4, 2022, in Case No. GR-2022-0179, Spire Missouri's most recent general rate case, a Full and Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation and Agreement") was filed, in which the Parties to this case agreed that any resolution would include the following: (1) Periodic updates on the transfer of employees from Spire Missouri to Spire Services Inc.; (2) Additional rules and parameters for contracts with Company affiliates; (3) Updates to the CAM as needed to reflect changes to corporate structures and hierarchies, including those resulting from acquisitions and mergers; and (4) Quarterly CAM transaction data reporting in the format provided by Staff. The Commission approved the Stipulation and Agreement on November 30, 2022.

7. On January 1, 2023, Spire Missouri transitioned certain employees from Spire Missouri to Spire Services Inc, and the Company provided its first post-transfer update on January 18, 2023.

8. On January 23, 2023, the Parties agreed to set aside this matter for another 90 days to discuss a possible resolution and review the impacts of the Stipulation and Agreement on the CAM. The Commission ordered the next status report to be filed on April 24, 2023.

9. On March 17, 2023, Spire Missouri filed its next post-transfer update and requested to terminate the requirement to continue filing the transition updates in Case No. GR-2021-0108. The Company noted that it would be holding a meeting with Staff and the OPC in April 2023 to discuss the transition process and provide a final list of all employees to Spire Services Inc. and review and discuss new inter-company agreements or existing ones that have, or will be, updated.

Spire Missouri also referenced that it would continue quarterly surveillance reporting to Staff and the OPC as required in the Stipulation and Agreement and continue to work on the Cost Allocation Manual. The Commission granted Spire Missouri's request to end its updates in Case No. GR-2021-0108.

10. Since the March 17, 2023 update, Spire Missouri continues to develop quarterly reporting in the format requested by Staff and implementing provisions of the Stipulation and Agreement related to the direct assignment of shared services salaries and wages costs. The Company also continues to analyze the impacts of the changes to the CAM and other reporting requirements.

11. The Parties will be meeting on April 25, 2023 to discuss a resolution of this docket, the day after the next status report is due in this docket. As such, the Parties agree that setting aside this matter for another thirty (30) days will be beneficial in order to hold the resolution discussions on April 25 and reach an agreement on the CAM.

**WHEREFORE**, the Parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an order setting aside this matter for another thirty (30) days so that the Parties may discuss a resolution of the CAM on April 25, 2023, continue to discuss the CAM and evaluate the impacts of the Stipulation and Agreement, direct the Parties to file a status report advising that a resolution was reached or that additional time is necessary no later than Wednesday, May 24, 2023, and grant such other relief as the Commission deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ J. Antonio Arias*

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**ATTORNEYS FOR SPIRE MISSOURI INC.**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 24th day of April, 2023.

*/s/ Julie Johnson*

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