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SPIRE GULF INC.,

Applicant

APPLICATION: For Approval to Terminate its Self-Insurance Reserve and Refund the Associated Regulatory Liability.

INFORMAL DOCKET U-5073

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 16, 2022, Spire Gulf Inc., (Applicant), filed with the Commission an application for approval to terminate its Self-Insurance Reserve (Sheet No. 49 of the Tariff) and refund the associated balance to customers during fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

Applicant has self-insured for its first layer of general liability coverage up to \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 total since September 30, 2012, pursuant to the Commission's Order dated October 2, 2012, in this Docket. Spire Gulf is now included in a Spire Inc. insurance policy that provides a first layer of general liability coverage for claims from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000.

Applicant has determined the Self-Insurance Reserve is no longer necessary since third party insurance covers risk of general liability claims for amounts above \$50,000. Spire Gulf would expense the uncovered portion of the claim in the year incurred rather than use the Self-Insurance Reserve.

The Applicant avers that its first layer of general liability coverage is sufficient and cost effective through the third-party insurance provider and that terminating the Self-Insurance Reserve and refunding the balance in the fund during fiscal year 2023 is appropriate.

Staff evaluated the Application and recommends its approval.

The Commission concurs with staff's recommendation and hereby approves the Application as filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, That Applicant is hereby authorized to terminate its Self-Insurance Reserve as provided for in its Tariff Sheet No. 49 and refund the balance of \$1,986,918 to customers during fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That jurisdiction in this cause is retained for whatever order or orders deemed appropriate by this Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this Order is effective on the date hereof.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 6th day of December, 2022.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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Chris "Chip" Beeker, Jr., Commissioner

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