

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 Buchanan County, Missouri as)
an Expansion of its Existing Certificated)
Areas)

File No. GA-2021-0259

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: October 29, 2021

Effective Date: October 29, 2021

On February 15, 2021, Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire, filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Buchanan County, Missouri, as a further expansion of its existing certificated area (Application). The proposed CCN area would extend service to 34 single-family residential lots. In its Application, Spire also requested that the 60-day notice rule be waived.¹ The Commission directed notice and established an intervention deadline. The Commission received no applications to intervene. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Staff Recommendation on June 16, 2021. Spire filed a Response to the Staff Recommendation on June 28, 2021. Staff filed a First Amended Staff Recommendation on July 14, 2021.

¹ 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

On October 1, 2021, Staff and Spire filed a stipulation and agreement (“Agreement”). The Agreement appears to address concerns raised in the First Amended Staff Recommendation; however, it includes a provision stating that “a contribution...is appropriate in this case.”

Without further explanation, the Commission cannot determine by whom the “contribution” will be made and whether this provision conflicts with the rule in Spire’s current tariff relating to Extension of Distribution Facilities.² Therefore, the Commission seeks clarification.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than November 5, 2021, Staff and/or Spire shall file an explanation of the provision that “a contribution...is appropriate in this case,” or state when it expects to file such explanation.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of October, 2021.

² First Amended Staff Recommendation, Appendix A: Memorandum, pp. 2-3.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 29th day of October, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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