

**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)

STAFF STATUS REPORT AND MOTION FOR SHORT EXTENSION

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

1. On January 18, 2021, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire, filed a motion to modify the Commission’s December 2, 2020 *Order Modifying Temporary Waiver and Directing Written Notice*. Spire requests the Commission extend the period of the waiver from March 31 to October 31, 2021. Spire also requests the Commission remove the 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*.
2. On January 19, 2021, the Commission issued an order and directed Staff to file an expedited recommendation by no later than 10 a.m. January 25, 2021.
3. On January 25, 2021, Staff filed a *Motion for Extension* in which it stated that Staff had reviewed Spire’s current request and provided a copy of it to the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”). Staff further stated it had discussed the request with PHMSA and together had developed a set of questions for Spire, which Staff issued to Spire as data requests. Staff also noted it needed time to review all of Spire’s responses and conduct any follow-up, as needed. On that same day,

the Commission issued an order granting Staff's request and directing Staff to file its recommendation no later than February 17, 2021.

4. In the intervening time, Staff has conducted follow up and received additional data request responses from Spire; completed its analysis and is actively coordinating with PHMSA regarding applicable federal rule requirements; and anticipates absent any additional weather-related delays, receiving input from PHMSA by the end of this week. As such, Staff requests a short extension until no later than Monday, February 22, 2021, to file its recommendation in this matter. If Staff receives PHMSA's input earlier than anticipated, and is able to incorporate it, Staff will file its recommendation at that time.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept and grant this *Staff Status Report and Motion for Short Extension* and permit Staff to file its recommendation no later than February 22, 2021; 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 17th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers