

**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**

**STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

**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. On April 20, 2020, Staff filed its Status Report requesting additional time to allow Spire to obtain the assent from Lawrence County. On the same day, the Commission extended the deadline for Staff to file its recommendation to May 22, 2020. On April 24, 2020, Spire filed the Lawrence County Assent Ordinance with the Commission.

5. As discussed in the Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, Staff is of the opinion that Spire has fulfilled the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240.4.017(1) and the Tartan criteria for approval, subject to the conditions stated on page 4 of the Memorandum, of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

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

**WHEREFORE**, for the above stated reasons, Staff prays the Commission approve Spire Missouri, Inc.'s certificate of convenience and necessity for the service areas described in the Company's February 26, 2020, Amended Application subject to the conditions in Staff's Memorandum, and grant such other and further relief as is appropriate under the circumstances.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

**/s/ Ron Irving**