

**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)	<u>File No. GE-2020-0373</u>
4240-40.030 (9)(Q), (13)(M), (15)(C),)	
(15)(D) and (15)(E) and Orders Pertaining)	
to Inspections and Replacements)	

STAFF REPLY TO SPIRE’S RESPONSE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Reply to Spire’s Response* states:

1. On February 24, 2021, Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire”) filed its *Response of Spire Missouri to Staff’s February 2021 Recommendation* (“Spire’s Response”) in this matter, in which Spire requested the Commission approve its January 18, 2021 motion to modify consistent with the terms set forth in Staff’s recommendation with the exception that Spire requests the Commission consider August 31, 2021 as the date through which the waiver should be extended.

2. Staff’s February 19, 2021 recommendation included a condition that Spire’s requested waiver extension be approved through July 31, 2021. Staff’s recommendation regarding an extension through July 31, 2021 resulted, in part, from Staff’s coordination with the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and Staff considering and incorporating PHMSA’s recommendations regarding the appropriateness of the length of a waiver in this circumstance.

3. Staff has reviewed Spire’s Response and further coordinated with PHMSA. Staff maintains the position that at this time July 31, 2021 is a more appropriate date than August 31, 2021 to extend Spire’s requested waiver.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its *Staff Reply to Spire's Response* for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail on counsel for the parties of record to this case on this 26th day of February, 2021.

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