

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE  
PROPOSED REVISED TARIFF SHEET**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files its *Staff Recommendation to Approve Proposed Revised Tariff Sheet* in response to the Commission’s December 7, 2023, *Order Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (Order)*, and states as follows:

1. On June 28, 2023, Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire (“Spire”) filed its *Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Platte County and Request for Waiver* (“Application”) with the Commission, requesting a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system in order to provide natural gas service in and around the Platte County, Missouri, as further expansion of its existing certificated area.

2. On August 7, 2023, Spire filed an *Amended Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Platte County and Request for Waiver* (“Amended Application”) which corrected the legal description in the original Application.

3. On September 28, 2023, Staff filed its Staff Recommendation that the CCN should be granted subject to five conditions.

4. On October 2, 2023, Spire filed a revised tariff sheet that includes the subject area of the CCN request, which would satisfy Staff's third recommended condition. The revised tariff sheet had an effective date of November 1, 2023, and was assigned Tracking No. JG-2024-0044. Subsequently, Spire filed a response to Staff's recommendation on October 9, 2023; wherein, it disagreed with Condition Number 4.

5. On October 12, 2023, Staff responded that it did not agree with Spire's objection to Condition Number 4, and continued to require all five conditions within the approval of the CCN. In light of the disagreement, the Commission suspended the October 2, 2023 tariff on October 13, 2023, and set a prehearing conference for November 15, 2023. The Commission set a new effective date of December 31, 2023, for the suspended revised tariff.

6. The parties reached an agreement and filed a *Joint Filing to Amend Staff Condition and Request to Cancel Prehearing Conference* on November 2, 2023, informing the Commission that an agreement had been reached, and that the Staff recommended the Commission approve Spire's Amended Application.

7. On November 9, 2023, Staff filed a Motion for an Extension of Time to file its recommendation on Spire's revised tariff until such time a decision on approving the CCN, along with the conditions enumerated in Staff's recommendation and the amended condition filed on November 4, 2023, was made.

8. On November 16, 2023, the Commission relieved Staff of its obligation to file a recommendation on the proposed tariff sheet at that time.

9. On December 7, 2023, the Commission granted Spire's Amended Application for a CCN and ordered the revised tariff sheet filed by Spire on October 2, 2023, with an issue date of November 1, 2023, and assigned Tracking No. JG-2024-0044, to become effective on December 31, 2023.

10. The Commission further ordered Staff to file a recommendation regarding said tariff sheet no later than December 18, 2023.

11. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheet filed on October 2, 2023, with an issue date of November 1, 2023, and assigned Tracking No. JG-2024-0044, and recommends the Commission approve or allow to go into effect for service as follows:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 9**

**First Revised Sheet No. 21.15, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 21.15**

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission approve Spire's updated tariff sheet as listed in paragraph 11 above, Tariff Tracking No. JG-2024-0044, with an effective date of December 31, 2023, or allow the same tariff sheet to go into effect by operation of law.

Respectfully Submitted,

**/s/ Carolyn H. Kerr**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, to all counsel of record.

**/s/ Carolyn H. Kerr**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF FRANCISCO DEL POZO**

STATE OF MISSOURI            )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF COLE            )

**COMES NOW FRANCISCO DEL POZO**, and on his oath states that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

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**FRANCISCO DEL POZO**

**JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

Dianna L. Vaught  
Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027 Commission Number: 15207377
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