

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a)	
Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri)	<u>File No.: GO-2022-0070</u>
West Filing of its Proposed Weather)	Tariff No.: JG-2022-0047
Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR))	Tariff No.: JG-2022-0048
Tariff Sheets)	

ORDER SETTING DEADLINES

Issue Date: September 14, 2021

Effective Date: September 14, 2021

On September 1, 2021,¹ Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West (Spire) filed an Application to Update its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR) per sheets in Tariff Tracking Numbers JG-2022-0047 and JG-2022-0048. The tariff sheets filed under JG-2022-0047 and JG-2022-0048 bear an October 1, 2021, effective date. On September 10, the Commission's Staff (Staff) filed its Recommendation that the Commission reject Spire's WNAR tariff sheets. Staff argued that the tariff sheets improperly reflect reconciliations to recover amounts which Spire had erroneously failed to incorporate into its billing system per its tariffs effective from October 1, 2020, until February 22, 2021.² Staff contends that Spire should not be permitted to include adjustments in its new tariff sheets to reconcile billing errors resulting in prior undercharges.

On September 13, Spire filed a Response to Staff's Recommendation. Therein Spire argued that the appropriate mechanism to account for over/under charges in this instance is to follow its tariff and that pursuant to the procedure specified in its WNAR

¹ All date references will be to 2020 unless otherwise indicated.

² These errors were discovered in GR-2021-0280, approving WNAR Tariff and Ordering Staff to Investigate a Billing Error.

tariffs, it had properly filed its tariffs to include the billing error amount in its semi-annual reconciliation rate.

Spire also asked for further time, until September 20, to file a more complete response to Staff's recommendation. It pointed out that the Commission's September 2 Order Directing Staff Recommendation and Setting Time for Responses had required Staff to file its recommendation no later than September 10 and required any responses thereto to be filed no later than September 13, a Monday, thereby giving Spire only one business day to respond.³ The Commission will grant the request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Spire's request for additional time to respond to Staff's recommendation is granted.
2. Spire shall file any further response it wishes to file to Staff's recommendation regarding Tariff Tracking Nos. JG-2022-0047 and JG-2022-0048 no later than September 20, 2021.
3. Staff or any other entity wishing to reply to Spire's response shall do so no later than September 21, 2021.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

³ Spire filed its tariff revisions on September 1 with an effective date of October 1; hence, the expedited schedule.

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of September, 2021.


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 14th day of September, 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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