

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire's)
Request for Authority to Implement a General) **File No. GR-2025-0107**
Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service Provided)
in the Company's Missouri Service Areas)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: January 9, 2025

Effective Date: January 9, 2025

On November 26, 2024, the Commission ordered the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to file a joint proposed procedural schedule on behalf of all of the parties. Staff filed the *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* on January 6, 2025.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed procedural schedule and will adopt it with some modifications.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Discovery Conference	-	February 5, 2025
End of True-Up Period	-	May 31, 2025
Discovery Conference	-	March 10, 2025
Technical Conference	-	April 7, 2025
Direct Testimony – Revenue Requirement—Non-Company	-	April 23, 2025
Discovery Conference	-	April 25, 2025
Direct Testimony – Class Cost Of Service and Rate Design—Non-Company	-	May 7, 2025

Settlement/Technical Conference	-	May 15, 2025
Rebuttal Testimony	-	May 30, 2025
Local Public Hearings (TBD)	-	June 2025
Discovery Conference	-	June 11, 2025
Settlement/Technical Conference	-	June 24, 2025
True-Up Information (Among Parties)	-	June 27, 2025
Surrebuttal/Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony	-	June 30, 2025
Discovery Conference	-	July 7, 2025
List of Issues and Witnesses, Order Openings, Witness Testimony, Cross-Examination and Reconciliation (Among Parties)	-	July 7, 2025
Settlement Conference	-	July 8-10, 2025
Last Day to Request Discovery (Except Rate Case Expense)	-	July 11, 2025
List of Issues and Witnesses, Order Openings, Witness Testimony, and Cross-Examination	-	July 14, 2025
Last Day to Take Depositions or File Discovery Motions	-	July 15, 2025
Non-Utility Parties Values of Issues for Reconciliation, Last Day to Request Discovery	-	July 17, 2025
True-Up Direct Testimony and Position Statements	-	July 18, 2025
Reconciliation	-	July 22, 2025
Settlement/Technical Conference	-	July 23, 2025
True-Up Rebuttal Testimony	-	July 25, 2025

List of Exhibits	-	July 28, 2025
Last Day to Request True-Up Discovery	-	July 30, 2025
Evidentiary Hearing	-	August 4-13, 2025, beginning the first day at 9:00 a.m.
True-Up Hearing	-	August 14-15, 2025
Initial Briefs	-	September 11, 2025
Reply Briefs and True-Up Briefs	-	September 25, 2025
Operation of Law	-	October 24, 2025

2. By January 21, 2025, the parties shall provide the Commission with recommendations for locations and number of local public hearings to be held during the month of June 2025.

3. Parties interested in participating in the Technical Conferences shall meet and confer in good faith prior to those Technical Conferences to develop an agenda. At all Technical Conferences, the parties shall appear in person or remotely with a knowledgeable subject matter expert capable of discussing items identified in the agenda.

4. For all Settlement Conferences, all parties shall appear in person or remotely by attorney and by a representative with settlement authority on behalf of the party.

5. The parties shall comply with the following Discovery Conditions:

A. The Parties shall provide all workpapers, in electronic format, within two (2) business days following the date on which the related testimony is filed. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked

pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.

B. Where workpapers or data request responses include models, spreadsheets, or similar information originally in a commonly-available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or outputs, if available in that original format, the Party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Spire Missouri shall provide its workpapers to Parties in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage or file sharing agreed to by Staff counsel or any other party.

C. Discovery Requests shall be governed by Commission Rules except as follows:

1. Beginning the date of Direct Testimony on Revenue Requirement by non-utility parties, proposed above as April 23, 2025, the response time for data requests shall be ten (10) calendar days to provide the requested information and five (5) business days to object or to notify the requesting party that more than ten (10) calendar days will be required to provide the requested information.
2. Beginning the date of Rebuttal Testimony, proposed above as May 30, 2025, the response time for all data requests shall be five (5) business days to provide the requested information and three (3) business days to object or to notify the requesting party that more than five (5) calendar days will be required to provide the requested information.

3. Discovery Conferences will be held in Room 305 at the Commission's office at the Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City Missouri, with remote connectivity via Webex. Each Discovery Conference will begin at 10:00 a.m.

