

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 18th day of July, 2024.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a)
Spire's Purchased Gas Adjustment) **File No. GR-2023-0157**

ORDER ESTABLISHING ENDING ACA BALANCE

Issue Date: July 18, 2024

Effective Date: August 17, 2024

On November 11, 2023, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire filed its Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) for the 2021-2022 period in this Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) case. The filing was intended to revise the ACA rates for the eastern (Spire East) and western (Spire West) Missouri operating divisions based upon Spire's calculations of its ACA account balances for the 2021-2022 period. The Commission directed its Staff to file a recommendation regarding the ACA filing. Staff filed its recommendation on December 14, 2023. Staff's recommendation and memorandum indicated Staff had completed an audit of billed revenues and actual natural gas costs for the period October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, that were included in Spire's computation of its ACA balances.

Staff recommended that preliminary ACA account balances reflect the under-recovery balances as of September 30, 2022, detailed in the memorandum accompanying its recommendation. However, Staff further recommended the Commission hold this case open, pending resolution of an Off-System Sales (OSS)

adjustment proposed by Staff in File No. GR-2022-0136 – the prior ACA case for Spire West.

Staff's recommendation also contained concerns, comments, and recommendations regarding Spire's practices in Billed Revenue, Actual Gas Cost, Reliability Analysis and Gas Supply Planning, and Hedging.

On January 19, 2024, Spire filed its *Response to Staff's Recommendation* in which it generally agreed with Staff's non-monetary recommendations regarding its practices. Spire agreed with Staff that this case should remain open, pending resolution of the OSS issue in File No. GR-2022-0136. Accordingly, on February 15, 2024, the Commission issued an *Order Staying Proceedings*, pending a final decision in File No. GR-2022-0136.

On May 1, 2024, in File No. GR-2022-0136, Spire and Staff submitted an unopposed *Full and Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement*, resolving the OSS issue for Spire West. The Commission approved the stipulation and agreement on May 15, 2024, effective June 14, 2024, and established the ending balance for Spire West's 2020-2021 ACA. Spire subsequently filed a revised ACA tariff sheet that the Commission approved on June 4, 2024, effective June 22, 2024.

At the request of the Commission, on June 28, 2024, Staff filed an updated recommendation on Spire's 2021-2022 ACA filing. Staff's recommendation proposes no financial adjustments for the 2021-2022 ACA period for either Spire East or Spire West. However, the Spire East ACA account balance shows a \$600,000 reduction to reflect the *Partial Stipulation and Agreement* from the 2019-2020 ACA case – File No. GR-2021-0127. Spire filed the 2021-2022 ACA case prior to the Commission approving the *Partial Stipulation and Agreement* on January 25, 2023. Therefore, Spire did not have

the ability to include the \$600,000 reduction to gas costs in its filed ACA balance. Spire informed Staff that the adjustment was made in January 2023. Staff will verify this as part of its 2022-2023 ACA review.

Spire did not respond to Staff's updated recommendation.

After reviewing Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that Staff's ending ACA balances should be accepted as a resolution of Spire's 2021-2022 ACA audit.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The ending under-recovery balance for Spire East's 2021-2022 Firm Sales Actual Cost Adjustment is established as \$114,000,511.20, as of September 30, 2022, and is established for LP Sales as \$638.84.
2. The ending under-recovery balance for Spire West's 2021-2022 Firm Sales Actual Cost Adjustment is established as \$163,554,244.66, as of September 30, 2022.
3. This order shall become effective on August 17, 2024.
4. This file shall be closed on August 18, 2024.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman
Kolkmeier, and Mitchell 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 18th day of July 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
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