## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 13th day of May, 2020.

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. to Establish an Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge in its Spire Missouri East Service Territory	) ) <u>File No. GO-2018-0309</u> )
In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. to Establish an Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge in its Spire Missouri West Service Territory	) ) File No. GO-2018-0310 )

## ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENTS

Issue Date: May 13, 2020 Effective Date: May 13, 2020

On April 29, 2020, the Commission issued its Order Setting a Procedural Schedule Including a Limited Hearing on Remand. On May 7, 2020, Spire Missouri Inc. (Spire Missouri) filed a Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Oral Argument. Spire Missouri argues that the Commission misinterpreted the Court of Appeals' mandate and is inappropriately limiting the proceedings. Spire Missouri also requests oral arguments to further explain its position to the Commission.

The Court of Appeals reversed the Commission's Report and Order and remanded it to the Commission with specific directions to remove "the cost incurred to replace cast iron and bare steel mains and service lines not shown to be worn out or deteriorated" and

refund "that amount" expeditiously. The Commission interprets that language as requiring it to hold only limited proceedings to determine the amount to be refunded.

The Commission finds that it has interpreted the Court of Appeals' mandate correctly and will deny Spire Missouri's motion for reconsideration. Additionally, the Commission will deny the request for oral arguments.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Spire Missouri Inc.'s Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Oral Argument filed on May 7, 2020, is denied.
  - 2. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Coleman, and Holsman CC., concur.

Rupp, C., dissents.

Kenney, C., absent.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Matter of Spire Missouri Inc., 593 S.W.3d 546, 555 (Mo. Ct. App. 2019), reh'g and/or transfer denied (Dec. 12, 2019), transfer denied (Mar. 17, 2020).