

**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) **File No. GA-2023-0441**
Otherwise Control and Manage a Natural)
Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas)
Service in Platte County, Missouri as an)
Expansion of its Existing Certificated)
Areas)

**ORDER CANCELING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON TARIFF**

Issue Date: November 6, 2023

Effective Date: November 6, 2023

On June 28, 2023,¹ 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.

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.

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,

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all dates refer to the year 2023.

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, set to become effective on November 1, which included the area subject to the CCN request. 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.

On October 13, the Commission suspended the revised tariff sheet filed on October 2 and scheduled a prehearing conference for November 15.

On November 2, Spire and Staff filed a *Joint Filing to Amend Staff Condition and Request to Cancel Prehearing Conference* in which it stated that the two parties have agreed to amended language for the fourth condition and, since that issue is no longer in dispute, requested that the November 15th prehearing conference be canceled. The two parties also asked the Commission to direct Staff to file a recommendation on Spire's revised tariff sheet filed on October 2.

The Commission will cancel the prehearing conference and direct Staff to file a recommendation on the revised tariff sheet.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The prehearing conference scheduled for November 15, 2023, is canceled.
2. No later than November 13, 2023, Staff shall file a recommendation on Spire's proposed revised tariff sheet, filed on October 2, 2023, 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

3. Any party wishing to file a response to the pleading filed jointly by Spire and Staff on November 2, 2023, shall do so by November 13, 2023.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
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 6th day of November, 2023.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 6th day of November 2023.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**