

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:)	
)	
APPLICATION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS)	
COMPANY, INC. AND SPIRE TENNESSEE)	
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER OF)	Docket No. 25-00074
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE UTILITY)	
SERVICES PURSUANT TO T.C.A § 65-4-113)	
AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS)	

MOTION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”) and Spire Tennessee Inc. (“Spire Tennessee”) (collectively, the “Applicants”), pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(d), move the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to grant permission for Matthew J. Aplington to appear *pro hac vice* on behalf of Spire Inc. and Spire Tennessee in the above-captioned docket. In support of this motion, movant respectfully shows unto the Commission, as follows:

1. Mr. Aplington is a licensed attorney in the State of Missouri, a member of the Bar of such State in good standing, and is authorized to practice before the Missouri Supreme Court.
2. Mr. Aplington is in good standing in all jurisdictions, courts and administrative agencies where Mr. Aplington is authorized or has been permitted to practice law.
3. Mr. Aplington is Vice President and Chief Legal Officer for Spire, Inc. and wishes to represent its interests in the above-captioned proceeding.
4. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(g), Mr. Aplington is associated in this proceeding with Paul Davidson, Holland & Knight LLP, 511 Union Street, Suite 2700, Nashville, Tennessee, and Henry M. Walker of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, 1221

Broadway, Suite 2400, Nashville, Tennessee, both lawyers licensed to practice law in Tennessee, in good standing and admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

5. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(f), Mr. Aplington has filed with the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee a copy of this motion along with the supporting documentation and paid all fees required in connection with this motion to appear *pro hac vice*.

6. Mr. Aplington's affidavit containing the information required by Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(d) is attached to this motion as Exhibit A and includes a certificate of good standing from the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri.

WHEREFORE, the Applicants move the Commission to permit his appearance on behalf of Spire Inc. and Spire Tennessee in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of February, 2026.

**Joint Counsel for Piedmont Natural Gas
Company, Inc., Spire, Inc. and Spire Tennessee
Inc.**

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EXHIBIT A

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AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW J. APLINGTON

Comes now Affiant Matthew J. Aplington, having been duly sworn, and states as follows.

1. I reside at [REDACTED]. I am an attorney and Vice President and Chief Legal Officer at Spire, Inc with offices at 700 Market St., 4th Floor, Saint Louis, MO, 63101-1829 My Missouri Bar Number is 58565 I have been retained in my role as Vice President and Chief Legal Officer by Spire Tennessee Inc. to provide legal representation in connection with the above matter now pending before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission

2. I have been admitted to practice before the following courts:

<u>Court</u>	<u>Date Admitted</u>
Missouri Supreme Court	October 4, 2006
Illinois Supreme Court	November 8, 2007

I am presently a member in good standing of the bars of those courts listed above and have not been suspended or disbarred in any court.

3. I have not filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in the State of Tennessee in the last three years.

4. I have never had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked.

5. I have never been disciplined or sanctioned by any lawyer disciplinary agency, or authority, in any jurisdiction.

6. I presently am not subject to any suspension or disbarment proceedings, and have not been formally notified of any complaints pending before a disciplinary agency.

7. I agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of Tennessee and will familiarize myself with and comply with the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.

8. I consent to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee ("TN BPR") and of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.

9. Local counsel of record associated with applicant in this case are Paul S. Davidson of Holland & Knight LLP, 511 Union Street, Suite 2700 Nashville, Tennessee 37219, Telephone: 615-850-8942, Tennessee State Bar No. 011789, and Henry M. Walker of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, 1221 Broadway, Suite 2400, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, Telephone: 615-252-2363, Tennessee State Bar No. 000272.

10. I have paid all fees in connection with the accompanying motion to appear *pro hac vice*.

11. A copy of the motion to appear *pro hac vice*, and all associated papers, has been served upon all counsel of record in this proceeding and upon the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

DATED this 30th day of January, 2026.

By:


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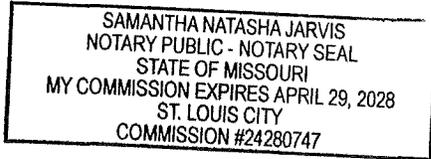
STATE OF MISSOURI

~~City of~~] COUNTY
St. Louis

I certify that Matthew J. Aplington personally appeared before me this day,
acknowledging to me that he signed the forgoing document

Witness my hand and notarial seal on this the 30 day of January, 2026

(Place Notary Stamp Here)



Samantha Natasha Jarvis
Print Name

Samantha Natasha Jarvis
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4/29/28

The Supreme Court of Missouri



*Certificate of Admission as an
Attorney at Law*

I, Betsy Ledgerwood, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records of this office show that on 10/4/2006,

Matthew James Aplington

was duly admitted and licensed to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in the Supreme Court of Missouri and all courts of record in this state, and is, on the date indicated below, a member in good standing of this Bar.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Supreme Court of Missouri at my office in Jefferson City, Missouri, this 28th day of January, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Ledgerwood".

Betsy Ledgerwood

Clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri