

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 7th day of November, 2018.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc.)
d/b/a Spire East Annual PGA Filing)
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In the Matter of the Application of)
Spire Missouri, Inc's d/b/a Spire 2017/2018)
Purchased Gas/Actual Cost Adjustment)
Filing for its Spire Missouri East Operating)
Unit)

File No. GR-2019-0119
Tracking No. YG-2019-0070

File No. GE-2019-0126

ORDER APPROVING PGA TARIFF AND GRANTING VARIANCE

Issue Date: November 7, 2018

Effective Date: November 15, 2018

On October 31, 2018, Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire East (the "Company") filed proposed tariff sheets, Tariff YG-2019-0070, reflecting changes in the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming season and changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors. The Company filed a substitute tariff sheet on November 5. The proposed tariff sheets have a November 15, 2018 effective date. For the Company's service areas, the tariff filing will decrease the PGA factor from \$0.46017 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf) to \$0.45672 per Ccf for general service customers.

On November 1, the Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendations with respect to the proposed tariff sheets and allowed any other entity time to respond to the proposed tariff sheets. Staff filed its recommendation on November 6. Staff recommended

approving the tariff on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final decision with regard to the ACA factors. No other entity filed a response to the proposed tariff sheets.

In addition to the substitute tariff filing in the present case, the Company concurrently filed a Verified Application for Waiver, GE-2019-0126. Both the substitute tariff and the waiver case address the Company's Vehicle Fuel (VF) service. Historically, VF service was subject to a rate cap, which was removed some years ago but was not reflected in subsequent ACA filings. The Company has calculated a 26 cents per therm rate increase for VF service, but seeks an increase of only 10 cents per therm in the interest of avoiding rate shock. Staff does not oppose this waiver.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation. Based on the filings, the Commission independently finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform to the Company's Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because the Company's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect on ten-days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2016, to permit the tariff sheets and this order to become effective on less than 30-days' notice. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on November 15, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in File Numbers GR-2019-0119 and GR-2017-0299.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff assigned Tracking No. YG-2019-0070 is approved on an interim basis and subject to refund, to become effective on November 15, 2018.

2. Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire East's is granted a variance from the requirement of its Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Tariff to include the actual Vehicular Fuel ACA factors in its November 2018 PGA filing.

3. Staff's Procurement Analysis Department shall file the results of its review of the ACA factors represented in this filing no later than December 17, 2019.

4. This order shall become effective on November 15, 2018.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge