

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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)
Missouri, Inc., for Permission and Approval)
And a Certificate of Convenience and)
Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, Operate,)
Maintain, and Otherwise Control and Manage)
A Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide)
Gas Service in Barton County as an)
Expansion of its Existing Certificated Areas)

File No. GA-2019-0214

**STAFF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Motion for Extension of Time to File Report and Recommendation (“Motion”) states as follows:

1. On January 17, 2019, Spire Missouri, Inc. (the “Company” or “Spire”), filed an application with the Commission requesting 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 Barton County, Missouri, as an expansion of its existing certificated area (“Application”).

2. On February 19, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff to File Report and Recommendation* ordering Staff to file a Recommendation no later than March 11, 2019.

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3. One day earlier, on January 16, 2019, Spire filed an application with the Commission requesting 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 Barry County, Missouri, as a further expansion of the Company's existing certificated area. This case is docketed as File No. GA-2019-0210.

4. In File No. GA-2019-0210, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Deadline for Intervention Requests, and Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation* directing Staff to file a recommendation regarding Spire's application no later than April 18, 2019.

5. Pursuant to RSMo. §393.170 and Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.205, the Commission has the authority to grant and determine whether gas utilities met the requirements of a certificate of convenience and necessity.

6. In order for Staff to make an informed recommendation as to whether the Commission should grant the certificate in the above-captioned case, Staff issued several data requests for additional information from the Company. The due date for one of these data requests is March 12, 2019. Accordingly, Staff requests that the Commission grant it an extension of time from March 11, 2019 to not later than April 19, 2019, to allow Staff sufficient time to complete discovery and to prepare its recommendation. Staff's requested extension of time in this docket mirrors the amount of time the Commission gave Staff to prepare and file its report in the similar CCN docket, File No. GA-2019-0210.

WHEREFORE, to allow Spire to respond to Staff's data requests and Staff time to analyze the additional data, Staff moves the Commission for an order granting Staff until April 19, 2019, to file its recommendation concerning Spire's CCN application.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 22nd day of February, 2019.

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