

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a	)	
Spire's Request for Authority to Implement	)	<b><u>Case No. GR-2022-0179</u></b>
a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas	)	Tracking Nos. YG-2023-0134
Service Provided in the Company's	)	And YG-2023-0135
Missouri Service Areas	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files its *Staff Recommendation* and states as follows:

1. On January 20, 2023, Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire (“Spire”) filed tariff sheets in Tariff Tracking Nos. YG-2023-0134 and YG-2023-0135, with effective dates of February 19, 2023, that Spire stated in its accompanying cover letter were to correct certain items that were overlooked when Spire filed its compliance tariff sheets in this matter. Spire also filed a motion requesting expedited approval of these same tariffs. Specifically Spire asks that these tariffs be permitted to go into effect on January 30, 2023, to avoid any further confusion.

2. Staff reviewed the tariff sheets filed in Tariff Tracking Nos. YG-2023-0134 and YG-2023-0135 and the associated workpapers, and as further noted in the attached Staff Memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission approve for service, effective January 30, 2023:

P.S.C. MO. No. 9 First Revised SHEET NO. 9.12  
Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9 Original SHEET NO. 9.12

P.S.C. MO. No. 9 First Revised SHEET NO. 13.6  
Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9 Original SHEET NO. 13.6

P.S.C. MO. No. 9 First Revised SHEET NO. 13.7  
Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9 Original SHEET NO. 13.7

P.S.C. MO. No. 9 First Revised SHEET NO. 13.8  
Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9 Original SHEET NO. 13.8

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the tariff sheets filed in this matter in Tariff Tracking Nos. YG-2023-0134 and YG-2023-0135 and granting Spire’s request for expedited treatment to permit these same tariff sheets to go into effect on and after January 30, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or their counsel of record this 24th day of January, 2023.

**/s/ Jamie S. Myers**

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
 File No. GR-2022-0179, Tariff Tracking Nos. YG-2023-0134 & YG-2023-0135  
 Spire Missouri, Inc.

FROM: Hari Poudel, Economist

/s/Hari Poudel 1/24/2023                      /s/ Jamie Myers 1/24/2023  
 Tariff/Rate Design / Date                      Staff Counsel Division / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for the **Approval** of the revised WNAR Tariff Sheets and  
 Transportation Service Tariff Sheet Filed by Spire to reflect the rates and  
 calculations from the recent rate case to go into effect on January 30, 2023.

DATE: January 24, 2023

On January 20, 2023, Spire filed four revised tariff sheets to reflect the rates and calculations from the rate case (Case No. GR-2022-0179) with an effective date of February 19, 2023. Spire also filed a motion requesting expedited treatment and specifically requested that these same tariff sheets be allowed to go into effect no later than January 30, 2023 to avoid confusion. The Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation regarding Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (“WNAR Tariff Sheet”) and Transportation tariff sheets in Tariff Tracking Nos. YG-2023-0134 and YG-2023-0135 no later than January 24, 2023. The same order allowed for any other entity wishing to reply to Spire’s response by January 25, 2023.

When the Company filed compliance tariff sheets 13.6-13.8 in Case No. GR-2022-0179, it did not make any changes to its WNAR tariff sheets. The current tariff sheet also incorrectly reference “Spire West” as the heading of the tariff sheet no 9.12. The revised tariff sheet correctly applies to both Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West. Both are the operating units of Spire Missouri, Inc. The revised tariff sheets reflect the correct billing determinants approved by the Commission issued its Order Approving Full Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on November 30, 2022.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the following tariff sheets and corresponding workpapers, and recommends approval of the following revised Tariff Sheets to go into effect for service on and after January 30, 2023:

<u>P.S.C. MO. No. 9</u>	First Revised	SHEET NO. 9.12
Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9	Original	SHEET NO. 9.12
 <u>P.S.C. MO. No. 9</u>	 First Revised	 SHEET NO. 13.6
Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9	Original	SHEET NO. 13.6

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<u>P.S.C. MO. No. 9</u>	First Revised	SHEET NO. 13.8
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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 HARI K. POUDEL, PhD**

STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
  )  
COUNTY OF COLE     )     ss.

**COMES NOW HARI POUDEL, PhD**, 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.

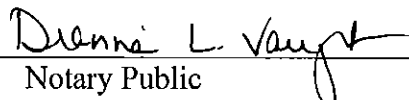
Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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**HARI K. POUDEL, PhD**

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

DIANNA L VAUGHT  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
Cole County  
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023  
Commission #: 15207377

  
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Notary Public