

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 6th day of
November, 2019.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a)
Spire 2019/2020 Purchased Gas/Actual)
Cost Adjustment filing for its Spire Missouri)
East Operating Unit)

File No. GR-2020-0121
Tariff No. YG-2020-0071

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a)
Spire 2019/2020 Purchased Gas/Actual)
Cost Adjustment filing for its Spire Missouri)
East and Spire Missouri West Operating)
Units)

File No. GR-2020-0122
Tariff No. YG-2020-0072

**ORDER APPROVING SPIRE MISSOURI'S
PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT TARIFFS**

Issue Date: November 6, 2019

Effective Date: November 15, 2019

On October 31, 2019, Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a Spire (Spire Missouri) filed tariff sheets to reflect changes in the company's Purchased Gas Adjustment clause and Actual Cost Adjustment for its Spire Missouri East Operating Unit, and its Spire Missouri West Operating Unit. The tariff sheets reflect changes in the Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") factor as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas, as well as changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") factor. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of November 15, 2019. As a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas the Firm Total PGA rate will change in Spire Missouri's service areas. Spire Missouri has requested the Commission allow the tariffs to take effect on November 8, 2019.

The change in the PGA factor proposed in Spire East's tariff sheet will decrease natural gas cost to \$0.41274/therm from \$0.45672/therm for Residential, Small General

Service, Large General Service, Large Volume, and Other Firm Service customers. The interruptible sales customers' PGA factor will decrease to \$0.27725/therm from \$0.29649/therm.

The change in the PGA factor proposed in Spire West's tariff sheet will decrease natural gas cost to \$0.40415/ccf from \$0.48438/ccf for Residential, Small General Service, Large General Service, Unmetered Gas Light, and Large Volume Sales customers. The rate for Large Volume transport remains zero.

On October 31, 2019, the Commission ordered its Staff to file an expedited recommendation regarding the tariffs. Staff filed its recommendation on November 5, 2019. Staff recommends that the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, and pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2020-0121, GR-2020-0122, GR-2019-0119, GR-2019-0120, GR-2017-0299, GR-2017-0300 and GR-2016-0225, and be effective no sooner than November 15, 2019. Staff does not recommend that the Commission allow the tariffs to take effect on November 8, 2019, because Spire Missouri's tariff language does not permit its PGA filings to be made less than ten business days prior to their effective dates.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to Spire Missouri's Commission-approved PGA Clauses. The Commission finds that it is not appropriate to grant Spire Missouri's request that the tariffs take effect on November 8, 2019. The Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on November 15, 2019, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on October 31, 2019, as substituted November 1, 2019, by Spire Missouri, assigned tracking nos. YG-2020-0071 and YG-2020-0072, and bearing effective dates of November 15, 2019, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO. No. 7

2nd Revised Sheet 11.16, canceling 1st Revised Sheet 11.16

P.S.C. MO. No. 8

2nd Revised Sheet 11.13, canceling 1st Revised Sheet 11.13

2. Staff shall file the results of its ACA review and recommendations no later than December 15, 2020.
3. This order shall become effective on November 15, 2019.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

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

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge