Joe Hampton Named President of Spire's Alabama and Mississippi Utilities

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 14, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- After serving Spire customers and communities for more than 20 years, Joe Hampton will become president of Spire's Alabama and Mississippi natural gas utilities beginning Dec. 1. He is currently vice president of operations for Spire's western Missouri utility.

"Joe is a proven leader at Spire. As a champion for Spire's values of safety, inclusion and integrity, Joe successfully led our western Missouri utility for the past four years," said Steve Lindsey, CEO of distribution operations and gas utilities for Spire. "We are pleased for him to be returning to his hometown of Birmingham to lead our Alabama and Mississippi natural gas utilities."

Joe will be returning to Birmingham where he began his career at Spire as an engineering intern while completing his bachelor's degrees in physics and electrical engineering. He has held numerous leadership positions in field operations, including all aspects of service, construction and distribution operations, economic development, sales and community development. Joe will replace Ken Smith, who will be retiring Dec. 1.

"Ken's entire career has been dedicated to graciously leading and serving the employees and customers of Spire," said Lindsey. "He cares deeply about this community and the work we do every day."

Ken began his career at Spire in 1981 as an industrial marketing representative. He held positions of increasing responsibility across a number of functional areas, including vice president of operations, vice president of technical and transportation services and most recently, president. As an active member of his community, Ken plans to continue his involvement with many organizations, including the Vapor Ministries and Mountain Brook Community Church.

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