

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held by telephone
and internet audio conference on
the 24th day of February, 2021.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a)
Spire 2018/2019 Purchased Gas/Actual)
Cost Adjustment filing for its Spire Missouri)
East Operating Unit)

File No. GR-2020-0121

ORDER ESTABLISHING ENDING ACA BALANCE

Issue Date: February 24, 2021

Effective Date: March 26, 2021

The Commission opened this case to receive the 2018-2019 Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) and Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filings for Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire, specifically for its Spire Missouri East (Spire East) Operating Unit. As directed, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation regarding that ACA filing on December 15, 2020. Staff's recommendation and memorandum indicated Staff had completed an audit of billed revenues and actual natural gas costs for the period October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, that were included in Spire's computation of its ACA balances.

Staff's recommendation and memorandum sets out the ending balance contained in Spire's ACA filing, but does not recommended any monetary adjustments to that ending balance. Staff made non-monetary recommendations regarding school transportation pools and hedging. Spire filed a response of Staff's recommendation on February 1, 2021.

Staff reviewed the incidents of monthly imbalances for transportation customers and pools and noted an imbalance incident for every transportation customer or pool for every month in the ACA review period. School pools tend to be less in balance than firm

transportation pools. Spire East has different balancing provisions for school aggregation pools compared to the provisions for other transportation customers. Staff recommends that Spire East investigate the greater amount of imbalances caused by school transportation pools and propose changes to its policies and tariffs in its current general rate case (File No. GR-2021-0108). Spire agrees to further evaluate this issue to determine what, if any, modifications might be appropriate to its tariffs and policies relating to its school aggregation customers.

Staff also had a general recommendation regarding Spire’s hedging program. Staff recommends Spire analyze the benefits and costs based on the outcomes of its hedging strategy, and evaluate any potential improvements to achieve a cost effective hedging outcome as Spire reviews and develops its hedging program each year in Spire’s Risk Management Strategy. Spire states that it is constantly evaluating its hedging strategy and tracking its effectiveness, and will continue to perform these evaluations in the future.

After reviewing Staff’s recommendations and Spire’s response, the Commission concludes that Staff’s ending ACA balances should be accepted as a resolution of Spire’s 2018-2019 ACA audit.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The ending (over)/under recovery balance for Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a Spire 2018-2019 Actual Cost Adjustment for its Spire Missouri East Operating Unit is established as provided in the following table:

	Firm Sales non-LVTSS	Firm Sales LVTSS	Interruptible Sales	LP Sales	Firm Transportation	Basic Transportation	Vehicular Fuel
Staff Recommended ACA Balance	\$ (4,828,985)	\$ 294,691	\$ 21,126	\$ 5,691	\$ 677,032	\$ 241	\$ 586,640

An (over)-recovery, owed to the customers by the Spire, is shown in the table as a negative number (in parentheses)

2. This order shall become effective on March 26, 2021.
3. This file shall be closed on March 29, 2021.



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, Rupp, Coleman, and
Holsman CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge