

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a)
Spire's Request for Authority to)
Implement a General Rate Increase for)
Natural Gas Service Provided in the)
Company's Missouri Service Areas)

Case No. GR-2022-0179

**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE
FOR PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and for its submission in response to the Commission’s June 30, 2022 *Order Setting a Deadline For Local Public Hearing Recommendations and Any Proposed Language For Public Hearing Notices*, states as follows:

Staff consulted with the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) and Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire and proposes the attached language be included in notices regarding public hearings sent to Spire Missouri’s customers. Spire had previously filed on July 20, 2022, proposed language for the public hearing notice, but Spire has stated to Staff that it agrees with inclusion of the attached language in notices sent to customers and has indicated that Staff may state as such in this filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits the foregoing and the attached for the Commission’s information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 27th day of July, 2022, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers

**Notice of Local Public Hearings and
Request for Comments Regarding Proposed Increase**

Spire Missouri Inc., has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“PSC”) to increase revenues by approximately \$151.88 million, an overall 10.29% increase. This \$151.88 million consists of \$73.9 million for Spire Missouri East and \$77.9 million for Spire Missouri West. However, of this total \$151.88 million, approximately \$8.5 million is already currently being collected under the Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS) program line item that is currently on customers’ bills. As the amount related to the ISRS is already being collected in rates the remaining overall annual incremental increase to customers, as proposed, would be \$143.38 million.

The proposed rate increase is primarily driven by infrastructure investment, rate of return, overhead costs, and certain transportation tariff provisions.

The effect of the proposed revenue increase will vary by customer type. Spire Missouri estimates that a typical Spire Missouri East residential customer would have an increase of approximately \$8.19 per month or 10.44% on their total bill. Spire Missouri estimates that a typical Spire Missouri West residential customer would have an increase of approximately \$10.95 per month or 12.65% on their total bill.

The PSC will decide what amount of increase, if any, to approve. The base rate increase request would take effect no later than February 28, 2023. Depending on the Commission’s decision, which will be based on evidentiary hearings, the rates for one or more customer rate classes may be different from the rates requested by Spire Missouri.

We Invite You to Attend a Public Hearing

The PSC will hold public hearings. At the hearings you can ask questions, and you can testify about Spire Missouri’s rate increase request.

Each hearing will be divided into two parts. In the first part, you may ask questions of both Spire Missouri, the Office of the Public Counsel, and Staff of the Commission. In this first part, the Commissioners and the regulatory law judge will not be present. Your questions, and the answers provided to you will not be part of the evidence the Commission looks at. In the second part of the hearing, Commissioners and a regulatory law judge will be present, and you may testify directly to the Commissioners. Testimony provided in the second part will be some of the evidence that the Commission looks at when deciding whether to grant Spire’s requested rate increase.

To attend a public hearing, please see the schedule below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 13, 2022	Noon	City of St. Louis	Harris Stowe (precise location TBD)
September 13, 2022	6:00 p.m.	St. Louis County	University of Missouri – Saint Louis (precise location TBD)
September 14, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Statewide	Webex Meeting ID: Access Code Site: Telephone Number: Password:
September 15, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Kansas City	Location TBD

The local public hearings will be held in person and virtually via live stream. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearings, please call the PSC's Hotline at **(800) 392-4211 (voice)** or **Relay Missouri at 711** before the hearing. During the virtual public hearing, you may also contact Spire with questions about your account via a designated text line at (314) 339-8762.

Additional Ways to Provide Comments and Feedback

If you are unable to attend a public hearing, or if you would like to make written comments or receive additional information, you may contact the PSC directly at:

Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360,
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
Telephone: (800) 392-4211
Email: pscinfo@psc.mo.gov

In addition, you may also provide comments or request additional information from the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel, a state agency tasked with representing the interests of the public in proceedings before the PSC, by contacting:

Office of the Public Counsel
P.O. Box 2230,
Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102
Telephone: (866) 922-2959
Email: opcservice@opc.mo.gov.

Comments may also be registered in the case using the Commission's electronic filing system at <https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html>. If submitting comments electronically, please reference Case No. GR-2022-0179.

Connect With Spire

You can also learn more about the rate review at SpireEnergy.com/rate-review.

Stay Informed

Finally, if you want to stay informed about this case or read up on what has already been filed, you can access this case on the PSC's Electronic Filing Information System (or "EFIS"). Please go to <https://psc.mo.gov/General/EFIS>, find the link for "Docket Sheet" under EFIS Shortcuts, and enter the case number for this case (GR-2022-0179) in the box provided to see everything filed in this case.

The PSC will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City from November 28–30, December 1–2, and December 5–9, 2022, beginning each day at 9:00 a.m. The hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at (800) 392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.