

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 6th day of April, 2022.

In the Matter of an Investigation into Spire)
Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire's Compliance with) **File No. GS-2022-0261**
The Commission's Rules Regarding Natural)
Gas Safety Found at 20 CSR 4240-40.030)

ORDER OPENING AN INVESTIGATION

Issue Date: April 6, 2022

Effective Date: April 6, 2022

On March 29, 2022, the Commission's Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to open an investigation into Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire's (Spire) compliance with the Commission's gas safety rules. Staff is concerned that the timeliness of Spire's efforts to locate and mark its natural gas pipelines to prevent damage to those pipelines by excavators has been declining in recent years. Staff asks the Commission to open an investigation to gather more information on the reasons for the decreasing trend in locate timeliness and what Spire is doing to improve the timeliness of its locates.

The Commission will open this case to facilitate that investigation. In addition, an open case will afford Staff an opportunity to report to the Commission as appropriate.

This is only a fact-finding investigation and is not a contested case. The Commission will not take any action regarding Spire's practices within the confines of this investigation. If the investigation reveals that any such action is appropriate, Staff may file a formal complaint or other appropriate pleading within a new file to institute contested case procedures.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff shall undertake an investigation of Spire's compliance with the Commission's rules regarding gas safety.
2. Staff shall file a progress report regarding its investigation no later than October 6, 2022.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 6th day of April, 2022.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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File/Case No. GS-2022-0261

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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