

**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 Buchanan)
County, Missouri as an Expansion of its)
Existing Certificated Areas)

File No. GA-2021-0259

FIRST AMENDED STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On February 15, 2021, Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire (“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 Buchanan County, Missouri, as an addition to Spire’s existing service territories. In its *Application*, Spire requested a waiver from the notice provisions of Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

2. On February 16, 2021, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Notice , Setting Deadline for Intervention Requests, and Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation* requiring applications for intervention be filed no later than March 17, 2021, and directed Staff to file, no later than April 16, 2021, a recommendation.

3. On April 15, 2021, Staff filed its *Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation* requesting additional time to file its recommendation. The next day, the Commission extended the deadline for Staff to file its recommendation to June 16, 2021.

4. As discussed in the Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, Staff is of the opinion that Spire has not fulfilled the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240.4.017(1) and the Tartan criteria for approval.

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

WHEREFORE, for the above stated reasons, Staff prays the Commission deny Spire Missouri, Inc.'s certificate of convenience and necessity for the service areas described in the Company's February 15, 2021, Application.

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 14th day of July 2021.

/s/ Ron Irving