

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s Filing of)	<u>File No. GO-2019-0255</u>
its Proposed Weather Normalization)	Tracking No. JG-2019-0164
Adjustment Rider (WNAR) Tariff Sheets)	Tracking No. JG-2019-0165

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. According to the terms of its tariff, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire ("Spire") is to file rate adjustments under its weather normalization adjustment rider ("WNAR") by March 1, 2019. On March 1, 2019 Spire filed tariff sheets (Tariff Tracking Nos. JG-2019-0164 for Spire East and JG-2019-0165 for Spire West) to revise the WNAR in both tariffs. These tariff sheets have issue dates of March 1, 2019 and effective dates of April 1, 2019.

2. In its cover letter, Spire wrote that it calculated the adjustments based on the methodology it believed at that time consistent with its tariffs. However, it stated that it would immediately modify the sheets if the Commission followed Staff's recommendations in File Nos. GO-2019-0058 and GO-2019-0059.

3. On March 6, 2019 Staff moved to suspend both tariff sheets and create a docketed case so Staff could review the WNAR adjustment calculations. On March 20, 2019 the Commission suspended the tariff sheets from April 1, 2019 through October 1, 2019 and ordered Staff to file its recommendation by March 30, 2019.

4. On March 20, 2019 the Commission issued orders in File Nos. GO-2019-0058 and GO-2019-0059, following Staff's recommendations.

5. As of the time of this filing, Spire has not filed substitute tariff sheets reflecting the Commission's March 20, 2019 orders, although Staff and Spire are in communication.

6. Staff recommends that the Commission continue to suspend Spire's tariff sheets. Staff proposes to file another recommendation once Spire files substitute tariff sheets.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this Staff Recommendation as directed by the Commission's Order issued March 20, 2019, recommending the Commission issue an order continuing to suspend the tariff sheets filed by Spire in Tariff Tracking Nos. JG-2019-0164 and JG-2019-0165.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 29th day of March, 2019.

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