

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Spire	)	
Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire, for Permission	)	
and Approval and a Certificate of	)	
Convenience and Necessity to Construct,	)	
Install, Own, Operate, Maintain, and	)	<b><u>File No. GA-2023-0441</u></b>
Otherwise Control and Manage a Natural	)	Tracking No. JG-2024-0044
Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas	)	
Service in Platte County, Missouri as an	)	
Expansion of its Existing Certificated	)	
Areas	)	

**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF  
AND SETTING A PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: October 13, 2023

Effective Date: October 23, 2023

On June 28, 2023,<sup>1</sup> Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire, filed with the Commission an *Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Platte County and Request for Waiver* (“Application”) seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Platte County, Missouri, as a further expansion of its existing certificated area. In its Application, Spire requested that the 60-day notice provision of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) be waived.

The Commission directed notice and established an intervention deadline. The Commission received no applications to intervene.

On August 7, Spire filed an *Amended Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Platte County and Request for Waiver* (“Amended Application”) that corrected the legal description of the area subject to the CCN request.

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all dates refer to the year 2023.

On September 28, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation that a CCN should be granted for the service area described in the Amended Application, subject to five enumerated conditions. Staff also agreed with Spire's position that good cause exists to waive the 60-day notice requirement.

On October 2, Spire filed a revised tariff sheet that includes the area subject to the CCN request. The effective date of the revised tariff sheet is November 1 and would satisfy Staff's third recommended condition that approval of the CCN be conditioned upon Spire filing an updated tariff sheet incorporating the apportioned area.

On October 9, Spire filed a response to Staff's recommendation in which it agreed with all of Staff's recommended conditions, except for the fourth condition requiring it to quantify the assets included in rate base located in the area subject to the CCN request.

At the request of the Commission, on October 12, Staff filed an expedited response to Spire's October 9<sup>th</sup> filing. In it, Staff states that it does not agree with Spire's objection to the fourth condition. Therefore, although Staff continues to recommend approval of Spire's Amended Application, it also still recommends approval be subject to all five conditions listed in its recommendation filed on September 28, including the condition requiring Spire to quantify the assets included in rate base located in the area subject to the CCN request.

As there is not agreement between Spire and Staff on all conditions to the granting of the CCN requested in Spire's Amended Application, the Commission will suspend the revised tariff sheet filed on October 2, set to become effective on November 1, and schedule a prehearing conference.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Spire's proposed tariff sheet, assigned Tracking No. JG-2024-0044, and described as follows:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 9**  
**First Revised Sheet No. 21.15, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 21.15**

is suspended for 60 days from November 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

2. A prehearing conference shall be held on November 15, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m., to be conducted via WebEx telephone and video conference. The WebEx link, access telephone numbers, and access code will be distributed by email to all counsel of record for the parties.

3. This order shall be effective on October 23, 2023.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



*Nancy Dippell*

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Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge,  
By delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.