

**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 and)
Manage a Natural Distribution System to)
Provide Gas Service to a Single Customer in)
Barton County as an Expansion of its Existing)
Certificated Areas)

File No. GA-2019-0226

STAFF FOLLOW-UP RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Follow-up Response to Order Directing Filing (“Order”) 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:

Staff still needs additional information from Spire in order to move forward with a recommendation. Staff will file its recommendation as soon as possible after the Company submits to Staff the necessary information the Staff needs to formulate an informed recommendation to the Commission. If the Company provides Staff the information it needs no later than Monday, February 11th, Staff anticipates filing its recommendation by Noon, February 13th. Staff points out that it is doing everything reasonably possible to expeditiously respond to this application. Staff's efforts to expedite this matter should not be considered as precedent for future CCN applications.

4. As a result of the Company having changed the scope of the project to a 6 inch line, which is not addressed in its Amended Application, Staff requires 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. If the Company provides Staff with the necessary information for Staff to make an informed recommendation to the Commission, Staff will attempt to file its recommendation by 5:00pm Friday, February 15, 2019.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission accept this Follow-up Response to its Order.

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 13th day of February, 2019.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin