

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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri)
Inc. to Change its Infrastructure System) **File No. GO-2019-0015**
Replacement Surcharge in its Spire Missouri)
East Service Territory)

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Inc. to Change its Infrastructure System) **File No. GO-2019-0016**
Replacement Surcharge in its Spire Missouri)
West Service Territory)

**SPIRE MISSOURI INC’S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT
AND TO PERMIT TARIFFS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE
ON LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS’ NOTICE**

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or “Company”), on behalf of itself and its two operating units, Spire Missouri East (“Spire East”) and Spire Missouri West (“Spire West”) and, pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080 (14) submits this Motion for Expedited Treatment and to Permit Tariffs to Become Effective on Less Than Thirty Days’ Notice. In support thereof, the Company states as follows:

1. On January 14, 2019, Spire Missouri filed its applications and petitions, along with its revised tariffs, with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), in order to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (“ISRS”) in its Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West service territories. On May 3, 2019, the Commission issued its Report and Order in the underlying cases.

2. On May 13, 2019, the OPC filed a Motion for Rehearing or Reconsideration of the Commission’s May 3, 2019 Order, citing several issues, including the calculation of net property taxes owed on plant additions. On July 25, 2019, the Commission granted OPC’s motion for

rehearing, in part, only as to the net value of property tax and scheduled a procedural conference for August 9, 2019 to address this limited issue.

3. Based on discussions held prior to and at the August 9, 2019 procedural conference, Spire Missouri, the Commission Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel (collectively “the Signatories”) reached a Stipulation and Agreement (“Stipulation”) resolving the property tax expense issue in the above captioned cases. The Stipulation has been filed on this same date for the Commission’s consideration.

4. Under the terms of the Stipulation, the Signatories have agreed, in part, that Spire Missouri is to file revised tariff sheets reflecting a recalculated amount of property tax with an effective date of August 23, 2019. This addresses the property tax issue noted in the Commission’s July 25, 2019 Order on a going forward basis. The Signatories have also agreed that the difference between property tax expenses as originally approved by the Commission and as recalculated pursuant to this Stipulation for the period when rates went into effect on, May 25, 2019, until the August 23, 2019 effective date for the revised tariff sheets, will be reflected in the annual reconciliation amounts in Spire’s current ISRS filings in Case Nos. GO-2019-0356 and GO-2019-0357.

5. To effectuate the terms of the Stipulation, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Revised Tariff Sheets reflecting these recalculated amounts, which have also been contemporaneously filed on this same date, to become effective on less than thirty days’ notice on August 23, 2019.

6. Spire Missouri submits that harm will be avoided by expedited approval of the revised tariff sheets since it will permit the ISRS revenues that have been reduced consistent with the Commission’s July 25, 2019 to become effective as soon as reasonably practicable. Permitting

the Revised Tariff Sheets to become effective on August 23, 2019 will also be consistent with the period used by the Signatories to calculate the amount to be reflected in the Company's annual reconciliation relating to the period during which the unadjusted tax expense amounts were collected

7. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been following the completion of the Stipulation implementing the Commission's July 25, 2019 Order.

8. Counsel for Staff and OPC have indicated to counsel for Spire Missouri that they support the relief requested herein consistent with the terms of the Stipulation.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Spire Missouri respectfully requests that Commission consider and grant this Motion for Expedited Treatment and approve the Revised Tariff Sheets to become effective on August 23, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel, on this 13th day of August, 2019 by hand-delivery, fax, electronic mail or by regular mail, postage prepaid.

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