# 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

#### NOTICE REGARDING PHMSA STATEMENT OF NO OBJECTION

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and states as follows:

On June 15, 2020, the Commission issued an order in this matter approving Spire Missouri Inc.'s request for waiver from 20 CSR 4240-40.030(9)(Q)1, 20 CSR 4240-40.030(13)(M)1, 20 CSR 4240-40.030(M)2.A and 20 CSR 4240-40.030(M)2.B – Federal regulations 49 C.F.R. §§ 192.481(a), 192.723(a) and (b)(1) -- subject to certain conditions, and directing the Commission's data center to provide written notice of said order to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. On July 13, 2020, Staff received the attached letter via email communication from PHMSA, which states that PHMSA does not object to the Commission granting said waiver for the Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West pipeline facilities provided the Company complies with the conditions set forth in the waiver.

Additionally, the letter requests that a copy of the Commission's final waiver to the Company be forwarded to PHMSA.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully submits this *Notice Regarding PHMSA Statement of No Objection* for the Commission's information and consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,

### /s/ Jamie S. Myers

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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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

## /s/ Jamie S. Myers



U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

July 13, 2020

Mr. Morris L. Woodruff Secretary, Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 900 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

## Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2020-0080 State of Missouri – Public Service Commission, File No. GE-2020-0373

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

On June 24, 2020, pursuant to 49 United States Code (USC) § 60118(d), the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) received a letter from the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) notifying PHMSA that the Commission granted a waiver of 49 Code of Federal Regulations §§ 192.481(a),192.723(a) and (b)(1) to Spire Missouri, Inc. (Company). This waiver will allow the Company to complete all required pipeline atmospheric corrosion inspections and leakage surveys by no later than December 31, 2020.

The Commission issued the waiver to the Company for inspection and survey interval extensions for pipeline facilities located inside of customer premises to address public and worker health social distancing orders and guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The waiver applies to the Company's Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West pipeline operating units.

Pursuant to 49 USC § 60118(d), PHMSA does not object to issuance of this waiver by the Commission for the Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West pipeline facilities provided the Company complies with the conditions set forth in the waiver. I request that a copy of the Commission's final waiver to the Company be forwarded to PHMSA.

If you wish to discuss this or any other pipeline safety matter, my staff would be pleased to assist you. Please contact Sentho White, Director of Engineering and Research Division, at 202-366-2415, for technical matters.

Sincerely,

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Alan K. Mayberry, Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety