

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held by telephone
and internet audio conference on
the 2nd day of December, 2020.

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc.)	<u>File No. GT-2021-0099</u>
d/b/a Spire's Proposed Tariff Sheet)	Tariff No. YG-2020-0125
Filings)	Tariff No. YG-2021-0126

ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS

Issue Date: December 2, 2020

Effective Date: December 12, 2020

On September 30, 2020, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (Spire) filed Tariff Nos. JG-2021-0090 and JG-2021-0091 for both its Eastern and Western Missouri operating divisions.¹ Those tariff sheet filings were intended to modify Spire's Commercial and Industrial (C/I) Rebate program language.

At Staff's Request, the Commission suspended those tariffs until December 30. On November 25, Spire withdrew those tariffs. On the same date, Spire also filed Tariff Nos. YG-2021-0125 and YG-2021-0126 (new tariffs).

The new tariffs bear an effective date of December 25. However, Spire filed a motion for expedited treatment, requesting the Commission to approve the new tariffs no later than December 2, 2020, so the tariffs may go into effect by December 12, 2020.

The new tariffs would allocate approximately \$500,000 in unspent FY20 commercial and industrial rebate funds towards Spire's eligible small business customers who have been struggling as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible small business customers may receive a recurring bill credit of \$100 for up to five months. Funding will be available to these customers until the unspent FY20 commercial and industrial rebate

¹ Calendar references are to 2020 unless otherwise noted.

funds have been depleted, or September 30, 2021, whichever occurs first.

Staff filed its Recommendation on November 30. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the new tariffs, and states that the new tariffs reflect discussions Spire and Staff had. The new tariffs contain information that was lacking in Spire's original filing, such as the program administrator (United Way), and distinct eligibility criteria. Staff also has no objection to the Commission granting Spire's request for expedited treatment of its new tariff sheet filings. No other party objected to the new tariffs.

Section 386.490 RSMo states "[e]very order or decision of the commission shall of its own force take effect and become operative thirty days after the service thereof, except as otherwise provided." The Commission finds good cause for the order to take effect before thirty days' notice. The lack of funding for small business customers, the additional restrictions that have been placed on restaurants across the state, and the economic impacts of COVID-19 that threaten the sustainability of small businesses constitute good cause to approve the new tariffs on an expedited basis.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The motion for expedited treatment is granted.
2. Tariff Nos. YG-2021-0125 and YG-2021-0126, are approved to become effective on December 12, 2020.
3. This file shall be closed on December 13, 2020.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and
Holsman CC., concur.

Pridgin, 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 2nd day of December, 2020.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

December 3, 2020

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

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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