

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 18th day of March, 2020.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a)
Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri) **File No. GR-2020-0265**
West Filing of its Proposed Weather) Tariff Nos. YG-2020-0150,
Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR)) YG-2020-0151
Tariff Sheets)

**ORDER APPROVING WNAR TARIFF AND
GRANTING MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Issue Date: March 18, 2020

Effective Date: April 1, 2020

On March 3, 2020, Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West (Spire) filed Tracking Numbers YG-2020-0150 and 0151, with proposed effective dates of April 2, 2020. The tariff would revise Spire's weather normalization adjustment rider (WNAR), and is a mandatory semi-annual filing pursuant to Spire's WNAR tariff, which went into effect on April 19, 2018. This is Spire's fourth WNAR filing. The purpose of the WNAR tariff is to adjust revenues, either positive or negative, for differences between actual heating degree days and normal heating degree days.

Spire concurrently filed a motion for expedited treatment requesting these tariffs become effective on April 1, 2020, so that its customers can continue to receive the WNAR savings uninterrupted. Spire explains its understanding that its existing WNAR tariff was effective until April 5, 2020, and that it intended to file on March 6, 2020, meeting the statutory 30 days' timeframe prior to the effective date. Spire's current

WNAR actually expires March 30, 2020. Spire's counsel represents that neither Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel opposed this request.

On March 13, 2020, the Commission's Staff filed its recommendation. Staff explains the WNAR adjustment would *increase* the average monthly bill, based on 100 Ccf of natural gas usage in a given billing month, of the typical residential customer by approximately:

\$0.71 in the Spire East service area;
\$0.62 in the Spire West service area.

Because the previous accumulation periods generally experienced colder weather than normal in Spire's rate districts, the proposed rates remain negative in this filing even though Spire's service territory was generally warmer than normal. Staff recommends the Commission approve the tariff sheets.¹

The Commission set a deadline for responses to the application or Staff's recommendation. No other party responded or opposed approval of the tariff. The Commission has reviewed the tariff and Staff's verified recommendation and memorandum. Based on the representation of counsel for Spire, the Commission will approve Spire's request for expedited treatment. The Commission will approve the tariff sheets, as substituted, to become effective on April 1, 2020.

As the tariff sheets would take effect in less than 30 days without an order of the Commission, and to ensure the timely adjustment of rates to account for differences between actual heating degree days and normal heating degree days, this order will take effect in less than 30 days.

¹ The Commission is addressing the last substitution of the tariff sheets; originally filed on March 3, 2020, substituted on March 5, 2020, and again substituted on March 12, 2020.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The motion for expedited treatment filed by Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West on March 3, 2020, and revised later on March 3, 2020, is granted.
2. The tariff sheets filed by Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West on March 3, 2020, substituted on March 5, 2020, and again substituted on March 12, 2020, and assigned Tracking Numbers YG-2020-0150 and YG-2020-0151, are approved to become effective on April 1, 2020.
3. This order shall become effective on April 1, 2020.
4. This file shall be closed on April 2, 2020.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge