# Notice of Local Public Hearings and Request for Comments Regarding Proposed Increase <u>GR-2022-0179</u>

At Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire" or "Company"), we've filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("PSC") to approve a rate increase. This filing is primarily designed to recover Spire Missouri's investment in infrastructure and technology and adjust a portion of employee costs to operating expenses, as directed by a rate case order in 2021. Spire has streamlined this rate filing, seeking to update certain elements of its rate base and revenue requirement in response to PSC findings in the prior rate review.

Spire believes the proposed rate increase is necessary to recover capital investments made, and to reflect increases in certain costs that have occurred. Spire is also making accounting changes to reflect the PSC order in its last general rate review. Spire is asking for recovery of investments the Company has already made on infrastructure upgrades, technology, and other improvements to its distribution systems since its last rate review.

The effect of the proposed revenue increase will vary by customer type. The impact of the proposed rates on the typical customer bill for a Spire residential heating customer would be an increase of an average of approximately \$8.90 or 10.84% per month after taking into account current ISRS charges on your bill. The typical customer impact is based upon an average gas usage of 64 CCF per month, and your bill impact will vary based upon your gas usage.

### Attend a Public Hearing

The PSC will hold three in-person public hearings and one virtual public hearing to provide customers an opportunity to ask questions, present testimony, and provide comments about this rate increase request. The PSC encourages Spire customers to attend one of four hearings, whether in-person or virtual, where anyone may appear, testify, and/or provide documents to the Commission for it to consider in this case.

Each public hearing will begin with a public question and answer session that will allow customers to ask questions of both Spire representatives and regulatory officials, followed by an opportunity to speak directly to the PSC commissioners and provide testimony that will go on to be part of the evidentiary record in this rate case proceeding.

To attend one of the in-person public hearings that have been set before the PSC, please refer to the following chart. When identifying which meeting to attend, please use the location that you feel is most geographically appropriate for you.

Date	Location	Start Time
September 13, 2022	Harris Stowe State University	12:00 p.m.
September 13, 2022	University of Missouri – St. Louis	6:00 p.m.
September 15, 2022	Kansas City (Location TBD)	6:00 p.m.

To attend the virtual public hearing that has been set before the PSC, please refer to the following chart.

Date	Customer Region	Start Time	At the time of the hearing, dial 1-855-718-6621 and enter the Access Code/Password
September 14, 2022	Virtual	6:00 p.m.	Access Code: 133 238 8420 Password: 0108

## Additional Ways to Provide Comments and Feedback

If you are unable to attend one of the in-person or virtual sessions or would otherwise like to make written comments or receive additional information, you may contact the PSC directly at:

Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 Telephone: (800) 392-4211 Email: <u>pscinfo@psc.mo.gov</u>

In addition, you may also provide comments to or receive additional information from the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel, a state agency tasked with representing the interests of the public in proceedings before the PSC, by contacting:

Office of the Public Counsel P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102 Telephone (866) 922-2959 Email: <u>opcservice@ded.mo.gov.</u>

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You can also learn more about the rate review at SpireEnergy.com/rate-review.

The in-person public hearings will be held at the locations identified above, and the virtual public hearing will be held via live stream. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearings, please call the PSC's Hotline at (800) 392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing. During the virtual public hearing, you may also contact us with questions about your account via a designated text line at (636) 742-1640.

### **Stay Informed**

Finally, if you want to stay informed about this case or read up on what has already been filed, you can access this case on the PSC's Electronic Filing Information System (or "EFIS"). Please go to <u>https://psc.mo.gov/General/EFIS</u>, find the link for "Docket Sheet" under EFIS Shortcuts, and enter the case number for this case (GR-2022-0179) in the box provided to see everything filed in this case.

The PSC will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City from November 28-30, 2022, and December 1-2, 5-9, 2022 each day beginning at 10 am. More information about the evidentiary hearing will be available on the Commission's website.