

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

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire)
Missouri West Concerning a Natural Gas Pipeline)
Incident Along Highway 169 in Kansas City, Missouri)

File No. GS-2021-0019

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, through counsel, and for its Status Report states:

1. On July 21, 2020 Staff filed a motion requesting that the Commission open a case to investigate a July 1, 2020 incident in which a contractor installing a guardrail along Highway 169 in Kansas City, MO damaged a 12-inch natural gas main owned and operated by Spire Missouri West. Staff’s initial investigation indicated that the contractor requested a utilities locator, but Spire’s facilities were unmarked.

2. On July 29, 2020 the Commission granted Staff’s motion and ordered Staff to file a report regarding the incident, or a status report, by January 25, 2021.

3. Staff continues conducting discovery in this matter. Thus far, Staff has submitted data requests (DRs) to Spire related to a) the events leading up to the incident; b) Spire’s response and investigation of the incident; c) Spire’s damage prevention, integrity management, and training and qualification programs and procedures related to locating underground facilities; d) the training, qualifications, and drug and alcohol testing records for the personnel assigned to locate the subject pipeline; and e) Spire’s oversight of its contractor responsible for locating the subject underground facility. Staff received responses to eighteen DRs within the last week and is reviewing Spire’s responses. Spire’s responses to five Staff DRs are due January 25, January 28, and February 4. Staff

anticipates that following analysis of Spire's responses, some additional discovery may be required.

4. Staff requires additional time to complete its investigation and finalize its report. Staff will use this time to submit up to two further rounds of DRs, review Spire's responses, draft its report, submit its report to internal review, and receive and review Spire's identification of confidential information and feedback on the report's facts section. Staff requests a due date of May 28, 2021 to file its report, or report on the status of Staff's investigation.

WHEREFORE, for the above-stated reasons, Staff requests that the Commission order Staff to file a report regarding the incident, or a report on the investigation's status, by May 28, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail on counsel for the parties of record to this case on this 25th day of January, 2021.

/s/ Karen Bretz