

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)	
Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire to Change its)	<u>File No. GO-2021-0030</u>
Infrastructure System Replacement)	Tariff No. YG-2021-0020
Surcharge in its Spire Missouri East)	
Service Territory)	

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)	
Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire to Change its)	<u>File No. GO-2021-0031</u>
Infrastructure System Replacement)	Tariff No. YG-2021-0021
Surcharge in its Spire Missouri West)	
Service Territory)	

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, DIRECTING FILINGS, SETTING TIME FOR RESPONSES, AND SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEETS

Issue Date: August 5, 2020

Effective Date: August 5, 2020

On August 4, 2020, Spire Missouri Inc., filed applications and petitions with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to Sections 393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015, RSMo. 2016, and Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060, 2.080, and 3.265, requesting that the Commission authorize changes to the Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharges (ISRS). Spire Missouri also filed tariff revisions (Tariff Tracking Nos. YG-2021-0020 and YG-2021-0021). These tariff sheets bear an effective date of September 3, 2020. In order for the Commission to have adequate time to consider Spire Missouri's applications, the proposed revised tariff sheets will be suspended until December 2, 2020. Section 393.1015.2(3), RSMo, requires that the Commission act on the applications no later than 120 days after the petitions

were filed. Therefore, the Commission must issue an order regarding the applications effective no later than December 2, 2020.¹

Additionally, Section 393.1015.1(2), RSMo, requires that the Commission publish notice of the filings. Therefore, the Commission will give notice of this application to the general public and any interested persons and set other procedural deadlines.

Section 393.1015.2(2), RSMo, allows the Commission's Staff to examine Spire Missouri's applications to change its ISRS and allows Staff to submit a report of its examination no later than 60 days after the petition was filed. Consequently, the Commission will establish a deadline for Staff to file its recommendations. The Commission will also set a time for responses to those filings.

Spire Missouri also requests a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), as Spire Missouri has had no communication with the Commission within the prior 150 days about any substantive issue in this file.

Given the expedited nature of these proceedings, in similar ISRS cases the Commission has ordered Public Counsel to submit any objections to the petitions at the same time as Staff submits its report. In those instances, the Commission also shortened discovery deadlines and required Spire Missouri to provide discovery answers to Public Counsel at the same time it responded to Staff. The Commission will adopt this expedited procedure in these proceedings.

¹ Pursuant to Section 393.1015(3) the Commission may hold a hearing prior to reaching its decision.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheet filed by Spire Missouri, Inc. for its Spire Missouri East service territory on August 4, 2020 (Tariff Tracking No. YG-2021-0020) is suspended until December 2, 2020.
2. The tariff sheet filed by Spire Missouri, Inc. for its Spire Missouri West service territory on August 4, 2020 (Tariff Tracking No. YG-2021-0021) is suspended until December 2, 2020.
3. The Commission's Data Center shall provide notice of this proceeding to the county commission, or equivalent governmental body, of all of the counties within Spire Missouri, Inc.'s Missouri service areas.
4. The Data Center shall also provide a copy of this notice to the parties in Spire Missouri, Inc.'s last general rate cases, File Nos. GR-2017-0215 and GR-2017-0216.
5. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Spire Missouri, Inc.'s Missouri service areas and to the members of the General Assembly representing those service areas.
6. Any responses to Spire Missouri Inc.'s request for a waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1) shall be filed no later than August 14, 2020.
7. Any entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to do so no later than August 21, 2020.
8. Any responses to the applications to intervene shall be filed no later than August 26, 2020.
9. No later than October 2, 2020, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation.

10. No later than October 2, 2020, the Office of the Public Counsel and any other party shall file any objections or hearing requests.

11. Spire Missouri, Inc. shall respond to Commission Staff's recommendation and any other objections or recommendations no later than October 9, 2020.

12. Any other party wishing to respond or object to the Commission Staff's recommendation or other objections or recommendations shall do so no later than October 9, 2020.

13. The response times for discovery are modified as follows: For data requests issued after this order, the discovery response time is reduced to fifteen days to answer and eight days to object or provide reasons for a party's inability to answer.

14. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of August, 2020.

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 5th day of August, 2020.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

August 5, 2020

File/Case No. GO-2021-0030 and GO-2021-0031

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Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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