

Spire Inc. 700 Market St. Louis, MO 63101

## November 11, 2022

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Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Governor Office Building 200 Madison Street Jefferson City, MO 65101

## Dear Secretary,

Enclosed herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission are revised tariff sheets, P.S.C. MO. No. 9, First Revised Sheet No. 11.7 of the eastern Missouri operating division and P.S.C. MO. No. 9, First Revised Sheet No. 11.8 of the western Missouri operating division of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (the "Company"). These revised tariff sheets, which have an issue date of November 11, 2022, and an effective date of November 29, 2022, reflect the Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") of the Company as provided by the Company's tariffs.

Spire East's charges for gas will change from \$0.60014 to \$0.70904 per ccf; and Spire West's charges for gas will change from \$0.79310 to \$0.92304 per ccf.

Due to international events impacting global energy supply and demand, as well as inflationary pressures, the natural gas market has witnessed volatility this past year. Despite this, natural gas continues to be the most affordable fuel to heat homes during the winter according to the Federal Energy Information Administration.

	U.S. average household expenditures Base Case (Oct-Mar total)		U.S. average household expenditures 10% Colder (Oct-Martotal)		U.S. average household expenditures 10% Warmer (Oct-Martotal)	
	winter 2022–23	Change from last winter	winter 2022–23	Change from last winter	winter 2022–23	Change from last winter
Natural Gas	\$931	+28%	\$1,096	+51%	\$862	+19%
Heating Oil	\$2,354	+27%	\$2,605	+40%	\$2,139	+15%
Electricity	\$1,359	+10%	\$1,482	+20%	\$1,337	+8%
Propane	\$1,668	+5%	\$2,157	+36%	\$1,396	-12%

Source: https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/steo/report/winterfuels.php#:~:text=For%20winter%202022%E2%80%9323%2C%20we,the%20previous%20five%2Dwinter%20average.

Although our customers are already receiving a discounted gas cost with the deferral of Winter Storm Uri and other market costs spread out over several years, Spire understands that any bill increase could still be a challenge for some of our customers and we are committed to helping.

Spire has provided additional funding to DollarHelp, and we're committed to providing resources and offering programs that expand access to vital funding that supports energy security and access. From payment plans to weatherization to budget billing, we have solutions that can help our customers manage their energy bills and usage. We encourage any customers needing assistance to contact Spire or visit <u>spireenergy.com/assistance</u>.

Compared to currently existing rates, and assuming normal usage, the PGA rate will increase the average monthly bill of the typical residential customer. For Spire East the increase will be about \$7.31 per month (or 8.86%) and for Spire West the change results in an increase of approximately \$8.14 per month (or 9.16%). Such bill impacts may be less or more depending on a customer's actual usage, which is primarily affected by weather.

As always, we are committed to continuously monitoring the natural gas markets to secrure the best possible cost of gas for our customers. The company does not mark up any natural gas supply costs, and passes on those costs dollar for dollar.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Scott A. Weitzel</u> Scott A. Weitzel