

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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. to )  
Change its Infrastructure System Replacement ) **File No. GO-2019-0115**  
Surcharge in its Spire Missouri East Service Territory )

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. to )  
Change its Infrastructure System Replacement ) **File No. GO-2019-0116**  
Surcharge in its Spire Missouri West Service Territory )

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE,  
DIRECTING FILING, AND SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEETS**

Issue Date: January 15, 2019

Effective Date: January 15, 2019

On January 14, 2019, Spire Missouri Inc., filed applications and petitions with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to Sections 393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015, RSMo. 2016, and Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060, 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). Section 393.1015.2(3), RSMo, requires that the Commission act on the applications no later than 120 days after the petitions were filed. Therefore, the Commission must issue an order regarding the applications effective no later than May 14, 2019.<sup>1</sup>

Additionally, Section 393.1015.1(2), RSMo, requires that the Commission publish notice of the filings. Therefore, the Commission will give notice of this application to the general public and any interested persons and set other procedural deadlines.

Section 393.1015.2(2), RSMo, allows the Commission's Staff to examine Spire Missouri's applications to change its ISRS and allows Staff to submit a report of its

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Section 393.1015(3) the Commission may hold a hearing prior to reaching its decision.

examination no later than 60 days after the petition was filed. Consequently, the Commission will establish a deadline for Staff to file its recommendations. The Commission will also set a time for responses to those filings.

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.

Concurrently with the applications, Spire Missouri filed revised tariff sheets to implement the ISRS changes. Unless the Commission acts to suspend those tariff sheets, they will become effective on February 13, 2019. In order for the Commission to have adequate time to consider Spire Missouri's applications, the proposed revised tariff sheets will be suspended.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve notice on the county commission, or equivalent governmental body, of all of the counties within Spire Missouri, Inc.'s Missouri service areas.
2. The Data Center shall also mail a copy of this notice to the parties in Spire Missouri, Inc.'s last general rate cases, File Nos. GR-2017-0215 and GR-2017-0216.
3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Spire Missouri, Inc.'s Missouri service areas and to the members of the General Assembly representing those service areas.

4. Any entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to do so no later than January 25, 2019.

5. No later than March 15, 2019, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation.

6. No later than March 15, 2019, the Office of the Public Counsel and any other party shall file any objections or hearing requests.

7. 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.

8. Spire Missouri, Inc. shall respond to Commission Staff's recommendation and any other objections or recommendations no later than March 21, 2019.

9. Any other party wishing to respond or object to the Commission Staff's recommendation or other objections or recommendations shall do so no later than March 21, 2019.

10. The tariff sheet filed by Spire Missouri, Inc. for its Spire Missouri East service territory on January 14, 2019 (Tariff Tracking No. YG-2019-0138), is suspended until May 14, 2019.

11. The tariff sheet filed by Spire Missouri, Inc. for its Spire Missouri West service territory on January 14, 2019 (Tariff Tracking No. YG-2019-0139), is suspended until May 14, 2019.

12. This order shall be effective when issued.



Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary