

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 8th day of
July, 2026.

In the Matter of the Application of Spire	)	
Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire for Approval of a	)	
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to	)	
Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain,	)	<u>Case No. GA-2026-0282</u>
and Otherwise Control and Manage a	)	
Natural Gas Distribution System in Christian	)	
County, Missouri as an Expansion of its	)	
Existing Certificated Areas	)	

**ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Issue Date: July 8, 2026

Effective Date: August 7, 2026

Procedural History

On April 20, 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 in Christian County, Missouri, as a further expansion of its existing certificated area. Spire is seeking a CCN for Section 03 and Section 04, Township 26 North, Range 21 West of Christian County.

The project is referred to as Natural Bridge Estates, who contacted Spire Missouri to provide natural gas service for Phase 1 of its development, which will consist of 105 lots in Section 03. There are also eleven additional customers between the Company's existing facilities and Phase 1. Phase 2, which will be in Section 04, is planned for 2027. The application further requests a waiver of the Commission's 60-day notice rule.¹

The Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation on June 17, 2026. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the certificate, subject to conditions. Since there is a lack of required information and important facts regarding Phase 2, Staff recommends at this time that the Commission approve only Phase 1 of the Application and the additional eleven potential customers between the Company's existing facilities and Phase 1, located in Section 03, Township 26 North, Range 21 West of Christian County.

Spire responded to Staff's Recommendation on June 19, 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;

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

² Section 386.020(18), and (43) RSMo 2016.

³ Section 393.170, RSMo. 2016.

- 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 Natural Bridge Estates approached Spire about receiving natural gas service, and there are no alternative service providers in the area. 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 one 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 promote the public interest, due to Spire meeting the other Tartan criteria.

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

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

⁵ Section 393.170(3) RSMo.2016.

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).

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 as Phase I in its application and Staff Recommendation.
3. The certificate of convenience and necessity is subject to the condition that the Commission will reserve all ratemaking determinations regarding the revenue impact of this service area extension request until Spire's next general ratemaking proceeding.
4. Spire shall file an updated tariff sheet incorporating Section 03, Township 26 North, Range 21 West of Christian County (consisting of only Phase 1 and the potential eleven additional customers between the Company's existing facilities and Phase 1).
5. This order shall become effective on August 7, 2026.



BY THE COMMISSION

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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 8th day of July, 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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