

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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri, Inc., for a)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct,)
Install, Own, Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise, Control) **File No. GA-2019-0226**
And Manage a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide)
Gas Service to a Single Customer in Barton County as an)
Expansion of its Existing Certificated Areas)

STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff, of the Missouri Public Service Commission, (“Commission”) by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Report and Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On February 5, 2019, Spire Missouri, Inc. (“Spire” or the “Company”), filed its *Application for CCN, Motion for Expedited Treatment, and Request for Waiver*, with the Commission requesting a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage natural gas distribution system in order to provide gas service to a single customer in Barton county, Missouri (“Application”). Additionally, the Application included a motion for expedited treatment and a request to waive the sixty (60) day notice requirement of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1). On February 7, 2019, Spire amended its Application (“Amended Application”).

2. On February 6, 2019, the Commission issued its Order directing Staff to expeditiously file a Recommendation or pleading stating when it will file a Recommendation regarding Spire’s Application no later than February 8, 2019.

3. On February 8, 2019, Staff filed its Staff Response to Order Directing Filing stating, among other things, that Staff needed additional time to make an informed recommendation.

4. On February 13, 2019, Staff filed its Follow-up Response to Order Directing Filing in which Staff required additional information from Spire regarding the economics of the project and the impact of planned future customer growth on the existing infrastructure and ability to serve existing customers. Staff requested additional information as a result of the Company changing the scope of the project to a 6 inch line which was not addressed in its Amended Application.

5. As discussed in Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, Staff is of the opinion that Spire has fulfilled the requirements of 4 CSR 240-3.205 and the Tartan criteria for approval, subject to the conditions stated on page 3 of the Memorandum, of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

6. Regarding Spire's motion for expedited treatment, Staff accepts the rationale for good cause presented by Spire due to the extraordinary situation presented in this particular application. However, no precedential value should be given Staff's acceptance of Spire's request for expedited treatment in this matter.

7. For these reasons, as more fully explained in Staff's Memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission approve Spire's Amended Application for its requested CCN.

WHEREFORE, for the above stated reasons, Staff prays the Commission approve Spire Missouri, Inc.'s certificate of convenience and necessity for the service areas described in the Company's February 7, 2019, Amended Application; and grant such other and further relief as is appropriate under the circumstances.

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 15th day of February, 2019.

/s/ Ron Irving