

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

In the Matter of the Request of Spire)	
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire for a Permanent)	
Waiver from the Requirement to use a)	<u>File No. GE-2023-0112</u>
“Device” for Overpressure Protection in 20)	
CSR 4240-40.030(4), (12) and (13) for)	
Certain Spire East Facilities)	

STAFF STATUS REPORT AND MOTION FOR EXTENSION

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

Background

1. On September 23, 2022, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (Spire Missouri), filed an application requesting a permanent waiver of compliance for certain Spire Missouri facilities from 20 CSR 4240-40.030(4)(CC), 20 CSR 4240-40.030(4)(EE)9., 20 CSR 4240-40.030 (4)(FF)3., 20 CSR 4240-40.030(12)(M)2., and 20 CSR 4240-40.030(13)(R)1.G. of the Commission’s pipeline safety standards.

2. Staff has filed a series of Status Reports and Motions for Extensions in which Staff has noted it was continuing discovery into this matter; continuing coordination with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and asking additional data requests of Spire Missouri based on PHMSA’s inquires; requesting clarification from Spire Missouri on a number of issues; and working on its own analysis.

3. On May 25, 2023, the Commission issued an order granting Staff’s motion and directing Staff to file a Recommendation no later than July 28, 2023.

Request for Further Extension

4. Staff has reached out to Spire Missouri regarding Staff's concerns with this Application.

5. On July 27, 2023, Spire Missouri filed its *Supplement to Application*, in which Spire Missouri stated that it held discussions with Staff and that Spire Missouri was willing to commit to additional measures contained in that filing.

6. Staff needs additional time to discuss Spire Missouri's *Supplement to Application* with PHMSA. Staff anticipates that it will be able to file its recommendation no later than September 29, 2023.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept and grant this *Staff Status Report and Motion for Extension* and permit Staff to file its recommendation no later than September 29, 2023; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers reasonable in 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 28th day of July, 2023.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers