

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 4th day of
October, 2023.

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)
Missouri, Inc. to Change its Infrastructure)
System Replacement Surcharge in its)
Spire Missouri East and West Service)
Territories)

File No. GO-2023-0432
Tracking No. YG-2023-0224

**ORDER APPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE
SYSTEM REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE**

Issue Date: October 4, 2023

Effective Date: October 14, 2023

Procedural History

On June 20, 2023, Spire Missouri Inc., (Spire) filed an application and petition with the Commission pursuant to Sections 393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015, RSMo, and Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-2.060, 2.080, and 3.265, requesting that the Commission authorize changes to the Spire Missouri East (Spire East) and Spire Missouri West (Spire West) Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharges (ISRS). In particular, Spire asked for incremental annual ISRS revenues for Spire East of \$5,298,372, and \$8,945,233 for Spire West, for a total increase of \$14,243,605.¹

¹ When added to the ISRS rates approved in File No. GR-2023-0203, which are \$3,296,620 for Spire East and \$4,423,732 for Spire West, for a total of \$7,720,352, the cumulative ISRS request is \$8,594,992 for Spire East, and \$13, 368,965 for Spire West, for a total of \$21,963,957.

Spire also filed a tariff sheet with its application, which bears an effective date of July 20, 2023. The Commission suspended the tariff sheet until December 17, 2023. Finally, Spire requested waiver of the Commission's 60-day notice requirement for good cause.

The Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation on September 18, 2023. After reviewing the supporting work papers, work order authorizations, accounting entries for work orders, and a sample of invoices supporting the work order authorizations, Staff recommended that Spire receive total incremental annual ISRS revenue increases of \$3,448,192 for Spire East, and \$8,944,014 for Spire West, for a total increase of \$12,392,206.² Spire responded, stating it had no objection to Staff's proposed revenue requirements. No further responses were received.

Decision

The Commission finds that Spire has complied with the requirements of the applicable ISRS statutes to authorize its use of an ISRS. The Commission concludes that Spire shall be permitted to change its ISRS to recover ISRS revenues for this case in the amount of \$3,448,192 for Spire East, and \$8,944,014 for Spire West, for a total increase of \$12,392,206, as recommended by Staff.

Since the revenues and rates authorized in this order differ from those contained in the tariff sheet Spire submitted, the Commission will reject that tariff sheet. The Commission will allow Spire an opportunity to submit a new tariff sheet consistent with this order. So that this order may become effective in time for Spire to file a compliance

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tariff for Commission review ahead of the December 17, 2023 suspension date, the Commission will make this order effective in less than 30 days.

Spire's application also asks the Commission to waive the 60-day notice requirement in 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1). Spire asserts there is good cause for granting such waiver because it has filed a verified declaration that it has had no communication with the office of the Commission within the prior 150 days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in the case. Based upon Spire's verified declaration, the Commission finds good cause exists to waive the notice requirement, and a waiver of 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) will be granted.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Spire is authorized to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS) sufficient to recover ISRS revenues in the amount of \$3,448,192 for Spire East, and \$8,944,014 for Spire West, for a total increase of \$12,392,206.
2. The tariff sheet filed by Spire on June 20, 2023, and assigned Tariff Tracking No. YG-2023-0224, is rejected.
3. Spire is authorized to file new tariff sheets to recover the revenue authorized in this Order.
4. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) is waived for this case.
5. This order shall become effective on October 14, 2023.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman, Kolkmeier
and Hahn CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge