

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

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire 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 Lawrence)
County as an Expansion of its Existing)
Certificated Areas)

File No. GA-2020-0236

STATUS REPORT

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

1. On February 3, 2020, Spire Missouri, Inc. (“Spire”), filed an *Application* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) to install, own, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain a natural gas distribution system to provide gas in Lawrence County, Missouri, as an addition to Spire’s existing service territories.

2. On February 26, 2020, Spire filed an *Amended Application* to correct items in the February 3, 2020 *Application*.

3. On February 10, 2020, the Commission issued an *Order and Notice* and on February 26, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing*. In the *Order Directing Filing*, the Commission directed Staff to file, no later than March 23, 2020, a recommendation or a status report. On March 23, 2020, Staff filed its *Status Report* requesting additional time to file its recommendation. On the same day, the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation no later than April 20, 2020.

4. Staff has been in contact with Spire personnel concerning the county assent for Lawrence County. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Spire is having difficulty obtaining the county assent from Lawrence County. Staff respectfully requests an extension to file its recommendation. Staff intends to file its recommendation no later than May 22, 2020.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Status Report* for the Commission's information and consideration and hereby requests the Commission approve Staff's anticipated May 22, 2020, date for filing its recommendation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 20th day of April 2020.

/s/ Ron Irving