

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of July, 2023.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a )  
Spire (West) Purchased Gas Adjustment )  
(PGA) Tariff Filing )

**File No. GR-2022-0136**

**ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: July 12, 2023

Effective Date: July 12, 2023

The Commission opened this file to receive the 2020-2021 Purchased Gas Adjustment and Actual Cost Adjustment filings of Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire. On June 28, 2023, Spire, the Commission's Staff (Staff), and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a proposed procedural schedule. The Commission will adopt the procedural schedule proposed by the parties.<sup>1</sup>

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

<b>Spire Direct Testimony</b>	November 3, 2023
<b>Settlement Conference</b>	November 8, 2023
<b>Discovery Conference</b>	December 12, 2023
<b>Discovery Conference</b>	January 16, 2024
<b>Non-Utility Direct Testimony</b>	January 26, 2024
<b>Settlement Conference</b>	February 1, 2024
<b>Discovery Conference</b>	February 13, 2024

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission acknowledges the request that the Commission issue an order by July 31, 2024.

<b>All Party Rebuttal Testimony</b>	March 1, 2024
<b>Settlement Conference</b>	March 7, 2024
<b>Discovery Conference</b>	March 12, 2024
<b>All Party Surrebuttal Testimony</b>	March 29, 2024
<b>Final Day to Serve Data Requests</b>	April 15, 2024
<b>Joint List of Issues and Order of Witnesses</b>	April 29, 2024
<b>Position Statements and Stipulation of Undisputed Facts</b>	May 1, 2024
<b>Evidentiary Hearing</b>	May 6, 7, and 9, 2024
<b>Initial Post-Hearing Briefs</b>	June 10, 2024
<b>Reply Briefs</b>	July 1, 2024

2. The evidentiary hearing shall be held at the Commission’s office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, and will begin each day at 9:00 a.m. or as ordered by the Regulatory Law Judge at the hearing. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission’s Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

3. The parties shall comply with the following procedural requirements:

- A. Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described, or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue, the parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The

Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as not requiring resolution by the Commission.

- B. Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each issue. Position statements shall track the list of issues. Any position statement shall set forth any order requested, cite any law authorizing that relief, and allege facts relevant under the law with citations to any pre-filed testimony in support.
- C. All parties shall provide copies of testimony, schedules, exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, schedules, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties shall not be required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
- D. Testimony shall be pre-filed as defined in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130. All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.
- E. All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record in support of that party's position.
- F. If testimony or other exhibits have been pre-filed and served upon the parties before a hearing, a party need only provide a copy of the testimony or exhibit for the court reporter and exhibit-marketing purposes during the evidentiary hearing. If a party marks testimony or an exhibit for use at the evidentiary hearing, which has not been pre-filed and served upon each other party, then said party shall have sufficient copies of the testimony or exhibit to provide a copy to the court reporter, each of the Commissioners, the presiding Regulatory Law Judge, and counsel for each other party.
- G. Exhibit numbers for the hearing are assigned in the following manner:

Spire	1-99
Staff	100-199
Public Counsel	200-299

If any party requires additional exhibit numbers, it may add 1000 to its assigned numbers. For example, if Staff has exhibits in addition to exhibit number 199, its next exhibit numbers would be 1100, 1101,

1102, etc. Exhibits shall be marked as set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(10)(C); for example, “Exhibit 2” is public, whereas “Exhibit 2C” is the confidential version.

- H. The parties agree to provide all workpapers in electronic format, whenever available, and within two (2) business days following the date when the related testimony is filed. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. If there are no workpapers associated with the testimony, the party’s attorney shall so notify each other party within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.
- I. If available in its original format with formulas intact, the parties agree to provide workpapers and data request responses with models, spreadsheets, or similar information in a commonly-available format, where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe resulting changes in inputs or outputs. By way of example, and not limitation, workpapers prepared in Microsoft Excel or another executable format shall be provided in that format.
- J. Public documents filed in the Commission’s Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for every other party via e-mail. Confidential documents may be obtained through EFIS and need not be served.
- K. Beginning on the effective date of this order, the response time for all data requests shall be twenty (20) calendar days, and the responder will have ten (10) calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than twenty (20) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.
- L. After March 1, 2024, the filing deadline for Rebuttal testimony, the response time for data requests shall be ten (10) business days to provide the requested information, and the responder will have five (5) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than ten (10) business days will be needed to provide the requested information.
- M. After March 29, 2024, the filing deadline for Surrebuttal testimony, the response time for data requests shall be five (5) business days to provide the requested information and three (3) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five (5) business days will be needed to provide the requested information.

