

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Bobby J. Armour,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>File No. GC-2023-0261</u>
)	
Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER DIRECTING JOINT PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Issue Date: April 3, 2023

Effective Date: April 3, 2023

On February 14, 2023,¹ Bobby J. Armour filed a complaint against Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire. On March 17, Spire filed its answer. On March 31, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation. The complaint is now ready to move to resolution. To that end, the Commission will direct the parties to file, jointly if possible, a proposed procedural schedule.

The Commission will not schedule an on-the-record procedural conference; however, the Commission will encourage the parties to meet on their own in an in-person or virtual procedural conference to discuss a schedule and any related issues. The Commission will task its Staff with the responsibility of coordinating and filing the joint proposed procedural schedule. The Commission directs the parties to include the following in any proposed procedural schedule:

- Submission of a Joint Stipulation of Facts;

¹ All dates refer to 2023.

- Submission of List of Issues and Order of opening statements, witnesses, and cross-examination, and Position Statements at least one week in advance of the hearing;
- At least one settlement conference;
- Cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses;
- Briefing schedule allowing for ten business days for transcript preparation.²

Small formal complaints require a recommended final decision within 100 days following the filing of a complaint.³ That deadline is May 25. The 100-day deadline may be extended for good cause, which the Commission finds good cause exists as the Commission's experience dictates that a full adjudication, which allows for a reasonable opportunity for discovery and a fair hearing, cannot occur before May 25. The Commission will extend the 100-day small formal complaint deadline.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than May 4, 2023, the parties shall submit a request for an extension of time or a joint proposed procedural schedule as described in the body of this order.
2. The 100-day deadline imposed by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15)(G) is extended.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.

² Requests for expedited hearing transcripts must be made before the procedural schedule is established.

³ 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15)(G).



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of April, 2023.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 3rd day of April, 2023.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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