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

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: October 16, 2020

Effective Date: October 16, 2020

On June 11, 2020, the Commission issued two orders in Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire's application requesting a temporary waiver of compliance with certain gas safety rules under 20 CSR 4240-40.030 and certain Commission orders. The Commission's *Order Approving Application for Temporary Waiver and Directing Written Notice* concerned Spire's request for waiver of compliance with Commission rules 20 CSR 4240-40.030(9)(Q)1, 20 CSR 4240-40.030(13)(M)1, 20 CSR 4240-40.030(13)(M)2.A and 20 CSR 4240-40.030(13)(M)2.B. Consistent with 49 U.S.C. § 60118(d), the Commission's order provided for at least 60 days' notice to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation before the order became effective on August 12, 2020.

On October 16, 2020, Spire filed a motion to modify the Commission's Order *Approving Application for Temporary Waiver and Directing Written Notice*. Spire requests the Commission remove a requirement that inspections of noncompliant facilities be completed no later than one year after each facility's "delinquent date." Alternatively, Spire requests the one-year period be extended "to allow for an additional year." Spire also requests that the December 31, 2020, deadline under the order be modified to March 31, 2021.

Spire requests expedited treatment of its motion, requesting that the Commission issue its order no later than November 1, 2020, to accommodate the 60-day notice requirement under 49 U.S.C. § 60118(d).

The Commission will direct the Staff of the Commission to file an expedited recommendation regarding Spire's motion. If Staff finds it requires more time to prepare a recommendation, it may request additional time.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than October 22, 2020, Staff shall file a recommendation regarding Spire's request to modify the Commission's *Order Approving Application for Temporary Waiver and Directing Written Notice* or a status report stating when it will be able to file such a recommendation.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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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 16th day of October, 2020.