

**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)
4240-40.030 (9)(Q), (13)(M), (15)(C),)
(15)(D) and (15)(E) and Orders Pertaining)
to Inspections and Replacements)

File No. GE-2020-0373

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its recommendation that it does not object to the Commission granting Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire’s request to modify the effective date of the Commission’s March 3, 2021 *Order Extending Temporary Waiver and Directing Written Notice* (“Order”), states as follows:

1. On March 25, 2021, Staff filed a notice and attached a letter from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), stating PHMSA has no objection to the waiver extension granted by the Commission in its Order issued on March 3, 2021, with an effective date of May 2, 2021. On that same day, Spire filed a *Motion to Modify Effective Date of the Commission’s March 3, 2021 Order and Motion for Expedited Treatment* (“Motion”) requesting the effective date of the Commission’s Order be modified to April 1, 2021.

2. Staff has reviewed Spire’s Motion and has no objection to the Commission granting it. Staff is cognizant of the exigent circumstances stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic and agrees it is prudent for Spire to take steps to mitigate the possibility that it is not in compliance with the Commission’s pipeline safety rules such as requesting the Commission modify the effective date of its Order.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its *Staff Recommendation* and states that it has no objection to the Commission granting Spire's Motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

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 30th day of March, 2021.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers