# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. to Change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge in its Spire Missouri East Service Territory

File No. GO-2018-0309 YG-2019-0047

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. to Change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge in its Spire Missouri West Service Territory

File No. GO-2018-0310 YG-2019-0048

# ORDER GRANTING EXPEDITED TREATMENT AND APPROVING TARIFF FILINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION ORDER

Issue Date: September 28, 2018

Effective Date: October 8, 2018

On September 21, 2018, Spire Missouri Inc. filed tariff sheets in compliance with the Commission's *Report and Order* issued on September 20, 2018 for its Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West service territories. The company filed a substitute tariff sheet for Tariff Tracking No. YG-2019-0048 on September 24, 2018. The submitted tariff sheets bear a proposed effective date of October 21, 2018, but the company has requested expedited treatment so the tariff sheets become effective on October 5, 2018.

On September 27, 2018, the Commission's Staff filed a recommendation that the Commission approve the compliance tariffs and grant the motion for expedited treatment. No other party filed a response or objected to approving the tariff sheets or granting the motion. The Commission has reviewed the tariff filings and Staff's recommendation and concludes that the tariffs should be approved and the unopposed

motion for expedited treatment should be granted to permit the tariff sheets to become effective on less than 30 days' notice.

However, if the Commission were to issue an order approving the revised tariff sheets on the specific date requested by Spire Missouri, that order would not have the required ten days prior to October 5, 2017 for such an order to become effective.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, the soonest date that the Commission can make the tariff sheets effective by law is October 8, 2018. This effective date also complies with the 120-day requirement of Section 393.1015.2(3), RSMo 2016, because the *Report and Order* issued in this case was effective before the 120-day deadline.<sup>2</sup>

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Spire Missouri Inc.'s *Application for Expedited Treatment and Approval of Compliance Tariffs on Less than 30 Days' Notice* filed on September 21, 2018, is granted to the extent described in the body of this order.

2. The tariff sheets filed by Spire Missouri Inc. on September 21, 2018, as substituted, in Tariff Tracking Nos. YG-2019-0047 and YG-2019-048 are approved to become effective on October 8, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> State ex rel. Office of the Public Counsel v. Public Service Commission, 409 S.W.3d 522, 529 (Mo. App. 2013), stating that "any shortening of the date on which PSC orders will become effective to less than ten days is presumptively unreasonable and, if challenged, would require the PSC to demonstrate that the circumstances surrounding the case are so extraordinary as to clearly warrant further encroachment on the time provided to the parties in which to exercise their right to apply for rehearing and/or appeal and that the time allowed was reasonably sufficient."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See, In Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Co.'s Request for Auth. to Implement a Gen. Rate Increase for Elec. Serv. v. Missouri Pub. Serv. Comm'n, 509 S.W.3d 757, 786 (Mo. App. 2016), "The Report and Order of the PSC is the culmination of the hearing required by law and is the order of the PSC establishing new rates or charges for public utilities. Subsequent orders by the PSC ensuring compliance with the Report and Order are orders issued in a non-contested case merely implementing the previous decision of the PSC."

3. This order shall become effective on October 8, 2018.



## BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018. STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.



Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

### **MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

#### September 28, 2018

#### File/Case No. GO-2018-0309 and GO-2018-0310

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#### Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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