STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 27th day of February, 2019.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire's)	File No. GT-2019-0221
Proposed Tariff Sheet Filing)	Tariff No. JG-2019-0140
)	Tariff No. JG-2019-0141

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILINGS

Issue Date: February 27, 2019 Effective Date: March 9, 2019

On January 15, 2019, Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire ("Spire") filed revised tariff sheets under Tariff Tracking Nos. JG-2019-0140 and JG-2019-0141 to increase annual funding to the Conservation and Energy Efficiency Program for Spire's Western Missouri operating division. Spire requests to increase the funding for this co-delivered weatherization pilot program with Independence Power & Light ("IPL") from \$46,000 to \$100,000 and change the frequency of program evaluations from once to every 24 months. On January 29, 2019, the Commission's Staff filed a Motion to Suspend Tariff Sheets, recommending that the Commission suspend the tariff sheets to provide an opportunity for Staff to review the requested increase in program funding. On January 30, 2019, the Commission suspended the filed tariff sheets for 120 days.

Staff filed its recommendation to approve the tariff sheets on February 15, 2019. Staff explains that the IPL pilot program is an experimental co-delivery program between

¹ The tariff sheets filed in JG-2019-0141 and in JG-2019-0140 are identical except for the tariff book in which the tariff will be filed. Although Spire's IPL weatherization pilot program is only applicable to Spire Missouri West, the tariff sheet is filed in both of the utilities' tariff books because Spire Missouri West and Spire Missouri East have identical Rules and Regulations.

IPL and Spire West and is administered by Truman Heritage/Habitat for Humanity to provide weatherization improvement to low-income single family homes. The total program funding is provided 50% by IPL and 50% by Spire West. Spire West's share is currently \$46,000. Per the tariff sheets filed in JG-2019-0141 and JG-2019-0140, Spire is requesting to increase its share by \$54,000 for a total Spire West share of \$100,000. Currently, the pilot program is able to weatherize 12 homes annually, but the additional funding would allow approximately 30 homes to be weatherized annually. The City of Independence has approved IPL to increase its share of program funding from \$46,000 to \$100,000, so in order for the total IPL pilot program budget to be split 50/50, it is necessary for Spire West to also increase its share.

Also, Spire requests to conduct an internal billing analysis of the pilot program every 24 months instead of after the second year of the program as currently stated in the effective tariff. Spire has already conducted the internal billing analysis required by the tariff since 2018 was the third year the pilot has been in effect. However, Staff states that since Spire is requesting an increase in funding which will likely double the sample size, it is reasonable to conduct a second internal billing analysis after two years at the higher funding level.

Ten days have elapsed and no party has objected to the Staff recommendation or revised tariff sheets.² Based on its review of Staff's recommendation and Spire's unopposed tariff sheets, the Commission concludes that the submitted tariffs should be approved. Since Staff has recommended that the tariff sheets be approved to take effect as close as possible to March 1, the Commission will make this order effective in ten days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The tariff sheets submitted under Tariff Tracking Nos. JG-2019-0140 and JG-2019-0141 by Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire are approved to become effective on and after March 9, 2019.
 - 2. The specific tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 7

First Revised Sheet No. R-30.16, canceling Original Sheet No. R-30.16

P.S.C. Mo. No. 8

First Revised Sheet No. R-30.16, canceling Original Sheet No. R-30.16

- 3. This order shall be effective on March 9, 2019.
- 4. This file shall be closed on March 10, 2019.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Hall, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

² Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) provides that parties shall be allowed ten days from the date of filing in which to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.