BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Application of Spire)	
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire to Change its)	
Infrastructure System Replacement)	Case No. GR-2025-0026
Surcharge in its Spire Missouri East and)	Tracking No. JG-2025-0059
West Service Territories	j	-

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and in response to the Commission's October 30, 2024, *Order Directing Recommendation on Revised Tariff* ("Order") submits its *Staff Recommendation* to the Commission as follows:

- 1. On October 21, 2024, Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire ("Spire Missouri") filed *Spire Missouri's Response to Staff Recommendation*; wherein, Spire Missouri accepted Staff's proposed revenue requirements for Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West as filed by Staff in its Staff Recommendation dated October 17, 2024. Spire Missouri 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.
- 2. On October 30, 2024, the Commission issued an "Order Approving Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge," which authorized Spire Missouri to file a tariff sheet to recover the revenue requirement in this Order.
- 3. On October 30, 2024, Spire filed a cover letter and tariff sheet in order to comply with the Commission's October 30, 2024 Order. The tariff sheet is labeled "Seventh Revised Sheet No. 12."

- 4. Spire also filed a separate Motion for Expedited Treatment on October 30, 2024; wherein, Spire Missouri is requesting an effective date for its submitted tariff of November 9, 2024.
- 5. On October 30, 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-2025-0059) no later than November 4, 2024.
- 6. Staff has reviewed Spire Missouri's tariff sheet filed on October 30, 2024, and finds the submitted revised tariff sheet complies with the Commission's October 30, 2024 Order.
- 7. Spire Missouri is not delinquent on its FY 2024 assessments and Spire Missouri has filed its 2023 annual report with the Commission.
- 8. Staff does not object to Spire Missouri's request for expedited treatment that provides for at least 10 days between the issue date and the effective date of the Commission order approving the revised tariff sheet.
- 9. 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 10 days between the issue date and the effective date of the Commission order approving the tariff sheet. This is consistent with the September 18, 2018, Commission "Order Expedited Treatment and Approving Tariff Filings in Compliance with Commission Order" in Case Nos. GO-2018-0309 and GO-2018-0310.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order in this case that:

1. Approves Spire Missouri's ISRS tariff sheet:

P.S.C. MO. No. 9

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 12 / Replacing Sixth Revised Sheet No. 12 (Submitted on October 30, 2024).

2. Approve an effective date of the Commission Order on Compliance that is at least 10 days after the issuance date of the Order on Compliance, and grant such other and further relief as the Commission finds appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 4th day of November, 2024.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey

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STATE OF MISSOURI) ss. COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW DAVID M. SOMMERER and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

DAVID M. SOMMERER

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 ____/ ___ day of November 2024.

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

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