

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a)
Spire Request for Authority to Implement a) **File No. GR-2021-0108**
General Rate Increase for Natural Gas) Tracking No. YG-2021-0133
Service Provided in the Company's)
Missouri Service Areas)

ORDER GIVING NOTICE, SETTING A DEADLINE TO INTERVENE, SETTING A DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THE TEST YEAR, AND DIRECTING A PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Issue Date: December 23, 2020

Effective Date: December 23, 2020

Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire submitted tariff sheets on December 11, 2020, to produce a net increase in its base distribution rates of approximately \$65 million. Spire is also requesting rebasing of approximately \$47 million of Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge which is already being recovered in rates. Spire proposes a test year of the twelve months ending September 30, 2020, and further proposes the test year be trued-up through May 31, 2021.

The Commission will provide notice of Spire's application, provide time for intervention, and set a deadline to respond to the proposed test year. The Commission will also order a joint proposed procedural schedule that includes the following:

- Submission of a Joint Stipulation of Facts;
- Submission of List of Issues and Order of Hearing Components, and Position Statements at least ten days in advance of the hearing;
- At least one settlement conference;
- Cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses;

- Dates for discovery conferences;
- Allowance for ten business days for transcript preparation;
- Local and evidentiary hearings held via WebEx.¹

Any request for expedited hearing transcripts must be made before the procedural schedule is established.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within Spire's service area.
2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Spire's service area and to the news media serving therein.
3. Applications to intervene shall be filed no later than January 12, 2021, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission or in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.
4. Any party wishing to respond to Spire's proposed test year shall do so no later than January 19, 2021.
5. No later than January 26, 2021, the parties shall submit a joint proposed procedural schedule as described in this order. The Staff of the Commission shall coordinate and file the joint proposed procedural schedule.
6. This order shall be effective when issued.

¹ As the impact of COVID-19 during the 2021 hearing process is unknown, hearings may be changed to in-person by request by the parties or by the Commission on its own motion.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of December, 2020.