

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Spire )  
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire to Change its )  
Infrastructure System Replacement ) **File No. GO-2023-0203**  
Surcharge in its Spire Missouri East and ) Tracking No. JG-2023-0115  
West Service Territories )

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, DIRECTING FILINGS, SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEET, AND SETTING TIME FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: December 28, 2022

Effective Date: December 28, 2022

On December 27, 2022, Spire Missouri Inc., filed an application and petition with the Commission pursuant to Sections 393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015, RSMo, and Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-2.060, 2.080, and 3.265, requesting that the Commission authorize changes to the Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharges (ISRS). Spire Missouri also included a tariff sheet, Tracking No. JG-2023-0115, setting out the rates it intends to become effective.

Section 393.1015.1(2), RSMo, requires that the Commission publish notice of the filings. Additionally, Section 393.1015.2(2), RSMo, allows the Commission's Staff to examine Spire Missouri's application and allows Staff to submit a report of its examination no later than 90 days after the petition was filed. Section 393.1015.2(3), RSMo, requires that an order from the Commission regarding ISRS applications become effective no later than 180 days after the petition is filed, June 25, 2023. Therefore, the Commission will give notice of this application to the general public and any interested persons and set other procedural deadlines.

The tariff sheet, Tracking No. JG-2023-0115, is applicable to both Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West, and bears an effective date of January 26, 2023. Section 393.150.1 RSMo, authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of a proposed tariff sheet for 120 days. That section also allows the Commission to suspend the effective date of a tariff sheet further for a period not to exceed six months in order to conduct a hearing. The Commission's experience demonstrates that a full hearing cannot be concluded within 120 days, so the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for an additional 30 days, until to June 25, 2023, the statutory deadline for Commission action.

Spire Missouri also requests a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1). Spire Missouri states that it has had no communication with the Commission within the prior 150 days about any substantive issue in this file.

Given the expedited nature of these proceedings, in similar ISRS cases the Commission has ordered Public Counsel to submit any objections to the petitions at the same time as Staff submits its report. In those instances, the Commission also shortened discovery deadlines and required Spire Missouri to provide discovery answers to Public Counsel at the same time it responded to Staff. The Commission will adopt this expedited procedure in these proceedings.

Pursuant to Section 393.1015(3) the Commission may hold a hearing prior to reaching its decision.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The tariff sheet filed by Spire Missouri on December 28, 2022, Tracking No. JG-2023-0115, is suspended until June 25, 2023, or until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall provide notice of this proceeding to the county commission of all of the counties within Spire Missouri's Missouri service areas and to the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis.

3. The Data Center shall also provide a copy of this notice to the parties in Spire Missouri's last general rate case, File No. GR-2022-0179.

4. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Spire Missouri's Missouri service areas and to the members of the General Assembly representing those service areas.

5. Any entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to do so no later than January 26, 2023.

6. No later than March 27, 2023, Staff shall file its recommendation.

7. No later than March 27, 2023, the Office of the Public Counsel and any other party shall file any objections or hearing requests.

8. No later than April 4, 2023, Spire Missouri shall respond to Staff's recommendation and any other objections or recommendations.

9. Any other party wishing to respond or object to Staff's recommendation or other objections or recommendations shall do so no later than April 4, 2023.

10. The response times for discovery are modified as follows: For data requests issued after this order, the discovery response time is reduced to fifteen days to answer and eight days to object or provide reasons for a party's inability to answer.

11. This order is effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**December 28, 2022**

**File/Case No. GO-2023-0203**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**

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**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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