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) Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service Provided in) the Company's Missouri Service Areas)

File No. GR-2025-0107

ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Issue Date: February 4, 2025 Effective Date: February 4, 2025

On November 25, 2024, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire filed proposed tariff sheets to increase its annual revenues by a total of an additional \$236 million. The Commission directed the parties to submit proposed details for local public hearings. On January 21, 2025,¹ the Commission's Staff (Staff) filed the *Local Public Hearing Recommendations* on behalf of the parties.²

The Commission will set five in-person local public hearings and two virtual public hearings.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make an informal presentation and conduct a question-and-answer session for the public at the beginning of each local public hearing. Comments to the Commission from the public will begin at the conclusion of the question and answer session.

¹ All dates refer to the year 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

² Staff, Spire, Office of the Public Counsel, Consumers Council of Missouri, Midwest Energy Consumers Group, Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers and Missouri School Boards' Association.

2. Spire, Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question-and-answer sessions. Any other party may also choose to have a representative present.

3. Any person may participate at any of the hearings, but are encouraged to attend the hearing closest to their service area for the most relevant information. Comments at each hearing may be limited to three minutes per person.

Date	Date City		Location
June 2, 2025	St. Louis	12:00 p.m.	UMSL – Millennium Student Center Room A 17 Arnold Grobman Drive St. Louis, MO 63121
June 2, 2025	Crestwood	6:00 p.m.	Crestwood Community Center 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane St. Louis, MO 63126
June 4, 2025	St. Joseph	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph City Council Chambers 1100 Frederick Avenue St. Joseph, MO 64501
June 4, 2025	June 4, 2025 Kansas City		Gregg/Kline Community Center 1600 East 17 th Terrace Kansas City, MO 64108
June 5, 2025 Joplin		6:00 p.m.	MSSU – Corley Auditorium 3950 Newman Road Joplin, MO 64801

4. In-person local public hearings shall be held as follows:

5. The virtual local public hearings shall be as follows:

Date	Start Time	At the time of the hearing, dial 1-855-718-6621 and enter the Access Code/Password
June 3, 2025	12:00 p.m.	Meeting Number/Access Code: 2866 775 5885 Password: 0107
June 3, 2025	6:00 p.m.	Meeting Number/Access Code: 2867 463 1122 Password: 0107

a. To attend a virtual local public hearing **by telephone**, at the time of the hearing call toll free 1-855-718-6621, listen to the prompt and enter the meeting number/access code set out above, followed by # (pound/hashtag symbol). If prompted for a password, enter 0107.

b. To attend a virtual local public hearing **by video/internet** visit the website at <u>www.webex.com</u> or download the Cisco WebEx Meetings application. At hearing time, enter the corresponding meeting number/access code and password listed above.

6. To facilitate an orderly presentation that can be preserved for the record, members of the public who wish to participate in the virtual public hearings should register, but are not required to register, by sending their first and last name, phone number, email address, and the hearing they wish to attend to pscinfo@psc.mo.gov, or by calling (800) 392-4211 by 5:00 p.m. the day before the hearing they wish to attend.

7. Any persons needing an accommodation to participate in the hearings as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least three days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.

8. Comments may also be submitted to the Commission in writing by mail to the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or electronically using the Commission's electronic filing system at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments. When submitting comments please reference File No. GR-2025-0107.

9. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make a copy of this order available to the members of the media representing customers in Spire's service areas.

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10. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the county

commission for each county in Spire's service areas.

11. No later than ten days before the local public hearings, Spire shall provide

notice of the hearings to each of its customers. Such notice shall use language agreed upon

in the Appendix attached herewith as well as the following language:

Spire has filed a rate increase request with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("PSC"). The requested increase would total approximately \$236 million for an approximate increase of 14%.

For the average residential customer, the proposed increase would be approximately 15% or \$14 per month.

Local Public Hearing Information

The PSC is holding public hearings where customers can ask questions and testify about Spire's rate request. Customers are encouraged to participate in the hearings.

