

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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)	
Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire to Change its)	<u>Case No. GO-2023-0203</u>
Infrastructure System Replacement)	
Surcharge in its Spire Missouri East and)	
West Service Territories)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
COMPLIANCE TARIFF**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and in response to the Commission’s April 21, 2023, *Order Directing Filing* submits its *Staff Recommendation Regarding Compliance Tariff* to the Commission and in support thereof states as follows:

1. On April 20, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge* (“Order”). On that same day, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (“Spire”) filed a tariff it stated was in compliance with the Order, which prompted the Commission to issue its Order directing Staff to file a recommendation on Spire’s tariff compliance filing on or before April 25, 2023. Spire’s tariff sheet has an effective date of May 20, 2023, but Spire has included a request that the Commission allow the tariff to go into effect on May 1, 2023.

2. As mentioned in the attached Staff Memorandum, and incorporated herein, Staff has reviewed Spire’s compliance tariff filing and finds that the tariff sheet complies with the Commission’s Order. Staff does not object to the Commission allowing the tariff to go into effect sooner than May 20, 2023, but recommends that the Commission provide for at least 10 days between the issue date of an order approving the compliance tariff sheet and the effective date of the tariff sheet.¹

¹ See Commission orders issued on September 28, 2018 in Case Nos. GO-2018-0309 and GO-2018-0310.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above and in the attached and incorporated Staff Memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order in this case that:

1. Approves Spire's ISRS tariff sheet P.S.C. MO No. 9 Fourth Revised Sheet No. 12 / Replacing Third Revised Sheet No. 12 filed on April 20, 2023.
2. Approves an effective date for the tariff sheet that is at least 10 days after the issue date of a Commission order approving such tariff.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 25th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. GO-2023-0203, Tariff Tracking Nos. JG-2023-0115 & JG-2023-0190
Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire

FROM: Michael J. Ensrud, Research/Data Analyst, Procurement Analysis

/s/ David M. Sommerer 04/25/23 /s/ Jamie S. Myers 04/25/23
Procurement Analysis/Date Staff Counsel's Office/Date

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Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire

SUBJECT: Staff Report and Recommendation Regarding Spire's ISRS Tariff Submission -
Compliance filing – GO-2023-0203.

DATE: April 25, 2023

On April 4, 2023, Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire (“Company” or “Spire”) filed “Spire Missouri's Response to Staff Recommendation”. In that submission, Spire agreed to file a new tariff sheet in order to recover the revenue requirement recommended by Staff in its “Staff Recommendation” of March 27, 2023. Spire accepted Staff’s proposed rates – Appendix B-1 and Appendix B-2 from Staff’s recommendation– as being the rates to be implemented. In short, Spire proposed to file ISRS rates that were consistent with Staff’s recommended ISRS rates.

On April 20, 2023, the Commission issued “Order Approving Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge” which authorized Spire to file a tariff sheet consistent with Staff’s recommendation.

On April 20, 2023, Spire filed a cover letter and tariff sheet consistent with its April 4, 2023, “Response” submission and intended to comply with the Commission’s April 20, 2023 Order. The tariff sheet is labeled “Fourth Revised Sheet No. 12”. It is a compliance tariff sheet (JG-2023-0115 & JG-2023-0190).

In addition, on April 20, 2023, in a separate EFIS submission, Spire also filed “Spire Missouri, Inc.'s Motion for Expedited Treatment”. Spire is requesting an effective date for its submitted tariff of May 1, 2023.

On April 21, 2023, the Commission issued “Order Directing Filing”. It directs Staff to issue its recommendation addressing Spire’s compliance filing by April 25, 2023. This memo is Staff’s response to the Commission’s April 21, 2023 Order Directing Filing.

Staff reviewed Spire’s tariff sheet and finds that it is consistent with Staff’s recommendation and conforms with the Commission’s April 20, 2023 Order.

Staff does not object to Spire’s request of expedited treatment as long as it provides for at least 10 days between the issue date and the effective date of the Commission order approving the tariff sheet.

Spire has filed the actual 2021 annual report with the Commission, and has filed its 2022 annual report extension, but submission is still pending.

As of the issuance of this memo, Spire is not delinquent on its FY 2022 assessments.

In summary, Staff reviewed Spire’s tariff sheet and finds that it complies with the Commission’s April 20, 2023 and April 21, 2023 orders. Staff does not object to Spire’s request for expedited treatment to the extent that the Commission approves a tariff effective date that provides for at least 10 days between the issue date and the effective date of the Commission order approving the tariff sheet. This is consistent with the September 28, 2018 Commission “Order Granting Expedited Treatment and Approving Tariff Filings in Compliance with Commission Order” in Case Nos. GO-2018-0309 and GO-2018-0310.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the rationale stated above, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order in this case that:

1. Approves Spire’s ISRS tariff sheet:

P.S, C. MO No. 9 Fourth Revised Sheet No 12 / Replacing Third Revised Sheet No. 12 (Submitted April 20, 2023)

2. Approves an effective date for the tariff sheet that provides at least 10 days after the issue date of the Commission Order approving the compliance tariff.

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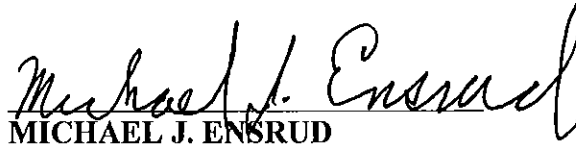
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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL J. ENSRUD

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

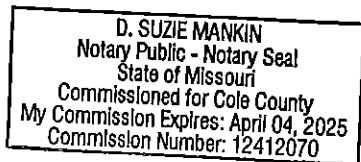
COMES NOW MICHAEL J. ENSRUD and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*, and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.


MICHAEL J. ENSRUD

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 24th day of April 2023.




Notary Public