

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021.

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 )

**File No. GR-2021-0108**  
Tracking No. YG-2021-0133

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

Issue Date: March 3, 2021

Effective Date: March 3, 2021

Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire submitted tariff sheets on December 11, 2020, to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service. On December 23, 2020, the Commission provided notice of Spire's application and set a deadline of January 12, 2021, for applications to intervene.

On February 16, 2021, Vicinity Energy Kansas City, Inc. (Vicinity) late-filed an application to intervene. Vicinity stated that it is a heating company and a public utility, and is also a large transportation customer on the Spire system. Vicinity stated its interests are different than those of the general public in that it competes with Spire for space heating and industrial process customers. Vicinity is also a very large transportation customer of Spire's, and as such it may be affected by a final order in this proceeding. Vicinity also stated that granting its intervention would serve the public interest.

Applications to intervene are governed by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075, which in subsection (3) requires either: a showing of an interest different than that of the

general public which may be adversely affected by a final order; or a showing that granting the intervention would serve the public interest. Late-filed applications are addressed in subsection (10), which provides in part, “[m]otions to intervene...filed after the intervention date may be granted upon a showing of good cause.”

To show good cause for its late-filing, Vicinity notes: it did not receive notice of this file; due to an ongoing corporate reorganization, key personnel have turned over and new management is now located outside of Missouri, and; the potential impact on Vicinity due to Spire’s proposal to change the transportation rates from two blocks to one is not addressed in any testimony or public filings such that the potential impact was not discovered until a thorough analysis of the proposed rates was completed. Vicinity states it opposes the consolidation of the transportation rates.

Ten days were allowed for responses to Vicinity’s intervention request, per Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13), but no responses or objections were received. Therefore, the Commission will consider Vicinity’s request unopposed.

After considering the unopposed application to intervene, the Commission finds that Vicinity has interests which are different from that of the general public and allowing it to intervene will serve the public interest. The Commission also finds that Vicinity has sufficiently shown good cause for its late-filing. Therefore, in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(3) and (10), the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The application to intervene of Vicinity is granted.
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 style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge