

**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 Rules Regarding Natural) **File No. GS-2022-0261**
Gas Safety Found at 20 CSR 4240-40.030)
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PROGRESS REPORT

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

1. On March 29, 2022, Staff filed a motion requesting that the Commission open a case to investigate Spire Missouri’s compliance with the Commission’s rules regarding the Commission’s gas safety rules, specifically related to the timeliness of Spire Missouri’s efforts to locate and mark its natural gas pipelines to prevent damage to those pipelines by excavators.

2. On April 6, 2022, the Commission granted Staff’s motion and ordered Staff to file a progress report regarding its investigation no later than October 6, 2022.

3. On October 5, 2022, Staff filed a progress report stating that it was continuing to conduct discovery in this matter.

4. On October 12, 2022, the Commission ordered Staff to file either a final report, or a further progress report regarding its investigation, no later than January 11, 2023.

5. On January 10, 2023, Staff filed a progress report stating that it was continuing to conduct discovery in this matter.

6. On January 10, 2023, the Commission ordered Staff to either a final report, or a further progress report regarding its investigation, no later than April 11, 2023.

7. On April 6, 2023, Staff filed a progress report stating that it was continuing to conduct discovery in this matter and Spire Missouri had requested additional time to revise and supplement some of its responses. Staff requested to file a report regarding its investigation, or a report on the investigation's progress, no later than July 25, 2023.

8. Since Staff's previous progress report, Spire Missouri has updated responses and responded to new data requests. The most recent response was on July 19, 2023. Staff will review the responses and update the data analysis prior to finalizing its report.

9. Staff requires additional time to finalize its investigation report. Staff will use this time to review Spire Missouri's responses, complete a draft report, submit its report to internal review, and receive and review Spire Missouri's identification of confidential information and feedback on the report's facts section. Staff requests a due date of no later than September 25, 2023, to file a report regarding its investigation, or a 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 progress of Staff's investigation, no later than September 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to Spire Missouri, Inc. and The Office of the Public Counsel on this 24th day of July, 2023.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers