

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

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| In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a |) | <u>Case No. GT-2021-0099</u> |
| Spire's Proposed Tariff Sheet Filings |) | Tariff Filing Nos. JG-2021-0090 |
| | | JG-2021-0091 |
| | | YG-2021-0125 |
| | | YG-2021-0126 |

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its *Staff Recommendation* respectfully states as follows:

1. On September 30, 2020, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (“Spire”) filed its First Revised Tariff Sheet P.S.C. MO. No. 30.2 cancelling Original Tariff Sheet P.S.C. MO. 30.2 (Tariff Filing Nos. JG-2021-0090 and JG-2021-0091) for both its Eastern and Western Missouri operating divisions. These revised tariff sheets had an issue date of September 30, 2020, and an effective date of October 30, 2020.

2. Spire stated its tariff sheet filings were intended to modify the Commercial and Industrial (C/I) Rebate program language. The modified language is purported to allow Spire to provide incentives to small C/I customers and make available to eligible small business customers a recurring bill credit of \$100 for up to five months.

3. Staff filed a *Motion to Suspend Tariff Sheets* on October 6, 2020, and informed the Commission that Staff had begun its initial review of Spire’s tariff sheet filings and believed that the proposed tariff revisions may involve items of interest to the Commission and other stakeholders. Staff moved the Commission to suspend the tariff sheet filings pursuant to Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.065 and create a docketed case so that Staff, and any other interested parties, would have further opportunity to review the requested changes.

4. On October 6, 2020, the Commission issued an order that suspended Spire's tariff sheets (Nos. JG-2021-0090 and JG-2021-0091) until December 30, 2020, and directed Staff to file either its recommendation or alternative pleading no later than November 16, 2020.

5. On November 16, 2020, Staff filed a pleading stating that Staff had submitted data requests to Spire to gather more information on Spire's tariff sheet filings. Staff requested the Commission allow Staff to file its recommendation in this matter no later than November 30, 2020, so that Staff and Spire may continue to have discussions regarding Spire's tariff sheet filings. The Commission issued an order that same day directing Staff to file its recommendation no later than November 30, 2020.

6. Spire filed a motion on November 25, 2020, noting that Spire and Staff had engaged in discussions regarding Spire's C/I tariff sheet filings, and that Spire was withdrawing its original tariff sheets (Nos. JG-2021-0090 and JG-2021-0091), and refiling new tariff sheets (Nos. YG-2021-0125 and YG-2021-0126) that reflect input from Staff. Spire's motion also included a request that the Commission permit these new tariff sheets to go into effect sooner than their December 25, 2020, effective dates.

7. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets Spire filed on November 25, 2020, (Nos. YG-2021-0125 and YG-2021-0126), and recommends the Commission approve them. The new tariff sheet filings contain information that was lacking in Spire's original filing, such as the program administrator (United Way), and distinct eligibility criteria. Staff also has no objection to the Commission granting Spire's request for expedited treatment of its new tariff sheet filings.

WHEREFORE Staff respectfully recommends that the Commission issue an order approving Spire's tariff sheet filings (Nos. YG-2021-0125 and YG-2021-0126); and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds just under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record on this 30th day of November, 2020.

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