BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation into)	
Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire's)	
Compliance with The Commission's)	File No. GS-2022-0047
Rules Regarding Natural Gas Safety)	
Found at 20 CSR 4240-40.030)	

PROGRESS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, in response to the Commission's September 1, 2021 *Order Opening an Investigation*, and for its Progress Report states:

- 1. On August 24, 2021, Staff filed a motion requesting that the Commission open a case to investigate Spire's compliance with the Commission's rules regarding natural gas safety found at 20 CSR 4240-40.030.
- 2. On September 1, 2021, the Commission granted Staff's motion and ordered Staff to file a progress report regarding its investigation no later than February 28, 2022.
- 3. Staff continues conducting discovery in this matter. Thus far, Staff has submitted data requests (DRs) to Spire related to a) the scope of expired plastic pipe joiner qualifications in the Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West operating areas; b) the extent of plastic pipe joints installed in the Spire Missouri East and Spire Missouri West operating areas by joiners with expired qualifications; c) training and qualification programs and procedures related to joining of plastic pipe; d) leaks associated with joints completed by joiners with expired qualifications; e) Spire's actions regarding joiners with expired qualifications; f) Spire's actions regarding joints completed by joiners with expired qualifications; and g) Spire's documentation and records pertaining to plastic pipe joints on its pipeline facilities. Staff continues to review Spire's responses to DRs.

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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