STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 13th day of February, 2025.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.'s d/b/a Spire 2024 Integrated Resource Plan File No. GO-2025-0161

ORDER ACCEPTING SPIRE'S 2024 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

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Issue Date: February 13, 2025 Effective Date: February 13, 2025

This order accepts Spire Missouri, Inc.'s d/b/a Spire's 2024 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

On August 23, 2023, the Commission approved a stipulation and agreement in File No. GR-2021-0127, *In the Matter of Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire (East) Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Tariff Filing*. Pursuant to that stipulation and agreement, Spire submitted its 2024 IRP on November 19, 2024, opening this docket.

The approved stipulation and agreement require that, within 12 months of the Commission's approval of the stipulation and agreement, Spire must file an IRP with the Commission. Spire filed its IRP after the 12 months allowed in the stipulation and agreement.

The Commission issued notice of Spire's IRP filing and set an intervention deadline. No intervention requests were received. The Commission also directed its Staff (Staff) to file a recommendation about Spire's 2024 IRP.

Spire's 2024 IRP

The Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-22.060 requires electric utilities to periodically submit an IRP to the Commission. However, no similar requirement exists for gas utilities and this requirement exists for Spire only because the Commission approved the stipulation and agreement requiring Spire to do so in another docket.

Spire's IRP is required by the Approved stipulation and agreement to include a plan to pilot at least one Non-Pipes Alternative (NPA) to identify cost-effective environmentally beneficial pathways to meet customer demand. Spire's 2024 IRP states that NPA refers to using natural gas more efficiently to avoid the need to build traditional pipeline capital projects. Spire is to work with the Environmental Defense Fund¹ to implement the NPA project(s). Spire says that it will introduce a pilot opportunity during its next rate case.

Spire's IRP is also required to include a Long-Term Climate Plan with a 20-year demand and supply forecast that considers and accounts for the impact of electrification. The plan must also explain what levels of demand response and energy efficiency are reflected in the forecast. The plan is required to identify and recognize infrastructure constraints, as well as work towards reducing methane emissions below 50 percent of 2005 levels by 2030. The plan also must address the role and effectiveness of any renewable natural gas, hydrogen, or other technologies at reducing the carbon intensity of Spire's system-delivered energy.

¹ The Environmental Defense Fund was a party in File No. GR-2021-0127 and a signatory to the stipulation and agreement discussed in the body of this order.

Staff reviewed Spire's 2024 IRP. Staff's Memorandum notes that Spire's IRP was filed 78 days late. However, Staff says that it was informed that Spire requested an extension from the other parties in August 2024 and that no party opposed the extension.

Staff compared Spire's 2024 IRP to the approved stipulation and agreement. Staff determined that Spire's 2024 IRP filing meets the requirements of the stipulation and agreement approved in GR-2021-0127 and should be accepted by the Commission.

Decision

As previously discussed there are no rules governing a gas IRP. No parties intervened and no comments about Spire's 2024 IRP or Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum were filed with the Commission.² After having reviewed Spire's 2024 IRP and Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum, the Commission will accept Spire's 2024 IRP filing.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Commission accepts Spire's 2024 IRP.
- 2. This order shall be effective on February 13, 2025.
- 3. This file shall close on February 14, 2025.





Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

 $^{^2}$ Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13) allows parties ten days to respond to any pleading unless another response time is established by the Commission.

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman Kolkmeyer, and Mitchell CC., concur.

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 13th day of February 2025.



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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION February 13, 2025

File/Case No. GO-2025-0161

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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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