

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

IN RE:

**PETITION OF SPIRE TENNESSEE INC.
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2026 ANNUAL
REVIEW OF RATES MECHANISM
PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 65-
5-103(d)(6)**

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Docket No. 26-00042

MOTION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE

Spire Tennessee Inc. (“Spire” or the “Company”), pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(d), moves the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to grant permission for Julio Antonio Arias to appear *pro hac vice* on the Company’s behalf in the above-captioned docket. In support of this motion, movant respectfully shows unto the Commission, as follows:

1. Mr. Arias 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. Arias is in good standing in all jurisdictions, courts, and administrative agencies where Mr. Arias is authorized or has been permitted to practice law.
3. Mr. Arias has been retained in his role as Director, Associate General Counsel to represent Spire’s interests in the above-captioned proceeding.
4. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(g), Mr. Arias is associated in this proceeding with Paul Davidson, Holland & Knight LLP, 150 3rd Avenue S., Suite 2800, Nashville, Tennessee, a lawyer 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. Arias 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. Arias'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.

7. The undersigned counsel for Spire has discussed the relief sought in this motion with representatives of the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General and Reporter ("Consumer Advocate") and is authorized to advise the Commission that the Consumer Advocate has no objection to Mr. Arias's appearance *pro hac vice* in this docket.

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

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of September, 2026.

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EXHIBIT A

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AFFIDAVIT OF JULIO ANTONIO ARIAS

Comes now Affiant Julio Antonio Arias, having been duly sworn, and states as follows:

1. I reside at [REDACTED] I am an attorney and Director, Associate General Counsel for Spire Services Inc. with offices at 700 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. My Missouri Bar Number is 74475. I have been retained in my role as Director and Associate General Counsel 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>
Arizona Supreme Court (Inactive)	November 6, 2019
Missouri Supreme Court	July 7, 2022
California Supreme Court (Inactive)	December 13, 2023

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.

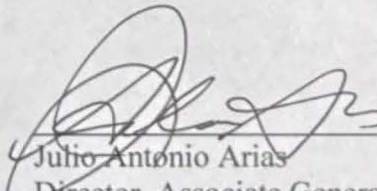
9. Local counsel of record associated with applicant in this case is Paul S. Davidson of Holland & Knight LLP, 150 3rd Avenue S., Suite 2800 Nashville, Tennessee 37201, Telephone: 615-850-8942, Tennessee State Bar No. 011789.

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 31st day of August, 2026.

By:


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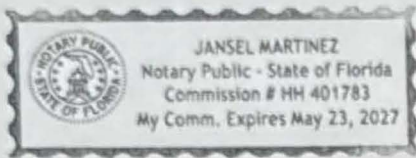
STATE OF FLORIDA

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

I certify that Julio Antonio Arias personally appeared before me this day, acknowledging to me that he signed the forgoing document.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on this the 31st day of August, 2026.

(Place Notary Stamp Here)



Jansel Martinez
Print Name

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 23, 2027

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 7/7/2022,

Julio Antonio Arias

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 18th day of June, 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Ledgerwood". The signature is written in black ink and is enclosed within a large, stylized oval flourish.

Clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served via electronic mail upon the following counsel of record on this 1st day of September, 2026:

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