

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

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.)
Case No. GR-2021-0108

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFFS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files its *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets* and states as follows:

1. On November 23, 2021, Spire filed tariffs in Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0162 that Spire stated in its accompanying Notice were intended to reflect the Commission's *Amended Report and Order* issued on November 12, 2021.

2. Spire further substituted the tariff sheets in Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0162 on December 9, 2021, and noted in its accompanying transmittal letter that the substitutes reflected input Spire received from Staff and other Parties.

3. As noted in the attached Staff Memorandum, and incorporated herein, Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets filed in Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0162, and as substituted on December 9, 2021, and recommends the Commission approve them or allow them to go into effect for service on and after December 23, 2021.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above and in Staff's attached Memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission either issue an order approving the tariff sheets filed in this matter, and as substituted on December 9, 2021, in Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0162 or allow the same tariff sheets to go into effect by operation of law for service on and after December 23, 2021.

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 10th day of December, 2021.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. GR-2021-0108, Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0162
Spire Missouri, Inc.

FROM: Michael L. Stahlman, Economist, Tariff/Rate Design Department

/s/ Michael L. Stahlman 12/10/2021
Tariff/Rate Design / Date

/s/ Jamie S. Myers 12/10/2021
Staff Counsel Division / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation to **Approve** the Tariff Sheets Filed by Spire to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service Provided in the Company's Missouri Service Areas to go into effect on December 23, 2021.

DATE: December 10, 2021

On December 11, 2020, Spire filed tariff sheets to adjust its retail rates and other tariff provisions for both its Spire East and Spire West operating units with an effective date of January 10, 2021. The Commission suspended those tariff sheets, filed under Tariff Tracking No. YG-2021-0133, on December 30, 2020 until November 10, 2021.

Various parties to the case filed a Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on July 23, 2021, a Partial Stipulation and Agreement on July 30, 2021, a Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on August 5, 2021, a Partial Stipulation and Agreement on August 12, 2021, and a Motion to Amend [the July 30, 2021] Partial Stipulation and Agreement on September 8, 2021. A hearing on the remaining issues was held on August 2-6, 2021.

On September 15, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Partial Stipulation and Agreements*. On October 27, 2021, the Commission issued its *Report and Order* which, among other provisions, rejected the tariff sheets filed under Tariff Tracking No. YG-2021-0133. On November 3, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Providing Clarification to Report and Order and Delegating Authority* and further amended the *Report and Order* on November 12, 2021 with its *Amended Report and Order*.

Spire filed tariff sheets in Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0151 on November 10, 2021, and substitute tariff sheets on November 17, 2021. Spire withdrew the tariffs filed in Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0151 on November 23, 2021, and filed a Replacement Tariff on November 23, 2021 under Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0162 to comply with the Commission's *Amended Report and Order*. Spire further substituted the tariff sheets in Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0162 on December 9, 2021, and noted in its accompanying transmittal letter that the substitutes being filed reflected input Spire received from Staff and other Parties.

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Staff Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the following tariff sheets filed and substituted in Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0162 and recommends approval of the following tariff sheets, as substituted on December 9, 2021, to go into effect for service on and after December 23, 2021, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 9 Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 7 and P.S.C. MO. No. 8 in their entirety.

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.

