

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

SPIRE MISSISSIPPI INC.
GC120008300

DOCKET NO. 2021-UA-51

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO
 PLAN AND RELATED MATTERS

ORDER

THIS DAY, there came on for consideration the Application for Approval of Energy Efficiency Portfolio Plan and Related Matters (the “Application”) of Spire Mississippi Inc. (“Spire”). Having fully considered the Application, together with the Exhibits attached thereto, and the recommendations of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff (the “Staff”), the Mississippi Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) finds as follows:

1. Spire is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and it is a public utility as that term is defined under the Mississippi Public Utilities Act, Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-1, *et seq.* (the “Act”). Spire is engaged in the business of providing natural gas service to and for the public for compensation in Mississippi.

2. On March 31, 2021, pursuant to the Act and Rules 10 and 9.107 of the Commission’s *Public Utilities Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Spire filed the Application requesting approval of its proposed Energy Efficiency Portfolio Plan (its “EEPP”) as described in the EEPP Report attached to the Application as Exhibit “A” in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 29 Integrated Resource Planning and Reporting. Spire also requested approval of its proposed budget for Year 1 of the program as detailed within the EEPP Report. Additionally, Spire requested its energy efficiency plan year be established on a March 31 year-end and its Annual Energy Delivery Plan (“AEDP”) filing be due annually by August 1 with the

initial filing due by August 1, 2022. Further, Spire requested that the costs associated with evaluating, designing, and implementing its EEPP be charged to a regulatory asset and amortized to expense over a 3-year period beginning with the start date of Spire's EEPP. Finally, Spire proposed cost recovery of energy efficiency expenditures and investments through its Rate Stabilization and Adjustment ("RSA") formula rate plan, including budget flexibility up to 20% of the total portfolio budget whereby any EEPP expenses in excess of the portfolio budget up to 20% would be charged to a regulatory asset for cost recovery in the subsequent rate plan year. Conversely, over-recovery of actual expenses would be charged to a regulatory liability and refunded in the following rate year. Spire's proposed amendment to its RSA tariff provisions to reflect cost recovery of EEPP expenses and investments were provided as Exhibit "B" to the Application.

3. The Commission has jurisdiction over Spire and the subject matter of this proceeding.

4. Notice of the filing of the Application was duly given by the Executive Secretary of the Commission by her issuance of a notice which was filed in the proceeding and was provided to the public by publication in *The Clarion Ledger*, a paper of general publication in Mississippi, as evidenced by the Affidavit of Publication on file with the Commission.

5. The Staff and Spire are the only parties in this proceeding, as no protestants or intervenors have filed any written protests or motions to intervene, respectively, herein.

6. The Staff has reviewed, analyzed, and evaluated the Application, the proposed EEPP and related matters pertaining to reporting and cost recovery of energy efficiency expenses and investments including proposed changes to Spire's RSA tariff provisions to reflect recovery thereof. Also, the Staff issued data requests to Spire, and has reviewed, analyzed, and evaluated

Spire's responses thereto. After conducting such review, analysis, and evaluation, the Staff found that Spire's proposed EEPP and related matters proposed in the Application are just and reasonable and that approval of the Application is consistent with the public convenience and necessity and in the public interest. The Staff recommends that the Commission adopt such findings as its own and approve the Application.

7. The Commission adopts the Staff's findings as its own, and expressly finds that Spire's EEPP and related matters proposed in the Application are just and reasonable, consistent with the public convenience and necessity and in the public interest.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Spire's Application for Approval of Energy Efficiency Portfolio Plan and Related Matters is hereby approved including all proposals set forth therein, namely, Spire's proposed Energy Efficiency Portfolio Plan as described in Exhibit "A" to the Application, the proposed Year 1 budget to operate the EEPP, the proposed due date of Spire's Annual Energy Delivery Plan to be August 1 each year with the initial filing being due by August 1, 2022, the proposed treatment of energy efficiency implementation costs, the proposed budget flexibility up to 120% of the Commission-approved budget, and the proposed changes to Spire's RSA tariff provisions to reflect recovery of EEPP costs. Spire is directed to conform its tariff to incorporate the revised RSA.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the date it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of the Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

COMMISSION VOTE

Chairman Dane Maxwell

Aye Nay

Commissioner Brent Bailey

Aye Nay

Commissioner Brandon Presley

Aye Nay

DATED this the 9th day of September 2021.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dane Maxwell
DANE MAXWELL, CHAIRMAN

Brent Bailey
BRENT BAILEY, COMMISSIONER

Brandon Presley
BRANDON PRESLEY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A True Copy

Katherine Collier
KATHERINE COLLIER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Effective this the 9th day of September, 2021.