

**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. 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

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

4. On January 27, 2023, Staff filed its *Status Report and Second Motion for Extension*, in which Staff stated that it was continuing coordination with PHMSA and asked additional DRs of Spire Missouri based on PHMSA's inquiries.

5. On January 31, 2023, the Commission issued an order granting Staff's motion and directing Staff to file a Recommendation no later than April 5, 2023.

6. In the intervening time, Staff has continued to conduct discovery into this matter, sending four DRs to Spire Missouri seeking clarification of: a) the number of Reynolds Stations currently remaining in the system, b) the circumstances surrounding a previous over-pressure event, and c) the location, functionality and capacities of certain safety devices referred to in Spire Missouri's application. Spire Missouri has responded to three of these four DRs, providing responses 29 to 30 days after the DRs were sent. However, Spire Missouri has not yet been able to estimate when a response to the fourth DR may be provided (the EFIS due date was March 22, 2023).

7. Once Staff receives a response from Spire Missouri to this final DR, Staff plans to discuss the information with PHMSA, and to resume work on its analysis.

8. Staff needs additional time to review Spire Missouri response to the outstanding DR, and continue discussions and coordination with PHMSA. Staff anticipates that it will have completed its discovery and analysis and will be able to file its recommendation no later than May 26, 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 May 26, 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 3rd day of April, 2023.

**/s/ Jamie S. Myers**