

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s Filing of)	
d/b/a Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri)	<u>File No. GO-2021-0057</u>
West Filings of its Proposed Weather)	Tracking No. JG-2021-0051
Adjustment Normalization Rider (WNAR)	Tracking No. JG-2021-0052
Tariff Sheets)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF SHEETS TO ADJUST
THE WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT RIDER RATES OF SPIRE EAST
AND SPIRE WEST**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and respectfully states as follows:

1. On September 1, 2020, Spire Missouri, Inc. (Spire) filed two tariff sheets to revise its weather normalization adjustment rider (WNAR) rates for Spire East and Spire West to go into effect October 1, 2020. On September 2nd, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff Recommendation and Setting Time for Responses* (Order) ordering Staff to file its Recommendation no later than September 11, 2020. These tariff sheets have issue dates of August 31, 2020 and effective dates of October 1, 2020.

2. Spire filed two substitute tariff sheets on September 11, 2020, to incorporate the true-up of the reconciliation due to expire on September 30, 2020.

3. Accompanying this pleading, and incorporated herein by reference, is Staff's Memorandum recommending Commission approval of the WNAR rates Spire filed in its tariff sheets.

4. The effect of Spire's WNAR tariff sheet filings means that residential customers of both Spire East and Spire West who used 100 Ccf in a given billing month would see a \$1.12 bill increase from currently effective rates. Staff notes that Spire experienced warmer than normal weather in both rate districts, thus causing the

WNAR rates to be positive toward the company when compared to the WNAR rates approved in Spire's previous WNAR filing.

WHEREFORE, as set forth in Staff's Recommendation memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the Spire East's WNAR tariff sheet as filed and Spire West's WNAR tariff sheet, as substituted September 11, 2020:

P.S.C. MO. No. 7

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Third Revised Sheet No. 13.2

P.S.C. MO. No. 8

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 11th day of September, 2020.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. GO-2021-0057, Tariff Tracking Nos. JG-2021-0051 and JG-2021-0052
Spire Missouri, Inc.

FROM: Robin Kliethermes, Regulatory Compliance Manager

/s/ Natelle Dietrich 9/11/2020
Industry Analysis Director / Date

/s/ Bob Berlin 9/11/2020
Staff Counsel Division / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for the **Approval** of the Tariff Sheet Filed by Spire to adjust its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider to go into effect on an expedited basis of October 1, 2020.

DATE: September 11, 2020

On August 31, 2020, Spire filed one tariff sheet to adjust its weather normalization adjustment rider (WNAR) rates in JG-2021-0051 and JG-2021-0052. On September 1, 2020, Spire opened GO-2021-0057 and requested approval of the tariff sheets filed in JG-2021-0051 and JG-2021-0052. On September 2, 2020, the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation on the pending tariff sheets no later than September 11, 2020. On September 11, 2020, Spire filed two substitute tariff sheets in JG-2021-0052 to incorporate the true-up of the reconciliation due to expire on September 30, 2020.

Spire’s WNAR became effective on April 19, 2018. The purpose of the tariff is to adjust revenues for differences between actual heating degree days (AHDD) and normal heating degree days (NHDD). This is Spire’s fifth WNAR filing. Spire’s current and proposed rates are included in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Current and Proposed WNAR Rates by District and Class.

District	Current	Proposed
Spire East	(\$0.00955)	\$0.00160
Spire West	(\$0.00753)	\$0.00369

Spire experienced warmer than normal weather in both of its rate districts, causing the WNAR rate to be positive compared to the WNAR rate approved in Spire’s last rate filing. This means a residential customer in the Spire East and Spire West rate districts that used 100 ccf/therms in a given billing month would see a line item increase of approximately \$1.12 in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate.

Staff Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the following tariff sheet, and recommends approval of the following tariff sheet to go into effect for service on and after October 1, 2020, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 7

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Third Revised Sheet No. 13.2

Staff has reviewed the following tariff sheet, as substituted on September 11, 2020, and recommends approval of the following tariff sheet to go into effect for service on and after October 1, 2020, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 8

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Third Revised Sheet No. 13.2

Staff has verified that Spire 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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Filing of Its Proposed Weather Normalization)	Tariff No: JG-2021-0052
Adjustment Rider (WNAR) Tariff Sheets)	

AFFIDAVIT OF ROBIN KLIETHERMES

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW Robin Kliethermes, and on their oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

/s/ Robin Kliethermes
Robin Kliethermes