

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing) **Case No. GR-2023-0157**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SPIRE MISSOURI INC.,
D/B/A SPIRE'S 2021-2022 ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT FILING**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission in the above-captioned matter and files its Actual Cost Adjustment (“ACA”) Recommendation in this case concerning Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire’s (“Spire”) 2021-2022 ACA filing as set forth in the accompanying Staff Recommendation Memorandum (Appendix A), and further states as follows:

1. Spire filed its ACA for the 2021-2022 period in this case on November 11, 2022. This filing revised the ACA rates based upon Spire’s calculations of its ACA account balances for the 2021-2022 period.

2. The Commission’s Procurement Analysis Department Staff (“Staff”) has reviewed Spire’s filing and submits its recommendation as further explained in the accompanying Staff Recommendation Memorandum, marked as Appendix A and incorporated by reference herein. Staff’s analysis consisted of a review of Spire’s natural gas supply plans including a review of Spire’s gas purchasing practices to evaluate the prudence of the purchasing decisions for this ACA period; a reliability analysis; and a hedging review. Staff’s analysis also included a review of Spire’s billed revenues compared with its actual gas costs to determine whether there exists an over-recovery or under-recovery of the ACA balance. An over-recovery is shown as a negative ACA balance that must be returned to customers; an under-recovery is shown as a positive ACA balance that must be collected from customers.

3. Based on its review, as discussed in further detail in the accompanying Staff Recommendation Memorandum (in “Public” and “Confidential” formats), Staff recommends the preliminary ACA account balances to reflect the under-recovery balances as of September 30, 2022, as shown in the table in the “Recommendations” section of the Staff Recommendation Memorandum. The ACA account balance is cumulative. The ending balance from one period is the beginning balance of the next ACA period. As such, Staff further recommends the Commission hold this ACA case open pending resolution of Staff’s proposed Off-System Sales (“OSS”) adjustment in the prior Spire West 2020/2021 ACA Case No. GR-2022-0136.

4. Based on its review Staff has certain comments, concerns and recommendations as set forth in the Billed Revenue, Actual Gas Cost, Reliability Analysis and Gas Supply Planning, Hedging sections, and summarized in the “Recommendation” section of the accompanying Staff Recommendation Memorandum. Staff recommends the Commission order Spire to respond to these concerns, comments, and recommendations within thirty (30) days.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above and discussed in detail in the accompanying Staff Recommendation Memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order directing Spire to respond within thirty (30) days to Staff’s concerns, comments, and recommendations set forth in the “Recommendations” section; and hold this ACA case open pending resolution of Staff’s proposed Off-System Sales (“OSS”) adjustment in the prior Spire West 2020/2021 ACA Case No. GR-2022-0136.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 14th day of December, 2023.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey