BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s Verified Application for an Accounting Authority Order Related to COVID-19 Impacts

Case No. GU-2020-0376

RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COME NOW Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), Renew Missouri, the National Housing Trust, Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, and Midwest Energy Consumers Group, collectively referred to as ("the Parties") and hereby submits this Response to the Commission's October 7 *Order Directing Filing*, and in support thereof respectfully states as follows:

1. On October 7, 2020, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Filing*, stating that the Commission is considering holding an on-the-record presentation on the *Amended Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* that was filed by the Parties on September 15, 2020. In the Order the Commission directed the Parties to submit available dates for an on-the-record presentation.

2. In response to the Judge's directive, the Parties have conferred and can be available on the following dates: October 13 (afternoon), 15, 16 (morning except between 10 - 11 a.m.), and 19 (afternoon).

3. For the reasons stated in the Parties' two previously filed Motions for Expedited Treatment,¹ the Parties would urge the Commission to act as expeditiously as possible. As we are nearing winter heating season, approval and implementation of the

¹ Staff was not a Party to the second Motion for Expedited Treatment, filed on October 1, 2020.

Parties' agreed upon COVID-19 customer program becomes even more critical.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully submits its Response to Commission Order

Directing Filing and request the Commission act as set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

SPIRE MISSOURI INC.

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<u>Certificate of Service</u>

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on all Parties of record on this 8th day of October 2020 by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax, or by placing a copy of such document, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

Is/ Goldie T. Bockstruck