

Staff anticipates that following analysis of Spire's responses, further discovery may be required.

4. Staff additionally performed field inspections and observations including a) review of plastic pipe joiner qualification records in the Spire Missouri West operating area as part of a standard records inspection; and b) field observation of Spire's investigation of leak indications in the Spire Missouri East operating area.

5. Staff requires additional time to complete its investigation and finalize its investigation report. Staff will use this time to submit additional 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 no later than June 24, 2022 to file its report, or report on the progress of Staff's investigation.

WHEREFORE, for the above-stated reasons, Staff requests that the Commission order Staff to file a report regarding its investigation, or a report on the investigation's progress, no later than June 24, 2022.

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 their counsel of record this 28th day of February, 2022.

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