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 Infrastructure)
System Replacement Surcharge in its Spire)
Missouri East and West Service Territories)

File No. GO-2024-0214
Tracking No. JG-2024-0103

STAFF'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Staff Report and Recommendation*, respectfully states as follows:

- 1. On April 24, 2024 the Commission issued its *Order Directing Recommendation on Revised Tariff* directing Staff to file its recommendation regarding Spire's revised tariff sheet (Tracking No. JG-2024-0103) no later than May 2, 2024.
- 2. Staff reviewed Spire Missouri's tariff sheet and finds the submitted revised tariff sheet complies with the Commission's April 24th *Order*.
- 3. Staff does not oppose Spire Missouri's request for a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) or its request for expedited treatment to the extent the Commission approves a tariff effective date of at least 10 days between the issue date and the effective date of the Commission order.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above and in the attached and incorporated Staff Memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order that approves Spire Missouri's April 24, 2024, ISRS tariff sheet:

P.S. C. MO No. 9
Sixth Revised Sheet No 12 / Replacing Fifth Revised Sheet No. 12

With an effective date after May 6, 2024; and for such other orders the Commission finds just and reasonable under the circumstances.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 1st day of May, 2024.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No. GO-2024-0214, Tariff Tracking No. JG-2024-0103

Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire (Combined)

FROM: Michael J. Ensrud, Research/Data Analyst, Procurement Analysis

/s/ Michael J. Ensrud May 1, 2024

Procurement Analysis/ Date

SUBJECT: Staff Report and Recommendation Regarding Spire's ISRS Tariff

Submission in order to increase ISRS rates.

DATE: May 1, 2024

On April 18, 2024, Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire ("Spire Missouri" or "Company" or "Spire") filed *Spire Missouri's Response to Staff Recommendation*. In that submission, Spire Missouri accepted Staff's proposed revenue requirements for Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West as filed by Staff in its "Staff Recommendation" of April 16, 2024. Spire has accepted Staff's proposed rates – Appendix B-1 and B-2 from Staff's Recommendation – as being the rates to be implemented. In short, Spire Missouri planned to file Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS") rates that are consistent with Staff's recommended ISRS rates.

On April 24, 2024, the Commission issued "Order Approving Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge" which authorizes Spire Missouri to file a tariff sheet to recover the revenue authorized in this Order.

On April 24, 2024, Spire filed a cover letter and tariff sheet in order to comply with the Commission's April 24, 2024, Order Approving Infrastructure System Replacement surcharge. The tariff sheet is labeled "Sixth Revised Sheet No. 12."

In addition, on April 24, 2024, in a separate Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") submission, Spire Missouri also filed *Spire Missouri Inc.'s Motion for Expedited Treatment*. Spire is requesting an effective date for its submitted tariff of May 8, 2024.

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May 1, 2024

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On April 24, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Directing Recommendation on

Revised Tariff directing Staff to file a recommendation regarding Spire's revised tariff sheet

(Tracking No. JG-2024-0103) no later than May 2, 2024.

Staff reviewed Spire Missouri's tariff sheet and finds the submitted revised tariff sheet

complies with the Commission's April 24th Order.

Staff does not object to Spire Missouri's request for expedited treatment that provides for

at least ten (10) days between the issue date and the effective date of the Commission order

approving the tariff sheet.

As of the issuance of this memorandum, Spire Missouri is not delinquent on its FY 2024

assessments and Spire Missouri has filed its 2022 annual report with the Commission.

As indicated in the Staff Recommendation filed on April 16th, rates should not be allowed

to go into effect until after May 6, 2024. In addition, Staff does not object to Spire Missouri's

request for expedited treatment to the extent that the Commission approves a tariff effective date

that provides for at least ten (10) days between the issue date and the effective date of the

Commission order approving the tariff sheet. This is consistent with the September 28, 2018,

Commission "Order Granting Expedited Treatment and Approving Tariff Filings in Compliance

with Commission Order" in Case Nos. GO-2018-0309 and GO-2018-0310.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the rationale stated above, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order

in this case that:

Approves Spire Missouri's ISRS tariff sheet:

P.S. C. MO No. 9

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(Submitted April 24, 2024)

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AFFIDAVIT O STATE OF MISSOURI)) ss.	OF MICHAEL J. ENSRUD
COUNTY OF COLE)	

COMES NOW MICHAEL J. ENSRUD, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*, in *Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

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 30th day of April 2024.

D. SUZIE MANKIN
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025
Commission Number: 12412070

Notary Public

Michael J. Enskud