

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s Filing of )	<b><u>File No. GR-2020-0265</u></b>
its Proposed Weather Normalization )	Tracking No. JG-2020-0150
Adjustment Rider (WNAR) Tariff Sheets )	Tracking No. JG-2020-0151

**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 March 3, 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 April 1, 2020. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff Recommendation and Setting Time for Responses* (Order) ordering Staff to file its Recommendation no later than March 13, 2020. These tariff sheets have issue dates of March 3, 2020 and effective dates of April 1, 2020.

2. With its tariff sheet filing on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Spire also filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment (Motion) to resolve some confusion regarding the filing date of its WNAR tariff sheets. Spire's Motion was unopposed.

3. Spire filed two substitute tariff sheets on March 5, 2020, and substituted them again on March 12, 2020.

4. 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 as substituted on March 5<sup>th</sup> and later substituted on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

5. The effect of Spire's WNAR tariff sheet filing means that a Spire East residential customer that used 100 Ccf in a given billing month would see a \$0.71 bill

increase from its currently effective rate. Likewise, a Spire West residential customer would see a \$0.62 bill increase.

**WHEREFORE**, as set forth in Staff's Recommendation memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the Spire East and Spire West WNAR tariff sheets, as substituted March 5, 2020 and substituted again on March 12, 2020:

P.S.C. MO. No. 7

Third Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 13.2

P.S.C. MO. No. 8

Third Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 13.2

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

**/s/ Robert S. Berlin**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
File No. GR-2020-0265, Tariff Tracking Nos. YG-2020-0150 and YG-2020-0151  
Spire Missouri, Inc.

FROM: Michael Stahlman, Regulatory Economist III

/s/ Robin Kliethermes 3/13/2020                      /s/ Bob Berlin 3/13/2020  
Tariff / Rate Design Manager / Date                      Staff Counsel Division / Date

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

DATE: March 13, 2020

On March 3, 2020, Spire filed two tariff sheets to adjust its weather normalization adjustment rider (WNAR) rates with a request for expedited treatment for rates to go into effect on April 1, 2020. On March 4, 2020, the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation on the pending tariff no later than March 13, 2020. On March 5, 2020, Spire filed two substitute tariff sheets. On March 12, 2020, Spire again filed two substitute tariff sheets.

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 fourth 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	-0.01663	-0.00955
Spire West	-0.01369	-0.00753

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. This means a residential customer in the Spire East district that used 100 ccf in a given billing month would see a line item increase of \$0.71 in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate, and a residential customer in the Spire West district would see a line item increase of \$0.62 in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff has reviewed the following tariff sheets, as substituted on March 12, 2020, and recommends approval of the following tariff sheets to go into effect for service on and after April 1, 2020, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 7

Third Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 13.2

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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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**AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL L. STAHLMAN**

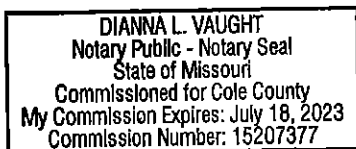
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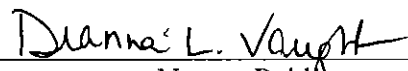
**COMES NOW**, Michael L. Stahlman, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation* in Memorandum form; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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Michael L. Stahlman

Subscribed and sworn to be this 12th day of March, 2020.



  
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Notary Public