

# 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 ) **File No. GR-2022-0179**  
a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas ) Tracking No. YG-2022-0244  
Service Provided in the Company's )  
Missouri Service Areas )

## **ORDER GIVING NOTICE, SETTING A DEADLINE TO INTERVENE, SETTING A DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THE TEST YEAR, SETTING A DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO SPIRE'S TARIFF SUSPENSION REQUEST, AND DIRECTING A PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: April 4, 2022

Effective Date: April 4, 2022

Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire submitted tariff sheets on April 1, 2022, to produce a net increase in its gas revenues of approximately \$151.9 million. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of May 1, 2022. The test year in Spire's last rate case, File No. GR-2021-0108, was the twelve months ending September 30, 2020, adjusted for known and measurable rate base and expense items through May 31, 2021. Spire proposes using the same test year again updated for activity occurring from June 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Spire asks that the Commission not suspend the tariff for the six months beyond the 120 days provided for in Section 393.150.1 RSMo. In support of its position, Spire asserts that there will be a limited number of contested issues.

The Commission will provide notice of Spire's application, provide time for intervention, set a deadline to respond to the proposed test year, and direct its Staff and other parties to respond to Spire's request to not suspend the tariff sheets an additional six months. The Commission will also order a joint proposed procedural schedule that includes the following:

- Submission of a Joint Stipulation of Facts;
- Submission of List of Issues and Order of Hearing Components, and Position Statements at least ten days in advance of the hearing;
- At least one settlement conference;
- Cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses;
- Dates for discovery conferences;
- Local public hearings;
- An evidentiary hearing.

Any request for expedited hearing transcripts must be made before the procedural schedule is established.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within Spire's service area.
2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Spire's service area and to the news media serving therein.
3. Applications to intervene shall be filed no later than April 25, 2022.
4. Any party wishing to respond to Spire's proposed test year shall do so no later than May 6, 2022.
5. Any responses to Spire's request to not suspend its tariff sheets an additional six months beyond August 28, 2022, shall be filed no later than April 15, 2022.

5. No later than May 6, 2021, the parties shall submit a joint proposed procedural schedule as described in this order. The Staff of the Commission shall coordinate and file the joint proposed procedural schedule.

6. This order is effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

**WITNESS** my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,  
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.



  
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**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

# **MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**April 4, 2022**

**File/Case No. GR-2022-0179**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).***

***Sincerely,***



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