4. At least three (3) business days before each discovery conference, any party that has a discovery disagreement or concern shall file a brief statement describing that disagreement or concern and identifying any other parties involved. Such statement does not need to be a formal discovery motion. Any party may attend a discovery conference, but only those parties involved in an identified discovery disagreement must attend. If the parties do not identify any discovery disagreements or concerns as described herein, the presiding officer may cancel the conference.

5. If a moving party has already conferred or attempted to confer with opposing counsel concerning a discovery matter, that party may file any discovery motions to be entertained at the discovery conference at least three (3) business days in advance. Any party seeking a hearing on any discovery motion outside of a regularly scheduled discovery conference shall comply with 20 CSR 4240-2.090(8) prior to filing the discovery motion.

6. Discovery Conferences shall be on the record and transcribed by a court reporter.

7. Any pending written discovery motion may be taken up at a discovery conference and may be ruled upon by the presiding regulatory law judge either on the record, or in a written order.

8. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090's requirement that a party must seek a telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion is waived.

6. The parties shall comply with the following additional procedural requirements:

A. All parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130 for prepared testimony, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form, essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.). Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging.

B. Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The parties recognize that the Commission may view any issue not contained in this list of issues to be uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission. On July 18, 2025, each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing

its position on each disputed issue, including citations to pre-filed testimony supporting its position.

C. Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served upon all parties to the case.

D. Any data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.090(2)(H). All data requests other than those issued to or by Staff, as well as all objections to data requests, or notifications of the need for additional time to respond, shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel for each party shall receive electronically, via either EFIS notification or e-mail from the party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Regarding data requests issued via EFIS, if the description contains confidential information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request, thereby providing the responding party the opportunity to object. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. If any party responds to a data request in EFIS, the response is available in EFIS to all counsel on the certified service list. Data request responses, other than responses to data requests in EFIS, shall be served on counsel for the

requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. In the case of responses to data requests Staff issues, Spire Missouri shall also submit the responses to Staff data requests in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible.

E. Copies of prefiled testimony and documents served upon the parties before a hearing need not be provided the court reporter for marking as exhibits where the record clearly identifies the prefiled testimony and documents that are made hearing exhibits. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each of the Commissioners, the presiding officer, and counsel for each other party.

F. All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

F. The parties shall make an effort to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in a data request, the confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135.

G. The parties hereby request expedited transcripts of the proceedings.

H. Exhibit numbers are assigned in the following manner:

Spire	1-99
Commission Staff	100-199
Office of the Public Counsel	200-299
Consumers Council	300-399
Midwest Energy Consumers Group	400-499
Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers	500-599
Missouri School Boards' Association	600-699

If any party requires additional exhibit numbers, it may add a 1 to the beginning of its assigned numbers. For example, if Spire has exhibits in addition to exhibit number 99, its next exhibit numbers would be 1001, 1002, 1003, etc.

I. Each party shall prepare a list of its pre-filed, pre-marked exhibits and file the list in EFIS no later than July 28, 2025. The lists shall not be filed in the EFIS case file. Exhibits that may be offered during cross-examination, but which have not been pre-filed, need not be included on the list. However, when those documents are offered during the hearing, they will be assigned a number from that party's number group.

7. The evidentiary hearing is scheduled for August 4 – August 13, 2025 with a True-Up hearing following from August 14 – August 15, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The hearing shall be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

8. The undersigned parties anticipate issues for the true-up to include, but not be limited to: changes to plant-in-service, depreciation reserve, all other rate base items (with the exception of revenue and expense lags for cash working capital), revenues (all categories), customer growth, payroll (including changes in pay rate, number of employees), other employee benefits, payroll taxes, insurance expense, rate case

expense, depreciation expense and depreciation rates, various amortizations, income taxes, property taxes, capital structure, capital costs (other than return on equity) and other significant items that must be considered in order to maintain a proper relationship of revenues, expenses and rate base. Parties filing a true-up case must file accompanying testimony identifying the items, amounts, and justification for any proposed changes to the revenue requirement in their true-up case. No party is precluded from proposing an additional item for true-up that may cause a significant increase or decrease in Spire's cost of service, i.e., in revenues, expenses or investment, or from proposing that any item(s) not be trued-up for any reason.

9. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Riley G. Fewell, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of January, 2025.

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 9th day of January 2025.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
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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