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)	File No. GO-2023-0002
West Filing of its Proposed Weather)	Tracking No. JG-2023-0002
Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR))	
Tariff Sheets)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and respectfully states as follows:

- 1. On July 1, 2022, 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) and accompanying tariff sheets (Tracking No. JG-2023-0002). The tariff sheets bear an effective date of September 1, 2022.
- 2. On July 5, 2022, the Commission issued an order directing Staff to produce its recommendation no later than July 20, 2022.
- 3. Accompanying this pleading, and incorporated herein by reference, is Staff's *Memorandum* recommending Commission approval of the WNAR rates Spire filed in its tariff sheets.
- 4. The effect of Spire's WNAR tariff sheet filings mean that a residential customer in the Spire East district that used 100 Ccf in a given billing month would see an increase of \$2.08 in their monthly bill from the current WNAR rate, and a residential customer in the Spire West district would see an increase of \$1.43 in their monthly bill from the current WNAR rate.

WHEREFORE, as set forth in Staff's Recommendation *Memorandum*, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets to go into effect for service on and after September 1, 2022, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 9

Second Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9 First Revised Sheet No. 13.2

Second Revised Sheet No. 13.5 Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9 First Revised Sheet No. 13.5

First Revised Sheet No. 13.9 Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9 Original Sheet No. 13.9

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Don Cosper

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 20th day of July, 2022.

/s/ Don Cosper

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

File No. GO-2023-0002, Tariff Tracking No. JG-2023-0002 Spire Missouri, Inc.

FROM: Hari Poudel, Economist

<u>/s/ Hari Poudel 7/20/2022</u>

Tariff/Rate Design / Date

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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for the Approval of the Tariff Sheets Filed by Spire to

update its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider to go into effect on

September 1, 2022.

DATE: July 20, 2022

On July 1, 2022, Spire filed three tariff sheets to update its weather normalization adjustment rider (WNAR) rates with an effective date of September 1, 2022. The Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation regarding Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR) tariff sheets in Tariff Tracking No. JG-2023-0002 no later than July 20, 2022. The same order allowed for any other entity wishing to reply to Spire's response by July 27, 2022.

Spire's current and proposed rates are included in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Current and Proposed WNAR Rates by District and Class.

District	Current	Proposed
Spire East	\$-0.00482/Ccf	\$0.01599/Ccf
Spire West	\$-0.00072/Ccf	\$0.01357/Ccf

The WNAR for Spire went into effect on April 19, 2018. Spire adjusts its revenue requirement to remove the effects of abnormal weather. This is Spire's second WNAR filing since its most recent rate case, GR-2021-0108. In the Report and Order for that case, the Commission allowed Spire to file a WNAR that changed the mechanism from a semiannual mechanism to an annual mechanism.

According to the annual mechanism, the WNAR is calculated by dividing the total recovery amount (TRA) by the annual volumetric billing determinants. The TRA is the sum of the weather revenue adjustments (ARA), the true-up amount (TA), and the interest on the true-up amount. Based on the annual mechanism, the WNAR for Spire East is \$0.01599 per Ccf and the WNAR for Spire West is \$0.01357 per Ccf.

Therefore, Spire's Tariff Sheet, P.S.C. MO. No. 9, Sheet No. 13.9, would increase the average monthly bill of the typical residential customer. This means a residential customer in the Spire East district that used 100 Ccf in a given billing month would see an increase of \$2.08 in their monthly bill from the current WNAR rate, and a residential customer in the Spire West district would see an increase of \$1.43 in their monthly bill from the current WNAR rate.

Staff Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the following tariff sheets, and recommends approval of the following tariff sheets to go into effect for service on and after September 1, 2022, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 9

Second Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9 First Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Second Revised Sheet No. 13.5 Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9 First Revised Sheet No. 13.5 First Revised Sheet No. 13.9 Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9 Original Sheet No. 13.9

Staff has verified that Spire is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its Annual Report. Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing.

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AFFIDAVIT OF HARI K. POUDEL, PhD						
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COMES NOW Hari K. Poudel, PhD, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

Hari K. Poudel, PhD

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 19th day of July, 2022.

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Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Cote County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023
Commission #: 15207377