

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Spire )  
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire for Permission and )  
Approval and a Certificate of Convenience )  
and Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, )  
Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise Control )  
and Manage a Natural Gas Distribution )  
System to Provide Gas Service in Lawrence )  
County as an Expansion of its Existing )  
Certificated Areas )

**File No. GA-2020-0236**  
Tracking No. YG-2020-0207

**STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and pursuant to the Commission’s June 1, 2020 *Order Directing Filing* submits its *Staff’s Recommendation to Approve Tariff Filing* in support states as follows:

1. On February 6, 2020, Spire Missouri, Inc. (“Spire”), filed an *Amended Application* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) to install, own, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain a natural gas distribution system to provide gas in Lawrence County, Missouri, as an addition to Spire’s existing service territories.

2. On May 28, 2020, the Commission in its *Order Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* (“Order”) directed Spire to file an updated tariff sheet incorporating the expanded service area. On the same day, Spire filed a tariff sheet intended to comply with the Commission’s *Order*. The tariff filing was assigned Tariff Tracking No. YG-2020-0207 and would be effective June 27, 2020.

3. On June 1, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing* ordering Staff to file a recommendation no later than June 9, 2020, regarding Spire’s revised tariff.

4. As discussed in the Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, Staff has reviewed the tariff sheet filed by Spire and has determined that the tariff sheet is in compliance with the Commission's May 28, 2020 *Order*.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays that the Commission issue an order in this case that approves the tariff sheet (Tariff Tracking No. YG-2020-0207), as filed on May 28, 2020, to go into effect on June 27, 2020, as requested by Spire.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

**/s/ Ron Irving**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,  
Case No. GA-2020-0236, File No. YG-2020-0207, Spire Missouri, Inc.

FROM: Byron M. Murray, Regulatory Economist  
Tariff/Rate Design

<hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> /s/ Robin Kliethermes/June 5, 2020 Tariff/Rate Design Manager/Date	<hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> /s/ Ron Irving/June 5, 2020 Staff Counsel's Office/Date
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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Spire Missouri, Inc. Compliance Tariff Filing

DATE: June 5, 2020

On February 3, 2020, Spire Missouri, Inc. (“Spire”) applied for a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) to serve several potential customers in Lawrence County as an expansion of its existing certificated area, authorizing it to construct, install, own, operate, maintain and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Lawrence County. Spire further requested a waiver of the Commission’s 60-day notice requirement found in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017.

Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation on May 13, 2020. Staff recommended that the Commission grant the certificate, subject to three conditions. On May 28, 2020, the Commission issued an *Order Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity*.

On May 28, 2020, Spire filed one (1) tariff sheet reflecting the Commission’s granting of the CCN request, bearing an effective date of June 27, 2020. The Commission’s Tariffs/Rate Design Department Staff (Staff) has reviewed the filed tariff sheet and has determined that it complies with the Commission’s Order. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet, or, in the alternative, allow the tariff sheet to go into effect by operation of law.

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1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 20.13 Canceling Original Sheet No. 20.13

Staff has verified that the Company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment.

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Expansion of its Existing Certificated )  
Areas )

**AFFIDAVIT OF BYRON M. MURRAY**

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF COLE )

**COMES NOW** Byron M. Murray, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation* in memorandum form; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiants sayeth not.

/s/ Byron M. Murray  
Byron M. Murray