

**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 RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its 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. The Staff and Spire have held discussions regarding the Application and the Amended Application. 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.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission accept this 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 8th day of February, 2019.

/s/ Ron Irving