

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a	)	
Spire Missouri West Concerning a Natural	)	<b><u>File No. GS-2019-0015</u></b>
Gas Incident at 1106 Paseo Boulevard	)	
In Kansas City, Missouri	)	

**STAFF’S STATUS REPORT AND MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through Staff Counsel’s Office, and hereby submits Staff’s Status Report of its investigation into the July 16, 2018 incident at 1106 The Paseo Boulevard in Kansas City, Missouri and moves the Commission to extend the filing date for the Staff Report to June 25, 2019, from January 18, 2019. In support of Staff’s request, the Staff states as follows:

1. On Monday, July 16, 2018, in Kansas City, Missouri, an area served by Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire Missouri West (formerly known as “Missouri Gas Energy” or “MGE”), a reportable incident<sup>1</sup> occurred. Staff’s initial investigation indicated that a contractor crew for Spire Missouri West was working on a Spire Missouri West pipeline when natural gas was released and ignited. Two workers on the crew sustained burn injuries and were transported to a hospital; one of the workers was admitted to the hospital and the other was treated and released.

2. Staff filed a Motion on July 19, 2018, in the instant case requesting that the Commission open a file for (a) a Staff investigation by the Safety Engineering Department of the incident at 1106 The Paseo Boulevard and (b) receipt of a Staff Report, or a Staff Status Report prior to a Staff Report. Regarding timing, Staff

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<sup>1</sup> See 4 CSR 240-40.020(3) and (4).

recommended that the Commission direct Staff to file a Report or a Status Report within 180 days of the date on which the file for the investigation is established.

3. On July 25, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Opening File And Directing Filing in which it ordered Staff to file a Report regarding the incident or a Status Report on its investigation no later than January 21, 2019. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.050(1) Computation of Time, Staff's filing is due on January 18, 2019, because January 21, 2019, is a State Holiday.

4. Staff has been working diligently on the investigation it requested the Commission to authorize. To date, Staff's investigation has involved both field investigation and the issuance of data requests to the Company. At this time, Staff's investigation is still ongoing and Staff expects to conduct further discovery.

5. Based on Staff's experience regarding the amount of time Staff needs, Staff is requesting until June 25, 2019, to file its Report on the incident at 1106 The Paseo Boulevard. Staff's schedule request is based on various considerations including the fact that the discovery phase has not been free of disputes between the Company and Staff. If Staff finds it can file its Report earlier than June 25, 2019, Staff will do so.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff hereby submits this Status Report and requests that the Commission issue an Order granting Staff an extension of the filing date for the Staff Report respecting the incident at 1106 The Paseo Boulevard to June 25, 2019, from January 18, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail on Counsel for the Parties of record to this case, on this 18th day of January 2019.

**/s/ Steven Dottheim**