

Spire Inc. 700 Market St. Louis, MO 63101

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Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Governor Office Building 200 Madison Street Jefferson City, MO 65101

## Dear Secretary,

Enclosed herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission are revised tariff sheets, P.S.C. MO. No. 7, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 11.16 of the eastern Missouri operating division and P.S.C. MO. No. 8, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 11.13 of the western Missouri operating division of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (the "Company"). These revised tariff sheets, which have an issue date of November 12, 2021, and an effective date of November 29, 2021, reflect the Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") of the Company as provided by the Company's tariffs. Such revised PGA rates, which will be made effective on a pro-rata basis, include changes to the Current Cost of Gas ("CCG"), the Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA"), and the Filing Adjustment Factor ("FAF") for natural gas customers.

Spire East's charges for gas will change from \$0.37193 to \$0.58837 per therm; and Spire West's charges for gas will change from \$0.40415 to \$0.79310 per ccf.

The PGA rate for Spire Missouri customers represents the actual commodity costs for natural gas. This change in the cost of gas reflects the price increase that the gas market has experienced starting with winter storm Uri in February 2021. During this time, we saw unprecedented natural gas price spikes, with gas trading at \$200-\$600/MMBtu compared to normal prices in the \$2-\$6/MMBtu range. Spire Missouri has strived to minimize the price impact to customers, including utilizing the Commission-approved Filing Adjustment Factor — which allows the company to apply a larger credit to the PGA mechanism to help mitigate increased prices. In addition to the market spikes experienced during winter storm Uri, there has been significant movement in the natural gas market nationally and internationally since last winter. Last winter market prices were set around \$3.26/MMBtu. The market has moved up nearly 59% since last winter to \$5.18/MMBtu. Fortunately, market reports indicate that natural gas prices are declining for future winter periods, and we are hopeful the current increase in gas costs is a short term holdover from this year's polar vortex.

Compared to currently existing rates, and assuming normal usage, the PGA rate will increase the average monthly bill of the typical residential customer. For Spire East the increase will be about \$14.52 per month (or 22.25%) and for Spire West the change results in an increase of approximately \$24.36 per month (or 41.54%). Such bill impacts may be less or more depending on a customer's actual usage, which is primarily affected by weather. The company does not mark up any natural gas supply costs, and passes on those costs dollar for dollar on customer bills.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott A. Weitzel
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