Each hearing is divided into two parts. In the first part, you may ask questions of Spire, the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), and the PSC Staff. The PSC Commissioners and the regulatory law judge will not attend the informal question and answer session. Your questions and the answers provided will not be part of the evidence the PSC reviews. In the second part, PSC Commissioners and a regulatory law judge will be present, and you may testify as part of the official record of the case.

	In Person Public Hearings			
Date	Location	Start Time		
June 2, 2025	UMSL – Millennium Student Center			
	Room A	12:00 p.m.		
	17 Arnold Grobman Drive			
	St. Louis, MO 63121			
June 2, 2025	Crestwood Community Center			
	9245 Whitecliff Park Lane	6:00 p.m.		
	St. Louis, MO 63126			
June 4, 2025	St. Joseph City Council Chambers			
	1100 Frederick Avenue	12:00 p.m.		
	St. Joseph, MO 64501			

Public hearings will be held in person and virtually according to the following schedule:

June 4, 2025	Gregg/Kline Community Center 1600 East 17 th Terrace Kansas City, MO 64108	6:00 p.m.
June 5, 2025	MSSU – Corley Auditorium	
	3950 Newman Road	6:00 p.m.
	Joplin, MO 64801	

Virtual Public Hearings			
Date	Dial-In Information	Start Time	
January 23, 2025	Meeting Number/Access Code: 2866 775 5885 Password: 0107	12:00 p.m.	
January 24, 2025	Meeting Number/Access Code: 2867 463 1122 Password: 0107	6:00 p.m.	

Anyone is welcome to attend the in-person local public hearings at the addresses and times listed above.

To attend a virtual local public hearing by telephone, at the time of the hearing call tollfree, 855-718-6621, listen to the prompt and enter the corresponding meeting number listed above followed by # (pound/hashtag symbol). If prompted for a password, enter the corresponding password listed above. To attend a virtual local public hearing by WebEx video (internet), visit the website www.webex.com. You can also download the Cisco WebEx meetings application on your mobile device, laptop, desktop, or tablet prior to the hearing and join the meeting at the hearing time by entering the corresponding meeting number and password listed above.

To facilitate an orderly presentation that can be preserved for the record, members of the public who wish to participate in the WebEx question-and-answer session or make comment to the Commission during a WebEx hearing should register by calling 800-392-4211 by 5:00 p.m. the day before the hearing.

Any individuals needing special accommodations to participate in the hearings should contact the PSC **at least three days prior to the hearing** at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.

Additional Ways to Provide Comments and Feedback

If you are unable to attend a public hearing, or if you would like to make written comments or receive additional information, you may contact the PSC directly at:

Missouri Public Service Commission PO Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 Email: pscinfor@psc.mo.gov

In addition, you may also provide comments or request additional information from the OPC, a state agency tasked with representing the interests of the public in proceedings before the PSC, by contacting the OPC directly at:

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

Comments may also be submitted electronically using the PSC's Electronic Filing Information System ("EFIS") at <u>https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit Comments</u>. From this webpage, click on "(e-Filing Instructions)" after the Submit Comments in Writing paragraph. When submitting comments please reference File No. GR-2025-0107.

All documents filed as part of the rate review can be found on the PSC's EFIS at <u>https://psc.mo.gov/general/efis</u>, click on "Existing Case e-Filing & Search" under the heading "EFIS Shortcuts," and enter Case No. GR-2025-0107.

12. Three days before each local public hearing Spire shall provide additional

notice of the local public hearing via text message and/or email to customers signed up to

receive electronic messages from Spire.

13. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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 16th day of September, 2024.

<u>Notice of Local Public Hearings and</u> <u>Request for Comments Regarding Proposed Increase</u> <u>GR-2025-0107</u>

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
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	
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:

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Comments may also be submitted electronically using the PSC's Electronic Filing Information System ("EFIS") at <u>https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments</u>. 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:

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Connect With Us

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

<u>https://psc.mo.gov/General/EFIS</u>, 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.

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 4th day of February 2025.



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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION February 4, 2025

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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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Nancy Dippell Secretary

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