## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc's d/b/a )
Spire Motion for Expedited Treatment of its )
COVID-19 Residential Assistance )
Program Tariff Filing )

File No. GO-2021-0115
Tariff Nos. YG-2021-0170 and YG-2021-0171

## ORDER APPROVING RESIDENTIAL ASSITANCE PROGRAM TARIFF SHEETS EXTENDING THE PROGRAM AND GRANTING MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Issue Date: March 24, 2021 Effective Date: March 31, 2021

On March 17, 2021, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire filed tariff sheets to extend its COVID-19 Residential Assistance Program along with a motion for expedited treatment. The Residential Assistance Program was originally approved by the Commission to be effective November 7, 2020, and was to end on March 31, 2021.

Under the COVID-19 Residential Assistance Program, eligible customers will receive \$100 upon enrollment and Spire will contribute a dollar for dollar match of up to \$300 towards a customer's past due bills. Spire states that because of the ongoing financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is requesting to extend the program an additional two months, to May 30, 2021. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of April 16, 2021. Spire's motion for expedited treatment requests that the Commission allow the tariff sheets to become effective March 31, 2021, so that there is no gap in the program.

The Commission ordered Staff to file its expedited recommendation regarding the tariff sheets by March 22, 2021, along with any responses to those tariff sheets or Spire's

motion. Staff filed a recommendation that the Commission approve the tariff sheets to be effective March 31, 2021. No other responses were received. Spires pleading indicates that the Office of the Public Counsel has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and has no objection.

The Commission has authority to approve tariff sheets pursuant to Sections 393.140(11) and 393.150, RSMo. The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the Spire has demonstrated good cause to make the tariff sheets effective in less than thirty days. Permitting the tariff sheets to become effective on March 31, 2021, will prevent any gap in the administration of the COVID-19 Residential Assistance Program.

The Commission will issue its order with an effective date of March 31, 2021, to coincide with the date the tariff sheets become effective.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Spire's motion for expedited treatment is granted.
- 2. The tariff sheets filed by Spire on March 17, 2021, and assigned Tariff Nos. YG-2021-0170 and YG-2021-0171 are approved to become effective on March 31, 2021. The tariff sheets approved are:

3. This order shall be effective on March 31, 2021.

4. This file shall be closed on April 1, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge