

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a)	<u>Case No. GR-2024-0341</u>
Spire’s Revised PGA Rates for Spire)	Tracking No. JG-2024-0158
Missouri West)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SPIRE MISSOURI INC.,
D/B/A SPIRE’S OPTIONAL CPGA REVISION (WEST ONLY) FILING**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, in the above-captioned matter and files its *Staff Recommendation for Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire (“Spire”) – Optional CPGA¹ Revision (West Only)* filing as set forth in the accompanying Staff Recommendation Memorandum (Appendix A), and further states as follows:

1. On May 21, 2024, Spire filed a revised tariff sheet to reflect changes to its Purchased Gas Adjustment (“PGA”) rates for its western Missouri operating division, also known as Spire West. The tariff sheet has an effective date of June 5, 2024, and was assigned a tariff tracking number of JG-2024-0158.

2. On May 22, 2024, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Expedited Staff Recommendation on Revised Tariff Sheet and Setting Time for Responses*, and ordered Staff to file a recommendation on the tariff, JG-2024-0158, no later than May 30, 2024.

3. 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.

¹ Current Purchased Gas Adjustment.

4. Based on its review, as discussed in further detail in the accompanying Staff Recommendation Memorandum, the revised tariff as submitted in this case and with tracking number JG-2024-0158 will reduce each Ccf utilized by Spire (West only) customers by \$.10 per Ccf. Moreover, this case was established to track Spire's PGA factor to be reviewed in its 2023-2024 ACA filing.

5. Staff has reviewed this filing and has determined it was calculated in conformance with Spire's PGA clause. Staff does not oppose the approval of this tariff sheet on less than thirty (30) days' notice. Such action is supported by Spire's Commission-approved PGA clause allowing for notice of ten (10) business days for PGA change (both increases and decreases) filings. Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve the tariff sheet (No. JG-2024-0158) on an interim basis, subject to refund for service on or after June 5, 2024, and pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2023-0217 and GR-2023-0157.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above and discussed in detail in the accompanying Staff Recommendation Memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving Spire's tariff sheet in Tracking No. JG-2024-0158, on an interim basis, subject to refund status and pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2023-0217 and GR-2023-0157, and for such other orders that are just and reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Scott Stacey

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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 30th day of May, 2024.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. GR-2024-0341, Tariff Tracking No. JG-2024-0158
Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire (West Only)

FROM: Michael J. Ensrud, Procurement Analysis Department

/s/ Michael J. Ensrud / May 30, 2024
Financial and Business Analysis Div./Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire -Optional
CPGA Revision (West Only) Effective June 5, 2024

DATE: May 30, 2024

On May 21, 2024, Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire (“Spire” or “Company”), filed a single tariff sheet with an effective date of June 5, 2024. The filing was assigned File No. GR-2024-0341 / Tariff Tracking No. JG-2024-0158. Unlike traditional Purchase Gas Adjustments (“PGAs”), this filing only impacts one of Spire’s two operating divisions – the Western operating division. The Spire filing consists of a cover letter and tariff page.

Spire’s cover letter states:

Spire West’s charges for gas will change from \$1.01988 to \$0.91988 per ccf.

The decrease in Spire West is due to working off the balance of unrecovered gas costs. Spire East’s charges will remain the same due to the remaining balance of unrecovered gas costs.

The CPGA¹ factor of the PGA is being reduced from \$0.75817 to \$0.65817 per centum cubic feet (“CCF”). The Actual Cost Adjustment (“ACA”) factor remains the same.

In short, this filing, as proposed, will reduce each CCF utilized by Spire (West only) customers by \$.10 per CCF.

¹ Current Purchased Gas Adjustment.

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On May 22, 2024, the Commission issued: *Order Directing Expedited Staff Recommendation on Revised Tariff Sheet and Setting Time for Responses*. The Order sets Staff's deadline for filing a Recommendation as May 30, 2024.

Case No. GR-2024-0341, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factor to be reviewed in its 2023-2024 ACA filing. Any rate change implemented pursuant to this tariff should be on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2023-0217 and GR-2023-0157.

As of the issuance of this memorandum, Spire is not delinquent on its FY 2024 assessment and Spire Missouri has filed its 2023 annual report with the Commission.

Staff has no objection to Spire's June 5th, 2024, effective date.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed this filing and has determined it was calculated in conformance with Spire's PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff sheets on less than thirty (30) days' notice is demonstrated by Spire's Commission-approved PGA clause allowing for ten (10) business days' notice for PGA change filings. Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the single tariff sheet, filed on May 21, 2024, to become effective on June 5, 2024, on an interim basis, subject to refund:

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4th Revised Sheet 11.8, Cancelling 3rd Revised Sheet 11.8 (Spire West)

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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL J. ENSRUD

STATE OF MISSOURI)
)
COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

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.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.


MICHAEL J. ENSRUD

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 29th day of May 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