

# 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 Temporary )  
Waiver from Commission Rules 20 CSR ) **File No. GE-2020-0373**  
4240-40.030 (9)(Q), (13)(M), (15)(C), )  
(15)(D) and (15)(E) and Orders Pertaining )  
to Inspections and Replacements )

## ORDER DIRECTING ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: February 22, 2021

Effective Date: February 22, 2021

On January 18, 2021, Spire Missouri Inc. filed a motion to modify the Commission's December 2, 2020 *Order Modifying Temporary Waiver and Directing Written Notice*. Spire requested the Commission extend the period of waiver from March 31 to October 31, 2021. In addition, Spire requested the Commission remove a one-year limit on noncompliance for any location, which is required as a condition of waiver by the Commission's June 11, 2020 *Order Approving Application for Temporary Waiver and Directing Written Notice*. Spire's motion requested expedited treatment.

On February 19, 2021, Staff filed a recommendation that the Commission grant Spire's request, in part, with specified conditions and modifications. Staff's recommendation proposes that the waiver period be extended through July 31, 2021.

One of the conditions proposed by Staff provides as follows:

Spire shall notify the Commission on June 30, 2021, of the completion status of the remaining atmospheric corrosion inspections and leakage surveys for each noncompliant facility, an estimated schedule to complete them or turn them off, and a proposal for any further actions needed by the Commission.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Staff Recommendation*, p. 4 (Feb. 19, 2021).

The Commission acknowledges Staff was asked to prepare its recommendation as quickly as possible in this case and finds that some additional clarification is necessary for the Commission's consideration.

The Commission will direct Staff to clarify its recommendation regarding the condition stated above, to advise:

(1) How this proposed requirement to report on the status of noncompliant facilities on June 30, 2021, differs from the monthly reports Spire is required to provide, beginning January 1, 2021, listing all noncompliant facilities;

(2) Whether Spire should be required to augment those monthly reports with an estimated schedule to either complete inspection of each noncompliant facility or disconnect service;

(3) What Staff intends by requiring Spire to include "a proposal for any further actions needed by the Commission." Specifically, please clarify whether this provision refers to actions the Commission has directed Spire to take, and how Spire will complete those requirements, or if this provision refers to action Spire anticipates requesting from the Commission; and

(4) Why Staff recommends the Commission require this notice to be submitted on June 30, 2021.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. No later than February 24, 2021, Staff shall file a clarification of *Staff Recommendation*, as described above.

2. Any response to Staff's clarification filed pursuant to this order shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. February 26, 2021.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 22nd day of February, 2021.