

**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 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 MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and for its *Staff Status Report and 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. Staff continues conducting discovery in this matter. Staff has submitted data requests (DRs) to Spire Missouri to clarify a. Spire Missouri’s proposed testing schedule for the subject facilities, b. The costs that would be incurred if the remaining subject facilities were modified to meet the overpressure protection requirements in the Commission’s pipeline safety standards, and c. The potential impacts to the replacement program required by 20 CSR 4240-40.030(15)(D) in the event compliance with Commission rules for installation of overpressure protection devices is required.

4. Staff has 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 anticipates that following receipt of DR responses and Staff analysis, additional coordination with PHMSA will be required.

5. Staff anticipates that it will have completed its discovery and analysis and will be able to file its recommendation no later than January 30, 2023.

6. Staff has reached out to Spire Missouri and Spire Missouri stated that it has no objection to Staff's request to file its recommendation no later than January 30, 2023.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept and grant this *Staff Status Report and Motion for Extension* and permit Staff to file its recommendation no later than January 30, 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 26th day of October, 2022.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers