

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a)	
Spire Missouri West Concerning a Natural)	
Gas Incident at 1106 Paseo Boulevard)	<u>File No. GS-2019-0015</u>
In Kansas City, Missouri)	

STAFF'S GAS INCIDENT REPORT

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through Staff Counsel's Office, and hereby submits Staff's Gas Incident Report defining its investigation into the July 16, 2018, gas incident at 1106 The Paseo Boulevard in Kansas City, Missouri, and moves the Commission to accept the instant filing. Staff has completed its investigation and hereby files both a confidential and a public version of its Gas Incident Report on the July 16, 2018, gas incident. Staff intends to follow-up this filing with the filing of a Complaint against Spire which will contain Staff recommendations in addition to identifying and addressing violations of Commission pipeline safety and drug and alcohol testing rules. In support of Staff's instant filing, Staff states as follows:

1. On Monday, July 16, 2018, in Kansas City, Missouri, an area served by Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire Missouri West (referred to herein as "Spire")(formerly known as "Missouri Gas Energy"), a reportable gas incident occurred.

2. Staff filed a Motion on July 19, 2018, in the instant case requesting that the Commission open a file for (a) a Staff investigation by the Safety Engineering Department of the incident at 1106 The Paseo Boulevard and (b) receipt of a Staff Report, or a Staff Status Report prior to a Staff Report. Regarding timing, Staff recommended that the Commission direct Staff to file a Report or a Status Report within 180 days of the date on which the file for the investigation is established.

3. On July 25, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Opening File And Directing Filing in which it ordered Staff to file a report regarding the incident or a report on the status of its investigation no later than January 21, 2019. On January 18, 2019, Staff filed a Status Report And Motion For Additional Time to June 25, 2019, to file its Gas Incident Report. On January 22, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Granting Request For Additional Time To File A Report to June 25, 2019.

4. Staff sent to Spire on June 13, 2019, Staff's write-up of that portion of the Staff's Gas Incident Report that constitutes Staff's identification of the facts from data request responses, interviews, and records, among other things, of the gas incident at 1106 The Paseo on July 16, 2018.¹ Staff requested that Spire indicate corrections it believes appropriate to Staff's write-up of the facts, and Staff would consider what Spire might provide. Also certain material/information in the write-up which Staff submitted to Spire was marked "Confidential" pursuant to what Spire had indicated was "Confidential." Staff asked that Spire verify that Staff had appropriately identified the material/information that should be designated "Confidential" pursuant to the Commission Rule, 4 CSR 240-2.135. Staff requested that Spire submit the results of its review back to Staff by June 28, 2019.

5. On June 20, 2019, Staff filed a Staff Motion For Additional Time To File Staff Incident Report from June 25, 2019 to July 31, 2019. Pending receiving from Spire the results of its review of Staff's write-up of the factual portion of Staff's Gas Incident Report, and thereafter through July, Staff stated it would be engaged in completing its writing of Staff's Gas Incident Report. Staff stated in its Motion For Additional Time that part of July

¹ The facts submitted to Spire for review are contained in Appendices A through D of Staff's Gas Incident Report.

would also be utilized by Staff to review, and address, if necessary, any reply from Spire regarding the factual portion of Staff's Gas Incident Report and the treatment of material/information as "Confidential."

6. On June 28, 2019, Spire submitted to Staff in writing the results of its review, and Staff considered Spire's comments.

7. Staff has identified violations of the Commission's pipeline safety standards and drug and alcohol testing as promulgated in 4 CSR 240-40.030 and 4 CSR 240-40.080 that are set out in the Gas Incident Report which warrant the Staff Counsel's Office filing a Complaint against Spire. Staff also has set out in the Gas Incident Report recommendations that require improvement by Spire related to the incident and the violations of the Commission's pipeline safety standards and drug and alcohol testing as promulgated in 4 CSR 240-40.030 and 4 CSR 240-40.080. The intended effect of these Staff recommendations is to prevent a recurrence of the incident and the violations. Although Staff recommends that the Commission order Spire to file an action plan by December 31, 2019, which addresses Staff's recommendations, Staff will address this item and its other recommendations in its Complaint to follow the filing of Staff's Gas Incident Report.

WHEREFORE, Staff hereby submits Staff's Gas Incident Report, its investigation into the July 16, 2018, gas incident at 1106 The Paseo Boulevard in Kansas City, Missouri, and moves the Commission to accept this filing. Staff intends to follow-up this filing with the filing of a Complaint against Spire which will contain Staff recommendations in addition to identifying and addressing violations of Commission pipeline safety and drug and alcohol testing rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail on Counsel for the Parties of record to this case, on this 31st day of July 2019.

/s/ Steven Dottheim