

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 3rd day of April, 2019.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s)	<u>File No.: GO-2019-0255</u>
d/b/a Spire's Request to Decrease WNAR)	Tariff Filing No.: JG-2019-0164
)	Tariff Filing No.: JG-2019-0165

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND GRANTING MOTION
FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Issue Date: April 3, 2019

Effective Date: April 5, 2019

On March 6, 2019, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") filed a *Motion to Suspend Tariff Sheets*, causing this file to open. On March 20, 2019, the Commission issued a *Notice of Contested Case and Order Suspending Tariff* that suspended these tariffs until October 1, 2019. On March 29, 2019, Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire") filed proposed revisions to its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR) tariff sheets for Spire East and Spire West¹ and a *Motion for Expedited Treatment and Approval of Tariff on Less than 30 Days' Notice*. Spire asked that the tariff sheets be approved with an effective date of April 5, 2019. The tariff sheet tracking numbers are JG-2019-0164 and JG-2019-0165.

On March 20, 2019, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Files GO-2019-0058 and GO-2019-0059 regarding Spire's WNAR rate adjustment for a prior period. That Report and Order directed Spire to file revised tariffs. On March 29, 2019,

¹ Substitute revised tariff sheets, P.S.C. MO. No. 7, Second Revised Sheet No. 13.2 of the eastern Missouri operating division of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire ("Spire Missouri East"); and P.S.C. MO. No. 8, Second Revised Sheet No. 13.2 of the western Missouri operating division of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire ("Spire Missouri West").

Spire filed a Tariff Revision sheet with the tracking number YG-2019-0174 in GO-2019-0058 for Spire East. On March 29, 2019, Spire filed a Tariff Revision sheet with the tracking number YG-2019-0173 in GO-2019-0059 for Spire West. The Tariff sheets with the tracking numbers YG-2019-0174 and YG-2019-0173 for Spire East and Spire West are identical to those filed in GO-2019-0255 for Spire East and Spire West. On March 29, 2019, and again on April 1, 2019, Spire filed substitute tariff sheets in all three case files.

On April 2, 2019, the Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) filed a *Staff Recommendation, Motion to Consolidate, and Nonopposition to Motion for Expedited Treatment* in Files GO-2019-0255, GO-2019-0058, and GO-2019-0059. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the rates that Spire stated in its substitute tariff sheets filed April 1, 2019 in File GO-2019-0255. Staff recommended, further, that the Commission reject the tariff sheets filed in File Nos. GO-2019-0058 and GO-2019-0059 with Tariff Tracking Nos. YG-2019-0174 and YG-2019-0173 because they were duplicative of the sheets filed in GO-2019-0255.²

Staff states that because the previous periods generally experienced colder weather than normal in Spire’s rate districts, the proposed rates for all classes are negative as of the current WNAR filing. Staff states that this means that a residential customer that used 100 ccf in a given billing month will see an approximate \$0.94 reduction in his or her bill if located in the Spire East district, and an approximate \$0.57

² GO-2019-0058 and GO-2019-0059 apply to one accumulation period. GO-2019-0255 applies to the next accumulation period. Following the Commission’s *Report and Order* of March 20, 2019, in GO-2019-0058 and GO-2019-0059, Spire has filed both accumulation periods’ WNAR on a single tariff sheet for Spire East and a single tariff sheet for Spire West. And Spire has filed those tariff sheets in GO-2019-0058, GO-2019-0059 and GO-2019-0255.

reduction if located in the Spire West district. Staff, accordingly recommends the approval of the following tariff sheets, to go into effect on or after April 5, 2019:

P.S.C. MO No. 7 (Spire East)

First Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 13.2

P.S.C. MO No. 8 (Spire West)

First Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 13.2

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets as substituted and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff sheets should be approved. The Commission has also reviewed the motion for expedited treatment and finds that good cause exists under Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2016, to expedite the effective date of the tariff sheets. This will allow the rate reduction to go into effect sooner for customers. In addition, the Commission will exercise its discretion under Section 386.490.2, RSMo 2016 to make this order effective in less than thirty days so that the order will be effective concurrently with the tariff sheets. Therefore, the Commission will approve these tariff sheets, as substituted, to become effective on April 5, 2019. The Commission will not consolidate these cases. The motion to reject the tariffs filed in GO-2019-0058 and GO-2019-0059 will be ruled in those files.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Motion for Expedited Treatment filed by Spire Missouri Inc. ("Spire") on March 29, 2019, is granted.
2. The tariff sheets filed by Spire on April 1, 2019, as follows, are approved, to become effective on April 5, 2019.

P.S.C. MO No. 7 (Spire Missouri East)

First Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 13.2

P.S.C. MO No. 8 (Spire Missouri West)

First Revised Sheet No. 13.2 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 13.2

3. The motion to consolidate GO-2019-0058, GO-2019-0059 and GO-2019-0255 is denied.

4. This order shall become effective on April 5, 2019.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris Woodruff
Secretary

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

Graham Regulatory Law Judge