# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.	)	
d/b/a Spire (East) Purchased Gas	)	Case No. GR-2021-0127
Adjustment (PGA) Tariff Filing	)	

# **SPIRE MISSOURI FISCAL YEAR 2025 REPORT**

**COMES NOW** Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire Missouri" or "Company"), and, as required by the *Stipulation and Agreement* (the "Stipulation") filed on August 11, 2023, and approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") on August 23, 2023, states as follows:

- 1. Under the Stipulation, Spire Missouri is required to annually commit, starting in fiscal year 2024 and continuing for five (5) years until fiscal year 2028, \$300,000 to six (6) community action agencies ("CAAs") for weatherization efforts and \$200,000 to either the Payment Partner Program or the Critical Needs Program for low-income bill assistance.
- 2. Under the Stipulation, annually on December 1, starting on December 1, 2023 and ending on December 1, 2027, Spire Missouri is required to file a report, supported by affidavit, which includes the following information:
  - a. The dates, amounts and methods of payments made under this paragraph during the prior year and cumulatively;
  - b. For the weatherization funds and based on the individual reports from the CAAs, Spire Missouri will report on how many low-income families benefited in the prior 12 months and will estimate how many low-income families are expected to benefit from those funds in the next 12 months;

- c. For the bill assistance programs, Spire Missouri will report on which program the funding was contributed to, and, if feasible, the estimated number of low-income families that received such funding in the prior 12 months and the estimated number of low-income families that will receive such funding in the next 12 months; and
- d. Identification of all relevant facts related to any non-compliance with this paragraph and explaining such non-compliance.
- 3. Attached as **Appendix 1** is the Affidavit of David Yonce, which verifies that everything stated in this report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.
- 4. Spire Missouri inadvertently missed the filing of this report on December 1, 2024, and appreciates Staff's diligence in identifying that the report was not filed. Spire Missouri will ensure that the fiscal year 2026 report is made by December 1, 2025.
- 5. On October 2, 2024, via electronic transfer, \$230,000 for weatherization efforts for fiscal year 2024 was dispersed to the CAAs. In fiscal year 2024, two agencies did not spend the funding dispersed, which was highlighted at the annual weatherization meeting held on November 13, 2024, and therefore \$70,000 of funding for these two agencies was held back. Spire Missouri has continued to monitor the spending of these two agencies. The Company expects to disperse these funds within the next month. Attached as **Appendix 2** to this filing is an explanation of how each CAA is utilizing the funds allocated for fiscal year 2025, and how many families are expected to benefit. Attached as **Appendix 3** is the weatherization funding fiscal year 2024 report, which provides the number of families that benefited in fiscal year 2024. This was provided at the November

13, 2024 annual weatherization meeting mentioned above. To date, \$530,000 has been allocated to agencies for weatherization efforts.

6. On October 1, 2024, Spire Missouri dispersed \$200,000 pursuant to this Stipulation to the United Way of Greater St. Louis ("UWGSL") to be used in the Critical Needs Program. In total, the Company provides \$700,000 annually to the United Way for the Critical Needs Program. In fiscal year 2024, 52 customers received bill assistance from the Critical Needs Program administered by UWGSL. So far in fiscal year 2025, 233 customers have received such bill assistance. To date, \$400,000 has been dispersed to UWGSL for the Critical Needs Program as part of this Stipulation.

**WHEREFORE**, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission accept this report.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Antonio Arias

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<sup>1</sup> Of the \$700,000, United Way of Greater St. Louis receives \$450,000, United Way of Kansas City receives \$200,000 (also used for St. Joesph customers), and United Way of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas receives \$50,000.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

	I do hereb	y certify	that a true	and cor	rect copy	of the	foregoing	document	has bee	en
sent by	electronic	mail to a	ıll counsel	of reco	rd this 24	th day	of July, 20	)25.		

/s/ Julie Johnson

## Appendix 1

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spire Miss d/b/a Spire (East) Purchase Adjustment (PGA) Tariff F	d Gas	)	Case No. GR-2021-0127
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STATE OF MISSOURI	)	SS	
CITY OF ST. LOUIS	)	33.	

I, David A. Yonce, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

- I am the Managing Director, Regulatory Affairs for Spire Missouri Inc.
   My business address is 700 Market St., St. Louis, Missouri, 63101.
- I have read the foregoing document and verify, under penalty of perjury, that the matters and things set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

David A. Yonce

Subscribed and sworn before me this 4 day of 2025

Notary Public

TAMMY L. KIRKSEY
NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF MISSOURI
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 20, 2028

ST. LOUIS CITY COMMISSION #24459582

#### Appendix 2

# CAA Budget Projection SWxRF

#### Fiscal Year 2025

The plans outlined below have been scaled back by the agencies due to the uncertainty with federal funding.

### <u>Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis</u>

- ➤ Plan to use the funds primarily for roof repair/replacement.
- > Service 10-15 families @ \$6,000 to \$8,000 per home
- ➤ WX efforts were greatly impacted by the tornado that hit ULMSL's service territory. Homes identified as deferred sustained additional damage from the storm, rendering them unable to go through the WX program.

#### North-East Community Action Corporation (NECAC)

- ➤ Plan to use the funds for roof replacements, sewer leaks, pest control, addressing/fixing mold issues, WX staff training, and pay arrearages.
- ➤ Their goal is to help 2-5 low-income families, depending on the cost of the repairs they encounter.

# Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation (JFCAC)

- ➤ Plan to use the funds to help approximately 2-6 homes.
- Expect to use the funds to make plumbing small structural (floor, chimney, drywall) repairs, and larger repairs (including roof replacement), and pay arrearages.

#### Community Action Agency of STL County (CAASTLC)

- ➤ Plan to use the funds for pest control, plumbing repair, sewer leak repairs, asbestos remediation, interior drywall repairs, and pay arrearages
- ➤ Their goal is to help approximately 6-10.

# East MO Action Agency (EMAA)

- ➤ Plan to use the funds to help approximately 4 homes.
- ➤ The funds will be used to make plumbing, roof, and electrical repairs, and pay arrearages.

#### South Central MO Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

- ➤ Plan to use the funds to help 4-5 homes.
- > The funds will be used primarily to replace/repair roofs and pay arrearages.

# Appendix 3

#### SWxRF FY2024

Agency	SWx Amount	Expenditures FY2024	Families Helped FY2024	Estimated Expenditures FY2025	Forecasted Families Helped FY2025
CAASTLC	\$80,000.00	\$47,838.00	11	\$112,161.00	24

CAASTLC FY2024 Details	
Plumbing Repairs	\$9,149.83
Vermin Removal	\$4,273.16
Asbestos	\$7,104.36
Roof Replacement	\$14,920.00
Structural Repair	\$6,887.60
Admin	\$5,503.60
Project Total	\$47.838.55

Agency	SWx Amount	Expenditures FY2024	Families Helped FY2024	Estimated Expenditures FY2025	Forecasted Families Helped FY2025
EMAA	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	0	\$22,000.00	2

JFCAC \$35,000.00 \$0.00 0 \$28,000.00 4	Agency	SWx Amount	Expenditures FY2024	Families Helped FY2024	Estimated Expenditures FY2025	Forecasted Families Helped FY2025
	JFCAC	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	0	\$28,000.00	4

Agency	SWx Amount	Expenditures FY2024	Families Helped FY2024	Estimated Expenditures FY2025	Forecasted Families Helped FY2025
NECAC	\$35,000.00	\$5,650.29	1	\$15,000.00	10

#### NECAC FY2024 Details

 Gas Line Upgrade
 \$2,305.00

 Outreach
 \$3,345.29

 Project Total
 \$5,650.29

Agency	SWx Amount	Expenditures FY2024	Families Helped FY2024	Estimated Expenditures FY2025	Forecasted Families Helped FY2025
SCMCAA	\$35,000.00	\$16,500.00	1	\$2,500.00	2

#### SCMCAA FY2024 Details

Roof Replacement \$16,500.00

Project Total \$16,500.00

Agency	SWx Amount	Expenditures FY2024	Families Helped FY2024	Estimated Expenditures FY2025	Forecasted Families Helped FY2025
ULMSL	\$80,000.00	\$67,700.00	6	\$93,300.00	11

# ULMSL FY2024 Details Roof Replacement \$22,500.00 Plumbing Repairs \$44,200.00

Plumbing Repairs \$44,200.00

Project Total \$66,700.00