#### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a
Spire 2019/2020 Purchased Gas/Actual
Cost Adjustment filing for its Spire Missouri
East Operating Unit
In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a
Spire 2019/2020 Purchased Gas/Actual
Cost Adjustment filing for its Spire Missouri
East and Spire Missouri West Operating
Units

File No. GR-2020-0121
Tariff No. YG-2020-0071

File No. GR-2020-0072

# ORDER APPROVING SPIRE MISSOURI'S PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT TARIFFS

Issue Date: November 6, 2019 Effective Date: November 15, 2019

On October 31, 2019, Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a Spire (Spire Missouri) filed tariff sheets to reflect changes in the company's Purchased Gas Adjustment clause and Actual Cost Adjustment for its Spire Missouri East Operating Unit, and its Spire Missouri West Operating Unit. The tariff sheets reflect changes in the Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") factor as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas, as well as changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") factor. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of November 15, 2019. As a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas the Firm Total PGA rate will change in Spire Missouri's service areas. Spire Missouri has requested the Commission allow the tariffs to take effect on November 8, 2019.

The change in the PGA factor proposed in Spire East's tariff sheet will decrease natural gas cost to \$0.41274/therm from \$0.45672/therm for Residential, Small General

Service, Large General Service, Large Volume, and Other Firm Service customers. The interruptible sales customers' PGA factor will decrease to \$0.27725/therm from \$0.29649/therm.

The change in the PGA factor proposed in Spire West's tariff sheet will decrease natural gas cost to \$0.40415/ccf from \$0.48438/ccf for Residential, Small General Service, Large General Service, Unmetered Gas Light, and Large Volume Sales customers. The rate for Large Volume transport remains zero.

On October 31, 2019, the Commission ordered its Staff to file an expedited recommendation regarding the tariffs. Staff filed its recommendation on November 5, 2019. Staff recommends that the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, and pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2020-0121, GR-2020-0122, GR-2019-0119, GR-2019-0120, GR-2017-0299, GR-2017-0300 and GR-2016-0225, and be effective no sooner than November 15, 2019. Staff does not recommend that the Commission allow the tariffs to take effect on November 8, 2019, because Spire Missouri's tariff language does not permit its PGA filings to be made less than ten business days prior to their effective dates.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to Spire Missouri's Commission-approved PGA Clauses. The Commission finds that it is not appropriate to grant Spire Missouri's request that the tariffs take effect on November 8, 2019. The Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on November 15, 2019, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on October 31, 2019, as substituted November 1, 2019, by Spire Missouri, assigned tracking nos. YG-2020-0071 and YG-2020-0072, and bearing effective dates of November 15, 2019, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO. No. 7 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet 11.16, canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 11.16

### P.S.C. MO. No. 8

2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet 11.13, canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 11.13

- Staff shall file the results of its ACA review and recommendations no later 2. than December 15, 2020.
  - 3. This order shall become effective on November 15, 2019.

#### BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

John T. Clark, Senior 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION November 6, 2019

#### File/Case No. GR-2020-0121 and GR-2020-0122

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

Sincerely,

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Secretary

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