

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

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| In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s |) | |
| Request for Authority to Implement a |) | |
| General rate Increase for Natural Gas |) | <u>File No. GR-2025-0107</u> |
| Service Provided in the Company's |) | Tracking No. JG-2025-0078 |
| Missouri Service Areas |) | |

LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire ("Spire Missouri"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), (collectively, the "parties"), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully submits this *Local Public Hearing Notice*:

1. On January 21, 2025, the parties filed its Local Public Hearing Recommendations with the Commission, which set forth the recommended number of local public hearings and locations, and suggested dates for the same.

2. On January 27, 2025, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Filing of Notice Language*; wherein, the Commission ordered the parties to coordinate together and submit the proposed language to be included in the local public hearing notices no later than February 1, 2025.

3. The parties have agreed upon the language contained in the notice, attached hereto as Appendix A. In order to provide Spire Missouri sufficient time to produce, print, and mail the notice of local public hearings, an order from the Commission approving the local public hearings and identifying the exact meeting locations for the in-person local public hearings must be issued no later than February 4, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully submit this *Local Public Hearing Notice*, and pray the Commission accept the same.

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 29th day of January, 2025.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey

**Notice of Local Public Hearings and
Request for Comments Regarding Proposed Increase
GR-2025-0107**

Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire Missouri”), has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“PSC”) to increase revenues by approximately \$289.5 million. However, \$53.6 million of the proposed increase is already being collected under the Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS) program line item that is currently on customers’ bills. As the amount related to ISRS is already being collected in rates, the remaining overall annual incremental increase to customers, as proposed, would be \$235.8 million, or 14.33%.

In this rate request, Spire Missouri proposes recovery of infrastructure investments, inflationary costs since its last case, increased costs of service, and weather and conservation impacts.

The effect of the proposed revenue increase will vary by customer type. Should Spire's request be approved by the PSC, the average residential monthly bill for customers across Missouri are expected to increase next fall by approximately \$13.87, or roughly 15.23%, compared to current rates, assuming current natural gas market conditions. This customer impact is based upon an average gas usage of approximately 59 ccfs per month, but the bill impact will vary based upon a customer’s gas usage.

The PSC will decide what amount of increase, if any, to approve. The base rate increase request would take effect no later than October 24, 2025. Depending on the PSC’s decision, which will be based on evidentiary hearings, the rates for one or more customer rate classes may be different from the rates requested by Spire Missouri.

Attend a Public Hearing

The PSC will hold public hearings. At the hearings you can ask questions, and you can testify about Spire Missouri’s rate increase request.

Each hearing will be divided into two parts. In the first part, you may ask questions of both Spire Missouri, the Office of the Public Counsel, and Staff of the PSC. In this first part, the PSC Commissioners and the regulatory law judge presiding over the case will not be present. Your questions, and the answers provided to you will not be part of the evidence the PSC reviews. In the second part of the hearing, Commissioners and the regulatory law judge will be present, and you may testify directly to the Commissioners. Testimony provided in the second part will be some of the evidence that the Commission reviews when deciding whether to grant Spire’s requested rate increase.

To attend a public hearing, please see the schedule below:

| Date | Location | Region | Time |
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| June 2, 2025 | | St. Louis County, Missouri | 12:00 p.m. |
| June 2, 2025 | | St. Louis County, Missouri | 6:00 p.m. |
| June 4, 2025 | | St. Joseph, Missouri | 12:00 p.m. |
| June 4, 2025 | | Kansas City, Missouri | 6:00 p.m. |
| June 5, 2025 | | Joplin, Missouri | 6:00 p.m. |

To attend the virtual public hearing that has been set before the PSC, please refer to the following chart.

| Date | Start Times | At the time of the hearing, dial (xxx) xxx-xxxx and enter the Access Code and Password |
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| June 3, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. | Meeting Number/Access Code: Password: |
| June 3, 2025 | 6:00 p.m. | Meeting Number/Access Code: Password: |

Additional Ways to Provide Comments and Feedback

If you are unable to attend one of the in-person or virtual sessions or would otherwise like to make written comments or receive additional information, you may contact the PSC directly at:

Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
Telephone: (800) 392-4211
Email: pscinfo@psc.mo.gov

Comments may also be submitted electronically using the PSC’s Electronic Filing Information System (“EFIS”) at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments. From this webpage, click on “Submit comments” under the heading “Submit Comments in Writing.” When submitting comments please reference File No. GR-2025-0107.

In addition, you may also provide comments to or receive additional information from the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel, a state agency tasked with representing the interests of the public in proceedings before the PSC, by contacting:

Office of the Public Counsel
P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102
Telephone (866) 922-2959 (toll free) or (573) 751-4857
Email: opcservice@ded.mo.gov.

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You can also learn more about the rate review at SpireEnergy.com/rate-review.

The in-person public hearings will be held at the locations identified above, and the virtual public hearing will be held via live stream. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearings, please call the PSC’s Hotline at (800) 392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing. During the virtual public hearing, you may also contact us with questions about your account via a designated text line at (xxx) xxx-xxxx.

Stay Informed

Finally, if you want to stay informed about this case or read up on what has already been filed, you can access this case on the PSC’s Electronic Filing Information System (or “EFIS”). Please go to

<https://psc.mo.gov/General/EFIS>, find the link for “Commission Case Search – Existing Case e-Filing & Search” under EFIS Shortcuts, and enter the case number for this case (GR-2025-0107) in the box provided to see everything filed in this case.

The PSC will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City from August 4-13, 2025, beginning the first day at 9:00 am. The hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the PSC’s Hotline at (800) 392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.