BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Request of Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire for a Permanent Waiver from the Requirement to use a "Device" for Overpressure Protection in 20 CSR 4240-40.030(4), (12) and (13) for Certain Spire East Facilities

File No. GE-2023-0112

STAFF STATUS REPORT AND SECOND MOTION FOR EXTENSION

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

1. On September 23, 2022, Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (Spire Missouri), filed an application requesting a permanent waiver of compliance for certain Spire Missouri facilities from 20 CSR 4240-40.030(4)(CC), 20 CSR 4240-40.030(4)(EE)9., 20 CSR 4240-40.030 4(FF)3., 20 CSR 4240-40.030(12)(M)2., and 20 CSR 4240-40.030(13)(R)1.G. of the Commission's pipeline safety standards.

2. On September 26, 2022, the Commission issued an order and directed Staff to file a recommendation by no later than October 26, 2022.

3. On October 26, 2022, Staff filed its *Staff Status Report and Motion for Extension* in which Staff stated it had continued conducting discovery in this matter, Staff submitted data requests (DRs) asking Spire Missouri to clarify certain things, and Staff had initiated coordination with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) regarding the federal overpressure protection requirements for the regulator stations that are the subject of Spire Missouri's application. Staff requested

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the Commission permit Staff to file its recommendation no later than January 30, 2023, and the Commission granted this request.

4. In the intervening time, Staff has continued to coordinate with PHMSA and Staff has asked additional DRs of Spire Missouri based on PHMSA's inquiries

5. Staff needs additional time to, continue coordination with PHMSA, and additional DRs may be needed to address PHMSA's inquiries. Staff anticipates that it will have completed its discovery and analysis and will be able to file its recommendation no later than April 5, 2023.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept and grant this *Staff Status Report and Second Motion for Extension* and permit Staff to file its recommendation no later than April 5, 2023; 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 27th day of January, 2023.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers