

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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri, Inc., )  
for Permission and Approval and a Certificate of )  
Convenience and Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, )  
Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise Control and Manage )  
a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas )  
Service in Barton County as an Expansion of its )  
Existing Certificated Areas )

**File No.: GA-2019-0214**

**ORDER REJECTING TARIFF FILING**

Issue Date: April 30, 2019

Effective Date: April 30, 2019

On April 24, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and Waiver* (“Order”). That Order required Spire Missouri, Inc. (“Company”) to update Tariff Sheet No. 20.1 to incorporate the area described in the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity issued per the same Order. On April 29, 2019, the Company filed P.S.C. MO. No. 8 Second Revised Sheet No. 20.1 Cancelling P.S.C. MO No. 8 First Revised Sheet No. 20.1 (“Tariff Sheet”). The effective date of the Tariff Sheet is May 9, 2019, which is only ten (10) days after its issue date.

Section 393.140(11), RSMO (the “Statute”), states:

Unless the commission otherwise orders, no change shall be made in any rate or charge, or in any form of contract or agreement, or any rule or regulation relating to any rate, charge or service, or in any general privilege or facility, which shall have been filed and published by a gas corporation, electrical corporation, water corporation, or sewer corporation in compliance with an order or decision of the commission, except after thirty days' notice to the commission and publication for thirty days as required by order of the commission, which shall plainly state the changes proposed to be made in the schedule then in force and the time when the change will go into effect.

4 CSR 240-3.260 (6) (“Rule”) states:

Thirty (30) days' notice to the commission is required as to every publication


relating to gas rates or service except where publications are made effective on less than statutory notice by permission, rule or requirement of the commission.

The statute and rule both require the utility to give at least 30-days' notice to the Commission before changing any form of contract or agreement relating to any service. Therefore, the Commission will reject the Company's tariff filing. The Company is free to refile its proposed tariff revision with the required thirty-day effective date.<sup>1</sup>

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The tariff submitted by Spire Missouri, Inc. under Tracking No. YG-2019-0194 is rejected.
2. The specific tariff sheets rejected are P.S.C. MO. No. 8 Second Revised Sheet No. 20.1, Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 8 First Revised Sheet No. 20.1.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary



Paul T. Graham, Regulatory Law Judge,  
By delegation of authority pursuant  
To Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019

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<sup>1</sup> 4 CSR 240-2.080 (14) sets out the procedure for requesting expedited treatment.