STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 24th day of April, 2024.

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

ORDER APPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE

Issue Date: April 24, 2024 Effective Date: May 4, 2024

Procedural History

On January 17, 2024, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire filed an application and petition with the Commission pursuant to Sections 393.1009, 393.1012, and 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 Missouri East (Spire East) and Spire Missouri West (Spire West) Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharges (ISRS). In particular, Spire asked for incremental annual ISRS revenues for Spire East of \$6,474,584, and for Spire West of \$10,839,791, for a total increase of \$17,314,375.

Spire also filed a tariff sheet with its application, which bears an effective date of February 16, 2024. The Commission suspended the tariff sheet until July 15, 2024.

Finally, Spire requested waiver of the Commission's 60-day notice requirement¹ for good cause.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation on April 16, 2024. After reviewing the supporting work papers, work order authorizations, accounting entries for work orders, and a sample of invoices supporting the work order authorizations, Staff recommended that Spire receive total incremental annual ISRS revenue increases of \$6,097,529 for Spire East, and \$10,680,422 for Spire West, for a total increase of \$16,777,951. Spire responded on April 18, 2024, stating it had no objection to Staff's proposed revenue requirements. No further responses were received.

Decision

The Commission finds that Spire has complied with the requirements of the applicable ISRS statutes to authorize its use of an ISRS. The Commission concludes that Spire shall be permitted to change its ISRS to recover ISRS revenues for this case in the amount of \$6,097,529 for Spire East, and \$10,680,422 for Spire West, for a total increase of \$16,777,951, as recommended by Staff.

Since the revenues and rates authorized in this order differ from those contained in the tariff sheet Spire submitted, the Commission will reject that tariff sheet. The Commission will allow Spire an opportunity to submit a new tariff sheet consistent with this order.

The ISRS may be changed no more often than two times during every 12-month period.² The change ordered by the Commission in File No. GO-2023-0203 was effective May 6, 2023; the change ordered in File No. GO-2023-0432 was effective October 23,

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¹ Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

² Section 393.1015.3, RSMo and Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-3.265(16).

2023. So that Spire may file a compliance tariff for Commission review to be effective as soon as practicable following the expiration of the 12-month period, the Commission will make this order effective in less than 30 days.

Spire's application also asks the Commission to waive the 60-day notice requirement in 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1). Spire asserts there is good cause for granting such waiver because it has filed a verified declaration that it has had no communication with the office of the Commission within the prior 150 days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in the case. Based upon Spire's verified declaration, the Commission finds good cause exists to waive the notice requirement, and a waiver of 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) will be granted.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Spire is authorized to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS) sufficient to recover additional ISRS revenues in the amount of \$6,097,529 for Spire East, and \$10,680,422 for Spire West, for a total increase of \$16,777,951.
- 2. The tariff sheet filed by Spire on January 17, 2024, and assigned Tracking No. JG-2024-0103, is rejected.
- 3. Spire is authorized to file new tariff sheets to recover the revenue authorized in this Order.
 - 4. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) is waived for this case.

5. This order shall become effective on May 4, 2024.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman and Kolkmeyer CC., concur.

Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge

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 2024.

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION April 24, 2024

File/Case No. GO-2024-0214

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Sincerely,

Nancy Dippell Secretary

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