

**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	)	<b><u>Case No.: GO-2022-0070</u></b>
Missouri West Filing of its Proposed	)	Tariff No: JG-2022-0047
Weather Normalization Adjustment	)	Tariff No. JG-2022-0048
Rider (WNAR) Tariff Sheets	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its recommendation to approve Spire's proposed WNAR tariff sheets as filed on Monday, September 20, 2021, states the following:

**Background**

1. On September 1, 2021, Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West (Spire), filed an application to update its Weather Normalization Rider (WNAR) pursuant to Section 386.266.3 and its Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West tariff Sheets 13 through 13.2. On September 10, Staff recommended rejection of those tariff sheets. Spire filed substitute revised tariff sheets and work papers to remove certain billing errors. The Commission issued a September 21 Order requiring a Staff recommendation on Spire's substituted revised tariff sheets JG-2022-0047 and JG-2022-0048 no later than noon on September 24, 2021.

2. As set forth in the attached memorandum, Staff has reviewed Spire's substitute revised WNAR tariff sheets JG-2022-0047 and JG-2022-0048 filed on Monday, September, 20, 2021, and recommends the Commission approve those tariffs sheets with an effective date of October 1, 2021.

3. Staff appreciates Spire's willingness to follow Staff's recommendation in this case where Spire has not agreed with all of Staff's assertions.

### Staff Recommendation

4. Staff recommends the Commission approve Spire's substitute revised WNAR tariff sheets JG-2022-0047 and JG-2022-0048 as filed on Monday, September 20, 2021.

**WHEREFORE**, as set forth in Staff's Memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following Spire East and Spire West WNAR tariff sheets, as substituted on Monday, September 20, 2021:

P.S.C. MO. No. 7

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 13.2

P.S.C. MO. No. 8

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 13.2

and ordering such other and further relief the Commission deems just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Curt Stokes**

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**Attorney for Staff of the  
Missouri Public Service  
Commission**

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 23rd day of September, 2021.

**/s/ Curt Stokes**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
File No. GO-2022-0070, Tariff Tracking Nos. JG-2022-0047 and JG-2022-0048  
Spire Missouri, Inc.

FROM: Michael L. Stahlman, Regulatory Economist III  
/s/ Michael L. Stahlman 9/23/2021                      /s/ Curtis Stokes 9/23/2021  
Regulatory Economist / Date                      Staff Counsel Division / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for the **Approval** of the Tariff Sheets Filed by Spire to Adjust its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider to go into effect on October 1, 2021.

DATE: September 23, 2021

On September 1, 2021, Spire filed two tariff sheets to adjust its weather normalization adjustment rider (WNAR) rates with an effective date of October 1, 2021. On September 10, 2021, Staff filed its recommendation recommending rejection of Spire’s proposed tariff sheets. On September 14, 2021, the Commission ordered Spire to file a response to Staff’s recommendation by September 20, 2021. The same order allowed for Staff or any other entity wishing to reply to Spire’s response by September 21, 2021. On September 20, 2021, Spire revised its application and filed two substitute tariff sheets.

These tariff sheets incorporate the differences between normal and actual weather for the billing months of February 2021 through July 2021. 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	0.01006	0.00190
Spire West	0.01059	0.00583

Because the previous periods generally experienced colder weather than normal in Spire’s rate districts, mainly due to the February cold snap, the proposed rates are a smaller positive rate in this filing. This means a residential customer in the Spire East district that used 100 ccf in a given billing month would see a line item charge of \$0.19 in their bill, which is an \$0.82 reduction in their bill from the current WNAR rate, and a residential customer in the Spire West district would see a line item charge of \$0.58 in their bill, which is an \$0.48 reduction in their bill from the current WNAR rate.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff has reviewed the following tariff sheets, as substituted on September 21, 2021, and recommends approval of the following tariff sheets to go into effect for service on and after October 1, 2021, the requested effective date:

- P.S.C. MO. No. 7  
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 13.2
- P.S.C. MO. No. 8  
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. 13.2

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 MICHAEL L. STAHLMAN**

STATE OF MISSOURI        )  
  )        ss.  
COUNTY OF COLE         )

**COMES NOW** Michael L. Stahlman, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

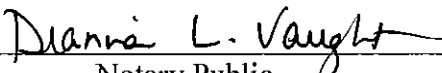
Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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Michael L. Stahlman

**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 21st day of September, 2021.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
State of Missouri  
Commissioned for Cole County  
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023  
Commission Number: 15207377

  
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Notary Public