

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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)	
Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire to Change Its)	<u>File No. GO-2024-0214</u>
Infrastructure System Replacement)	Tracking No. JG-2024-0103
Surcharge in its Spire Missouri East and)	
West Service Territories)	

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE,
DIRECTING FILINGS, SETTING TIME FOR RESPONSES, AND
SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEET**

Issue Date: January 18, 2024

Effective Date: January 18, 2024

On January 17, 2024, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire filed an application pursuant to Sections 393.1009 to 393.1015, RSMo, and Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-2.060, 2.080, and 3.265, requesting that the Commission authorize changes to the Spire’s Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharges (ISRS). Section 393.1015.2(3), RSMo, requires that the Commission act on the application within 180 days. Therefore, the Commission must issue an order regarding the applications effective no later than July 15, 2024.¹

Section 393.1015.1(2), RSMo, requires that the Commission publish notice of the filings. Therefore, the Commission will give notice of this application to the general public and any interested persons and set other procedural deadlines.

Section 393.1015.2(2), RSMo, permits the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to examine the application and to submit a report of its examination no later than 90 days after the petition was filed. Consequently, the Commission will establish a deadline for

¹ Pursuant to Section 393.1015.2(3) the Commission may hold a hearing prior to reaching its decision.

Staff to file its recommendation. The Commission will also set a time for responses to those filings.

The tariff sheet, Tracking No. JG-2024-0103, is applicable to both Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West, and bears an effective date of February 16, 2024. Section 393.150.1, RSMo, authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of a proposed tariff sheet for up to 120 days. Section 393.150.2, RSMo, allows the Commission to suspend the effective date of a tariff sheet further for a period not to exceed six months in order to conduct a hearing. The Commission's experience demonstrates that a full hearing cannot be concluded within 120 days; therefore, the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for an additional 30 days, to July 15, 2024, the statutory deadline for Commission action.

Spire also requests a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1). Spire states that it has had no communication with the Commission within the prior 150 days about any substantive issue in this file.

Given the expedited nature of these proceedings, in similar ISRS cases the Commission has ordered the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) to submit any objections to the petitions at the same time as Staff submits its report. In those instances, the Commission also shortened discovery deadlines and required Spire to provide discovery answers to OPC at the same time it responded to Staff. The Commission will adopt this expedited procedure in these proceedings.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheet filed by Spire on January 17, 2024, Tracking No. JG-2024-0103, is suspended until July 15, 2024, or until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall provide notice of this proceeding to the county commission, or equivalent governmental body, of all of the Missouri counties within Spire's service areas.

3. The Commission's Data Center shall also provide a copy of this notice to the parties in Spire's last general gas rate case, File No. GR-2022-0179.

4. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Spire's service areas.

5. Any entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to do so no later than February 16, 2024.

6. No later than April 16, 2024, Staff shall file its recommendation.

7. No later than April 16, 2024, the Office of the Public Counsel and any other party shall file any objections or hearing requests.

8. No later than April 23, 2024, Spire shall respond to Staff's recommendation and any other objections or recommendations.

9. Any other party wishing to respond or object to Staff's recommendation or other objections or recommendations shall do so no later than April 23, 2024.

10. The response times for discovery are modified as follows: For data requests issued after this order, the discovery response time is reduced to 15 days to answer and eight days to object or provide reasons for a party's inability to answer.

11. 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.

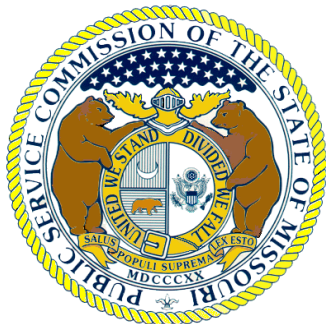
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of January, 2024.

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 18th day of January 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 18, 2024

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Sincerely,

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**Nancy Dippell
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