

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. to)
Change its Infrastructure System Replacement) **File No. GO-2019-0115**
Surcharge in its Spire Missouri East Service Territory) Tracking No. YG-2019-0138

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc. to)
Change its Infrastructure System Replacement) **File No. GO-2019-0116**
Surcharge in its Spire Missouri West Service Territory) Tracking No. JG-2019-0139

ORDER DIRECTING FILING AND SETTING RESPONSE TIMES

Issue Date: April 24, 2019

Effective Date: April 24, 2019

The Commission directs the Staff of the Commission to perform the calculations to determine the amount of pretax revenues related to the replacement of cast iron or bare steel material in Spire Missouri, Inc.'s infrastructure system replacement surcharge (ISRS) request for the period of July 1, 2018, through January 31, 2019.¹ These calculations shall be made using the same methodology Staff used in the 2018 ISRS cases² to remove the cost of the replacement of ineligible plastic mains and service lines from Spire Missouri's ISRS cost recovery.³

¹ Staff's witnesses testified that Staff had reviewed a sampling of the work orders and made some calculations with regard to removing what it considered ineligible plastic from certain types of work orders. (Transcript pp. 187-188 and 204-205; and Exhibits 100 and 101, pp. 4 and 11-12). Additionally, Staff witnesses testified that it was a relatively easy process to determine the cost associated with the plastic replacement. (Tr. p. 205).

² File Nos. GO-2018-0309 and GO-2018-0310.

³ In those earlier cases, Staff reviewed all of the work order authorizations provided by the company to determine the feet of main and service lines replaced and retired by the type of pipe (plastic, cast iron, steel, etc.). Staff applied the actual individual plastic main and service line percentages to the work order cost to determine the value of the replacement of plastic pipe for the work order. Staff did not remove any amounts for work orders that were associated with relocations required by a governmental authority, encapsulation work orders, and meter and regulator replacement work orders. For work order authorizations that Spire Missouri did not provide, or that included estimations, Staff calculated an average of plastic mains and service lines replaced for the work order authorizations that had actual information provided and applied that percentage to work order authorizations that were not provided or estimated. (File Nos. GO-2018-0309 and GO-2018-0310, *Report and Order*, (issued September 20, 2018), Finding of Fact Nos. 21 and 22.)

Staff need not make these calculations for the blanket work orders, the relocations, or any other type of work order that the parties have agreed are ISRS eligible. Staff shall breakdown the results of its calculations and report the pretax revenue necessary for Spire Missouri to recover in an ISRS the costs of the cast iron and bare steel mains and service lines. The report shall specify the revenues for the July 1, 2018, through July 1, 2019 period, and by Spire East and Spire West territory. Staff's report shall also include the revenue amount associated with each type of replacements the parties have agreed are eligible.

Spire Missouri and the Office of the Public Counsel shall also provide the Commission with the amount of pretax revenue associated with the replacement of cast iron and bare steel mains and service lines. Those reports shall specify the revenues by Spire East and Spire West territory for the period from July 1, 2018, through January 31, 2019. Spire Missouri and Public Counsel do not need to replicate the calculations prepared by Staff if they accept those calculations as accurate.

Additionally, any reports filed with the Commission shall be verified by affidavit of the person or persons making the calculations. The Commission will also set a time for responses.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall make the calculations as set out in the body of this order and file a verified report with the results no later than 12:00 p.m., Friday, April 26, 2019.

2. No later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Spire Missouri, Inc. and the Office of the Public Counsel may provide a verified report of the amount of pretax

revenues necessary to recover the replacement of cast iron or bare steel for Spire Missouri, Inc. for the period from July 1, 2018, through January 31, 2019, if different from the report filed by the Staff of the Commission.

3. Any responses or objections to the report filed by the Staff of the Commission shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

4. Any responses or objections to the reports filed by Spire Missouri, Inc. or the Office of the Public Counsel shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

5. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of April, 2019.

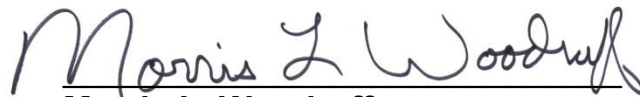
STATE OF MISSOURI

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 24th day of April 2019.**




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

April 24, 2019

File/Case No. GO-2019-0115 and GO-2019-0116

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

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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