

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 GRANTING EXTENSION TO FILE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: January 25, 2021

Effective Date: January 25, 2021

On January 18, 2021, Spire Missouri Inc. filed a motion to modify the Commission's December 2, 2020 *Order Modifying Temporary Waiver and Directing Written Notice*. Spire requests the Commission extend the period of waiver from March 31 to October 31, 2021. In addition, Spire requests the Commission remove a one-year limit on noncompliance for any location, which is required as a condition of waiver by the Commission's June 11, 2020 *Order Approving Application for Temporary Waiver and Directing Written Notice*. Spire requests expedited treatment and asks the Commission to issue its order no later than January 30, 2021, to provide the mandated 60 days' notice to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) before an order would take effect on April 1, 2021.

The Commission directed Staff to file an expedited recommendation by no later than 10 a.m. January 25, 2021, and directed Spire to respond to Staff's recommendation. On January 25, 2021, Staff filed a *Motion for Extension*. Staff's motion reports Staff is consulting with the USDOT Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and has submitted data requests to Spire. Staff reports some requests remain outstanding, and Staff requires additional time to review all responses, issue follow-up requests and

prepare a recommendation. Staff requests it be allowed through February 17, 2021, to prepare its recommendation. On January 25, 2021, Spire responded to Staff's motion and advised it has submitted "full responses to all Staff data requests in EFIS." Spire asks that the Commission expedite treatment of Spire's request.

The Commission will grant the request for extension, which is reasonable. If Staff is able to offer its recommendation before February 17, it is encouraged to do so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than February 17, 2021, Staff shall file a recommendation regarding Spire's motion to modify waiver of gas safety requirements, filed on January 18, 2021.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

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 the 25th day of January, 2021.