- N. The last day to request further data requests is April 15, 2024, and the response time for data requests submitted during this period shall be five (5) business days to provide the requested information and three (3) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than five (5) business days will be needed to provide the requested information.
- O. All motions to compel a response to any data request should be submitted no later than April 24, 2024.
- P. Discovery conferences will either be held in room 305 at the Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101, or conducted remotely, at the discretion of the Regulatory Law Judge. Each discovery conference shall begin at 10:00 a.m. central standard time.
- Q. In addition to the discovery conferences included in this proposed procedural schedule, any party may request additional discovery conferences. A party may request an additional discovery conference no later than April 24, 2024.
- R. Any party with a discovery disagreement or concern shall file a brief statement describing that disagreement or concern and identifying any other party involved no less than two (2) business days before a scheduled discovery conference. Such statement does not need to be a formal motion to compel. If no party files a brief statement of a discovery disagreement or concern, then the Regulatory Law Judge may cancel the scheduled discovery conference.
- S. Any party may attend a discovery conference, and only those parties involved in an identified discovery disagreement or concern are required to attend.
- T. Discovery conferences shall be on the record and shall be transcribed by a court reporter.
- U. Any pending written discovery motion may be taken up at a discovery conference and may be ruled upon by the presiding Regulatory Law Judge, either on the record, or in a written order.
- V. If a moving party has already conferred or attempted to confer with opposing counsel concerning a discovery matter, that party may file a discovery motion to be entertained at a regularly-scheduled discovery conference, provided that the party files the motion at least two (2) business days in advance of the conference. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090's requirement that a party must seek a

telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion shall not apply to any discovery motion filed for consideration at a regularly-scheduled discovery conference. Any party seeking an order on any discovery motion outside of a regularly-scheduled discovery conference shall comply with 20 CSR 4240-2.090(8) prior to filing the discovery motion.

- W. If the parties do not identify any discovery disagreements or concerns that necessitate a discovery conference, the time allotted for the discovery conference may be used for informal, off-the-record technical conferences, as arranged in advance. Each party shall make a good faith effort to notify all parties in advance of the technical conference and of the anticipated topics or issues to be discussed.
- X. All data requests, subpoenas, notices to depose witnesses, and other discovery requests shall be issued no later than April 15, 2024. With respect to deposing a witness, depositions must be completed at least three (3) business days prior to the date that the witness will testify on the issue(s) in the evidentiary hearing, unless witness availability requires that a deposition be conducted within less than three (3) business days.
- Y. The parties shall make an effort to not include confidential information in data request questions, and the parties shall make an effort not to over-designate information as confidential. If confidential information must be included in data request questions, the confidential information should be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 20 CSR 4240- 2.135. Responsibility to make this designation rests upon the party claiming confidentiality. Other parties are entitled to rely on the presence or absence of such designation.
- Z. Any data requests issued by or to Staff shall be submitted and responded to through EFIS. All data requests other than those issued by or to Staff, as well as all objections to data requests or notifications of the need for additional time to respond, shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other counsel to be added to the certified service list and shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions regarding confidentiality. If any party responds to a data request through EFIS, the response shall be available through EFIS to all counsel on the certified service list. Data request responses, other than responses to data requests issued by or to Staff, will be served to counsel for the requesting party and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request. Data request

responses shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous. For purposes of this paragraph, "voluminous" refers to documents and other material of such a nature that copying them would be unduly burdensome.

AA. A party desiring the response to a data request that has been served on another shall submit a separate data request for a copy of the response, thereby providing the responding party the opportunity to object. If a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to, considering that there is already a response for the underlying data request.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

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Secretary

Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman, Kolkmeier  
and Hahn CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Secretary**

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

*Sincerely,*



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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