

**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)
Gas Safety Found at 20 CSR 4240-40.030) **File No. GS-2022-0261**

PROGRESS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, in response to the Commission’s April 6, 2022 *Order Opening an Investigation*, 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 Inc. d/b/a Spire’s (“Spire’s”) compliance with the Commission’s rules regarding the Commission’s gas safety rules, specifically related to the timeliness of Spire’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.

3.. 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.

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

5. 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.

6. Since Staff's previous progress report, Spire has informed Staff that it had not previously understood the basis for some of the data reported to Spire by the Missouri One Call system, Missouri 811, and subsequently by Spire to Staff. As a result, Spire requested additional time to respond to Staff's most recent data requests ("DRs"), and is in the process of revising and supplementing some of its previous responses. Following receipt of the new and revised information, Staff will update its analysis of the data and results prior to finalizing its report. Staff anticipates that it may need to submit additional DRs in the event clarification is needed on the new or updated information.

7. Staff requires additional time to complete its investigation and finalize its investigation report. Staff will use this time to review Spire's responses, submit additional DRs if necessary, 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 July 25, 2023 to file 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 investigation's progress, no later than July 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 6th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers