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For: Spire Missouri East & West

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

20. Limitations Upon Company's Obligation To Supply Gas Service.

20.0 In order to preserve the Company's ability to serve adequately the requirements of its existing customers and to provide for the orderly and equitable attachment of new loads during periods of possible insufficient supply, the Company will allocate its available natural gas supplies according to the manner and priorities hereinafter set out:

### Category One

The Company shall continue to provide all natural gas service to be used by:

A. Residential and small commercial or industrial customers under the terms of the Company's General Service Rate, by

B. Any customer during off-peak periods under the terms of the Company's Interruptible Rate, or by

C. Resale customers to provide service for uses as described under A and B above.

Category Two

As sufficient pipeline gas supplies are available over and above those required to serve Category One uses, the Company will provide new or additional gas service requested for use under its Large Volume Service Rate or any individual large user contract. Such additional pipeline supplies will be allocated to the applicants within this Category Two in the order of priority as set forth below:

First Priority: All applicants where the maximum daily new requirement does not exceed 100 Mcf.

Second Priority: All applications where the maximum daily new requirement exceeds 100 Mcf and at least 50% of such requirement results from new or additional construction.

Third Priority: All applications in existing construction resulting from conversion of coal fired equipment or new processing use and such requirements are not included within either the First or Second Priority.

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Fourth Priority: All other applicants including applications in existing construction resulting from conversion of oil fired equipment.

Within each of the priority groups set out above, preference will be given to applications in the order of maximum daily new requirement, from smallest to largest as follows:

Maximum Daily Requirement (Mcf per Day)

> 0 - 100 101 - 200 201 - 400 401 - 1,000 1,001 - 2,000 Over - 2,000

Applicants will be attached within each priority and each daily requirement group on a "first come - first served" basis.

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### 20.1 Applications

A. Whenever there is insufficient gas available to serve an applicant for gas service, the Company shall keep all such applications on file in chronological order by date of application within each priority and daily requirement group set out above. When the gas supply available permits applicants to become eligible for gas service in accordance with the system of priorities set out herein, the Company shall notify said applicants in writing of their eligibility. Such notice shall state the date upon which gas service will be available.

B. The Company shall, at its sole judgment and based upon all pertinent information available, make determinations of the quantity of gas service which can be provided from time to time. Whenever there are unfulfilled applications for gas service, such determinations shall be made with sufficient frequency to recognize any substantial change in the Company's gas supply and demand balance.

### 20.2 Notice of Acceptance

A. Any applicant who receives a notice of eligibility for gas service shall notify the Company in writing, within thirty (30) days after the notice of eligibility, of his intention to accept gas service. In the event such notice of acceptance is not so received by the Company then applicant's eligibility shall be void and transferred to another applicant in accordance with the priorities setout herein.

B. Any applicant who becomes eligible for gas service shall present to the Company, within ninety (90) days of the notice of eligibility sufficient evidence that the necessary equipment has or is being installed or that applicant has otherwise committed to the purchase and installation of such equipment. In the event such evidence is not so presented to the Company, then applicant's eligibility shall be void and transferred to another applicant in accordance with the priorities set out herein.

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- 20.3 Existing Commitments

Notwithstanding the provisions hereinabove set out, gas service will be supplied to any customer who has received specific approval for such service from the Company prior to the effective date hereof provided that the customer submits satisfactory evidence that prior to the effective date hereof: (a) an expense has been incurred specifically for the design, purchase or installation of gas equipment, or (b) that gas equipment has been ordered prior to said date, or (c) that detailed engineering plans for the use of gas equipment has been prepared prior to said date.

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21. Emergency Curtailment Plan

In the event the Company is unable to meet total natural gas requirements due to extreme weather conditions, reduction in supply, or other system operating conditions, or a combination thereof, the Company shall temporarily curtail natural gas loads to the extent necessary to maintain service required to protect basic human needs. This reduction shall be accomplished through the following steps which are designed to protect industry, commercial enterprise, and basic human needs to the extent possible during such periods of supply deficiency.

Company reserves the right to deviate from the prescribed steps on a system-wide basis in the event that it becomes necessary to protect isolated areas from a supply deficiency. This deviation shall be limited to the extent required to protect basic human needs within such areas.

21.1 Curtailment Steps

Step 1. All sales service to seasonal, interruptible and basic transportation customers is to be interrupted.

Step 2. All sales service to both firm sales customers and firm transportation customers with alternate fuel capabilities is to be curtailed to the extent of such alternate fuels.

Step 3. Before implementing further curtailment steps, the Company shall request voluntary load reduction of all customers.

Step 4. Curtail all schools using natural gas for heating to the lowest temperature levels consistent with building protection and suspend operations of all industrial customers with firm contracts with gas usage to be reduced to minimum volumes essential only for dormant plant and product protection. Such curtailment shall not be applicable to essential food processors and applications or uses required for the maintenance of essential public services.

Step 5. Curtail remaining commercial and industrial customers to minimum building protection volumes. Such curtailment shall not be applicable to hospitals, nursing homes, apartments, and other human needs applications

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- 21. Emergency Curtailment Plan (continued).
- 21.2 Emergency Exemption

Emergency exemptions may be requested by customers for 24 - 48 hour periods to complete work in process. Granting of these exceptions will be based on the severity of supply deficiency with primary regard for human need.

21.3 Relief from Liability

The Company shall be relieved of all liabilities, penalties, charges, payments, and claims of whatever kind, contractual or otherwise, resulting from or arising out of the Company's failure to deliver all or any portion of the volumes of gas desired by any particular customer or group of customers to the extent that such failure results from the implementation of the Emergency Curtailment Plan herein prescribed or from any other orders or directives of duly constituted authorities, including, but not limited to, all regulatory agencies having jurisdiction in the premises.

21.4 Precedence

To the extent that this rule, or any provision(s) hereof, conflict with any other provision(s) of the Company's filed tariff, Rules and Regulations, or contracts, this rule shall take precedence.

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