

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 20th day of September, 2018.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc.'s) **File No.: GO-2019-0059**
Spire West, Request to Increase its WNAR) Tracking No. YG-2019-0040

**NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE AND
ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF**

Issue Date: September 20, 2018

Effective Date: September 20, 2018

The Missouri Public Service Commission is suspending the tariff sheets ("tariffs") and giving notice of a contested case.

On August 31, 2018, Spire Missouri, Inc., Spire West ("Company") filed a Request to Increase its WNAR. On September 4, 2018, the Commission ordered the Commission's Staff Counsel to file a recommendation on the application and tariff sheets no later than September 14, 2018. On September 14, 2018, Staff filed its recommendation that the Commission reject the tariff sheets and on that date the Commission entered an Order directing the Company to respond to Staff's Recommendation. On September 18, 2018, the Company filed its verified response to Staff's Recommendation that the Commission reject the tariff sheets, and the Company requested that the Commission approve its WNAR filing as revised by the substitute tariff filing made on September 14, 2018.

A. Suspension

The tariffs' effective dates are October 1, 2018. That date allows insufficient time for the Commission to determine whether the tariffs are just and reasonable, as the law requires,¹ so the Commission will suspend the tariffs.² The Commission may suspend a tariff for 120 days beyond the tariff's effective date.³ If that period is not enough time to conclude a full hearing on the tariff's propriety, the Commission may extend the suspension for a further six months.⁴ The Commission will order a suspension of 120 days in order to determine the tariffs' propriety.

B. Notice of Contested Case

Suspension of the tariffs may occur only pending a "full" hearing and decision on the tariffs' propriety.⁵ The provision for a full pre-decision hearing signifies that this action is now a "contested case."⁶ A contested case is a formal hearing procedure, but it allows for waiver of procedural formalities⁷ and a decision without a hearing,⁸ including by stipulation and agreement. This order and notice does not require any party to file an answer. The Commission's discovery regulations are at Commission regulation 4 CSR 240-2.090.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheets assigned Tracking No. YG-2019-0039 are suspended. The specified tariff sheets are suspended from October 1, 2018, until April 1, 2019.

¹ Section 393.190.1, RSMo Supp. 2013.

² Section 393.150, RSMo 2000.

³ Section 393.150.1, RSMo 2000.

⁴ Section 393.150.2, RSMo 2000.

⁵ Section 393.150.1, RSMo 2000.

⁶ Section 536.010(4), RSMo Supp. 2013.

⁷ Section 536.060(3), RSMo 2000.

⁸ 4 CSR 240-2.115.

2. 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

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Hall, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Graham, Regulatory Law Judge

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 20th day of September 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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