

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 2nd day of
September, 2026.

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc.	)	
d/b/a Spire for a Certificate of Convenience and	)	
Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain,	)	
And Otherwise Control and Manage Natural Gas	)	<u>Case No.: GA-2026-0337</u>
Distribution Systems Throughout the State of Missouri	)	
And for Approval to Acquire Natural Gas Assets of	)	
Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.	)	

**ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Issue Date: September 2, 2026

Effective Date: October 2, 2026

Procedural History

On May 28, 2026, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire filed the above-referenced application. Spire 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 to 60 farm taps which Spire has agreed to purchase from Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. The application further requests a waiver of the Commission's 60-day notice rule.¹

The Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation on August 18, 2026. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the certificate, subject to conditions. Staff further recommends that the Commission grant Spire a waiver of the 60-day notice rule.

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

Spire responded to Staff's Recommendation on August 24, 2026, accepting Staff's Recommendation.

Decision

Spire is a gas corporation and a public utility subject to Commission jurisdiction.² The Commission may grant a gas corporation a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate after determining that the construction and operation are either "necessary or convenient for the public service."³ 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.⁴

There is a need for the service, as the 60 farm taps which Spire will purchase are already receiving natural gas service. Spire is qualified to provide the proposed service, as it provides natural gas service in approximately 40 counties and the City of St. Louis. Spire has the financial ability to provide the service, as the proposed total cost of the project is less than 0.1 percent of Spire's average annual capital expenditures. The proposed project is economically feasible, as Staff believes the revenues for the project will be sufficient to cover the cost of service. And the service will also promote the public interest, due to Spire

²Section 386.020(18), and (43) RSMo (Supp. 2025).

³Section 393.170, RSMo.(Supp. 2025).

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

meeting the other Tartan criteria, and due to the fact that Spire is already servicing farm tap customers in the area.

The Commission may impose conditions upon a certificate of convenience and necessity as it may deem reasonable and necessary.⁵ Based on the verified pleadings, the Commission finds the application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide gas service, subject to the conditions recommended by Staff, meets the above-listed criteria.⁶ The application will be granted.

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 a verified declaration 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, other than those pleadings filed for record. 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.
2. Subject to the conditions set out below, Spire is granted permission, approval, and a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain gas plant services as more particularly described in its application and Staff Recommendation.

⁵ Section 393.170(3) RSMo.(Supp. 2025).

⁶ 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).

3. The certificate of convenience and necessity is subject to the conditions that:
- a. Spire shall file an updated tariff sheet incorporating the apportioned area;
 - b. Spire shall work with the Staff of the Water, Sewer, Gas and Steam Department to provide digital mapping data in a shapefile format for the areas not currently inside of Spire existing certificated areas within 30 days after the effective date of an order from the Commission approving this CCN;
 - c. Spire shall track all revenues, investments, and expenses directly related to the Asset Purchase Agreement and any future additions or removal of the Farm Taps. These items must be recorded to a separate account or subaccounts, to the extent practical, separately by facility starting with the in-service date for the facility. Spire shall prepare, in support of the current and future general rate case, an analysis using reasonable allocation methods for those categories of expense where it is not practical to specifically track the transactions in the general ledger;
 - d. Spire shall hold ratepayers receiving service outside of the requested CCN area harmless from any expenses and capital investment impacts in excess of billed non-gas revenues.

4. This order shall become effective on October 2, 2026.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

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

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Pursuant to 386.290, RSMo., 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 September, 2026.



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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).¹

Sincerely,



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