

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a)	
Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri)	<u>File No. GO-2025-0001</u>
West Filing of Its Proposed Weather)	Tariff No. JG-2025-0003
Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR))	
Tariff Sheet)	

STAFF'S TARIFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its recommendation states:

On July 1, 2024,¹ Spire Missouri Inc. (Spire Missouri) filed proposed revisions to its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR) tariff sheet assigned Tracking Number JG-2025-0003. On July 2, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation no later than August 2. On August 1, the Commission extended Staff's deadline to August 7. Staff recommends approval of the tariff, effective September 1, 2024. Staff's Memorandum is attached as Exhibit A.

As described in Exhibit A, Staff has reviewed the tariff sheet, corresponding workpapers and weather data. The proposed residential rates in both Spire Missouri service areas (East and West) will increase the customer bills per Staff's Table I:

Spire Service Area	Current WNAR Rate	Proposed WNAR Rate
Spire East	\$0.03106/Ccf	\$0.07577/Ccf
Spire West	\$0.02464/Ccf	\$0.05493/Ccf

If located in the East rate district, a residential customer who consumes 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month will see an estimated \$4.47 bill increase compared to the

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all date references will be to 2024.

currently applicable WNAR. If located in the West rate district, a residential customer consuming 100 Ccf of gas will see an estimated \$3.03 bill increase compared with the current applicable WNAR.

Staff has verified that Spire Missouri is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its Annual Report. Staff is not unaware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing.

Staff has reviewed the following tariff sheet and corresponding workpapers, weather data, and recommends approval of the following revised Tariff Sheet to go into effect for service on and after September 1, 2024:

<u>P.S.C. MO. No. 9</u>	Third Revised	SHEET NO. 13.9
Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. 9	Second Revised	SHEET NO. 13.9

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully prays that the Commission will accept this pleading as compliant with its orders.

Respectively Submitted,

/s/ Paul T. Graham

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 6th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Paul T. Graham

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. GO-2025-0001, Tariff Tracking No. JG-2025-0003
Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West

FROM: Francisco A. Del Pozo, Economist, Tariff/Rate Design Department

/s/ Francisco A. Del Pozo / 08-06-24
Industry Analysis Division / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for the **Approval** of the revised WNAR Tariff Sheet Filed by Spire Missouri to reflect the rates and calculations from the recent rate case to go into effect on September 1, 2024.

DATE: August 6, 2024

On July 01, 2024, Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri” or “the Company”) filed a revised tariff sheet to update its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR) with an effective date of September 1, 2024. The Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation regarding the WNAR Tariff Sheet in Tariff Tracking No. JG-2025-0003 no later than August 2, 2023. On August 1, 2024, the Commission extended Staff’s deadline to August 7, 2024.

The purpose of this tariff is to adjust revenues for differences between actual heating degree days and normal heating degree days. The WNAR is the measurement of the gas usage response of the residential customers to weather. The weather normalization adjustments in per hundred cubic feet (Ccf) are calculated for each billing cycle and each month based on the usage response and the actual and normal weather measured for each billing cycle. The adjustments are summed across billing months and then divided by the billing determinants in the last rate case resulting in a WNAR rate that is applied for the billing months of September 2023 through August 2024.

The Revised Tariff Sheet, P.S.C. MO. No. 9, Third Revised Sheet No. 13.9 reflects the updated WNAR that will apply to both Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West. Both are the operating units of Spire Missouri, Inc. The updated tariff sheet reflects the billing determinants approved by the Commission in its Order Approving Full Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement issued in Case No. GR-2022-0179 on November 30, 2022.

The proposed residential rates in both Spire Missouri service areas will increase the customer bills (Table 1). If located in the Spire East rate districts, a residential customer who consumed 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month would receive an estimated \$4.47 increase in their bill compared to the currently applicable WNAR rate.

Similarly, a residential customer in the Spire West rate district consuming 100 Ccf of gas would receive an estimated bill increase of around \$3.03 compared to the current WNAR rate.

Table 1. Weather Normalization Adjustment Rate (WNAR)

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AFFIDAVIT OF FRANCISCO DEL POZO

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW FRANCISCO DEL POZO, 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.

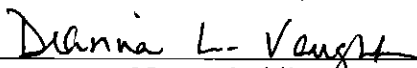


FRANCISCO DEL POZO

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 5th day of August 2024.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027
Commission Number: 15207377



Notary Public