

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc.'s)
Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas)
Service)
File No. GR-2017-0215

ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Issue Date: June 3, 2021

Effective Date: June 3, 2021

On February 9, 2021, the Supreme Court of Missouri issued its *Opinion* and on March 29, 2021, issued its *Mandate*, remanding part of the Commission's March 7, 2018 *Amended Report and Order*. The remand concerns the Commission's treatment of Spire Missouri Inc.'s pension asset. The Commission was ordered "to add the \$9 million in pension assets that accrued between 1994 and 1996 to Spire East's \$131.4 million prepaid pension asset"¹ and to hold further proceedings consistent with the Court's opinion.²

On December 11, 2020, Spire filed a tariff and testimony initiating a general rate case in File No. GR-2021-0108. As part of that case, the Staff of the Commission has filed testimony suggesting the pension asset remand should be included in the current rate case calculations.³ The Commission will direct Spire and Staff to provide recommendations regarding the procedure needed for the Commission to comply with

¹ *In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc., f/k/a Laclede Gas Company v. Missouri Public Service Commission*, Case No. SC97834, Opinion (issued Feb. 9, 2021), page 18.

² *Id.* at 19.

³ *In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a Spire Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service Provided in the Company's Missouri Service Areas*, File No. GR-2021-0108, Staff Report – Cost of Service, pages 41-42.

the Court's opinion and mandate. Any other party may also provide its recommendations to the Commission.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than June 23, 2021, Spire and Staff shall jointly or separately provide procedural recommendations regarding the Missouri Supreme Court remand of the Commission's *Amended Report and Order*.

2. No later than June 23, 2021, any other party may file procedural recommendations regarding the Missouri Supreme Court remand of the Commission's *Amended Report and Order*.

3. This order shall be 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

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of June, 2021.