

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri )  
Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity )  
to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain, and ) **File No. GA-2025-0181**  
Otherwise Control and Manage a Natural Gas )  
Distribution System in Cedar County, Missouri As )  
an Expansion of its Existing Certified Areas. )

**ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE  
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Issue Date: March 5, 2025

Effective Date: April 4, 2025

**Procedural History**

On December 10, 2024, Spire Missouri Inc. (Spire) filed an application which seeks permission and approval and a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Cedar County, Missouri, as a further expansion of its existing certificated area. The application further requests a waiver of the Commission’s 60-day notice rule.<sup>1</sup>

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Recommendation on February 21, 2025. Staff stated that the Commission should grant the certificate, subject to certain conditions. Staff further recommends that the Commission grant a waiver of the Commission’s 60-day notice rule.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

On February 25, 2025, Spire responded to Staff’s Recommendation and said they would agree to the conditions.

### **Decision**

Spire is a gas corporation and a public utility subject to Commission jurisdiction.<sup>2</sup> The Commission may grant a gas corporation a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate after determining that the construction and/or operation are “necessary or convenient for the public service.”<sup>3</sup> The Commission has stated five criteria that it will use to make this determination:

- 1) There must be a need for the service;
- 2) The applicant must be qualified to provide the proposed service;
- 3) The applicant must have the financial ability to provide the service;
- 4) The applicant’s proposal must be economically feasible; and
- 5) The service must promote the public interest.<sup>4</sup>

Spire’s application is for an expansion of its current CCN and would allow it to install 1,620 feet of plastic main and 760 feet of plastic service line in a portion of Cedar County. The proposed service area is adjacent to Spire’s current certificated area and does not abut the service area of Empire District Gas Company. Spire purports to hold all necessary franchises and permits from municipalities, counties, or other authorities that are required. Spire proposes to serve the customer under Spire’s currently effective Large General Service Tariff and will apply its current rates as established in its most recent rate case, File No. GR-2022-0179.

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<sup>2</sup> Section 386.020(18) and (43), RSMo (Supp. 2024).

<sup>3</sup> Section 393.170, RSMo (Supp. 2024).

<sup>4</sup> *In re Tartan Energy Company*, 3 Mo. P.S.C. 173, 177 (1994).

The CCN expansion would allow Spire to provide natural gas service for a new manufacturing service located in the proposed service area. The customer approached Spire expressing a need for the service. Spire is qualified to provide the proposed service as it currently provides natural gas service in the area and in approximately 40 Missouri counties and in the City of St. Louis. Spire has the financial ability to provide the service as the total cost of the proposed project is less than 0.1% of Spire's average capital expenditure. Staff also stated that Spire's proposed service area extension is economically feasible as no financing will be needed to complete construction.

Based on the verified pleadings, the Commission finds the application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide gas service meets the above listed criteria.<sup>5</sup> The application will therefore be granted, subject to the conditions recommended by Staff.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D) states that a waiver may be granted for good cause. Good cause exists in this case. Spire has filed an affidavit stating that it has had no communication with the office of the Commission within the prior 150 days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in this case. Accordingly, for good cause shown, the Commission waives the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) is waived.

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<sup>5</sup> The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing is provided and no proper party requests the opportunity to present evidence. No party requested a hearing in this matter; thus, no hearing is necessary. *State ex rel. Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Comm'n of the State of Missouri*, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989).

2. Spire is granted permission, approval, and a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain gas plant as more particularly described in its application and subject to the conditions in the Staff Recommendation as set out below.

3. Spire shall file an updated tariff sheet incorporating Section 26, Township 36 North, Range 38 West of Cedar County.

4. Spire shall hold ratepayers receiving service outside of the requested CCN area harmless from any expenses in excess of billed non-gas revenues.<sup>6</sup>

5. Spire shall create and keep financial books and records for plant-in-service, revenues, and operating expenses (including invoices) in accordance with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Uniform System of Accounts; and;

6. The Commission makes no finding that would preclude the Commission from considering the ratemaking treatment to be afforded any matters herein in any later proceeding.

7. This order shall become effective on April 4, 2025.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

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<sup>6</sup> The calculation of billed non-gas revenues should also exclude infrastructure system replacement surcharge (ISRS) revenues.

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Kolkmeier,  
and Mitchell CC., concur.

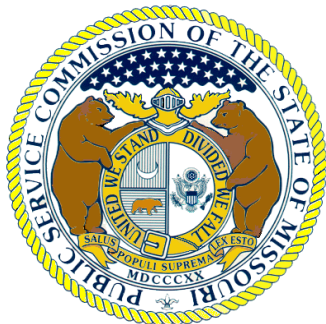
Walker, Regulatory Law Judge

**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



*Nancy Dippell*  
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Secretary

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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