

**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)

**STATUS REPORT AND MOTION TO
SHORTEN DATA REQUEST RESPONSE TIMES**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Status Report and Motion to Shorten Data Request Response Times*, states:

1. On October 16, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff to File Recommendation* (“Order”) regarding Spire Missouri Inc.’s (“Spire”) either a recommendation, or a status report informing the Commission when it will file such a recommendation, no later than October 22, 2020.

2. As regarding current status, Staff reports that it has reviewed Spire’s waiver request and provided a copy of it to the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”). Staff has discussed the request with PHMSA and together developed a set of questions for Spire. Staff sent Data Requests to Spire seeking answers to its questions.

3. Staff received responses from Spire late on October 21st and is reviewing the responses. Staff will discuss them with PHMSA. At this point, depending on whether there are additional questions from Staff or PHMSA based on Spire’s responses, there may be a need to issue follow-up Data Requests to address additional concerns.

4. Because Staff is in the process of conducting discovery and coordinating its discovery requests with PHMSA, Staff will make every reasonable effort to prepare and file its recommendation, or a status report, by November 20th, or sooner if possible.

5. So that Staff may prepare and file an informed recommendation not later than November 20th, Staff respectfully moves the Commission issue an order shortening response times for any additional Data Requests to 5 business days and 2 business days to object or seek an extension.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission accept its status report and in consideration thereof, issue an order granting Staff's accompanying motion to shorten Data Request response times to 5 business days and 2 business days to object or seek an extension.

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 22nd day of October, 2020.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin