

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Establishment of a)
Working Case for the Review and) **GW-2021-0272**
Consideration of Amending the Commission's)
Natural Gas Safety Rules)

**SPIRE MISSOURI INC.'S COMMENTS IN RESPONE
TO STAFF'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. (“Company” or “Spire”) by and through counsel and in response to the March 22, 2021 Order of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) hereby files its comments as set forth below.

Procedural Background

1. On February 26, 2021, Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) filed a Motion to establish a Working Case with the purpose of updating the Commission’s gas safety rules to reflect rule changes from the U.S. Department of Transportation, to reconsider certain customer inspection requirements, and to include a requirement that operators make certain leak information publicly available. This filing included specific proposed rule changes.

2. On March 10, 2021, the Commission issued an Order opening a Working Case to Consider Amending the Commission’s Natural Gas Safety Rules. This Order included an April 9 deadline for any stakeholder wishing to submit comments regarding the rule amendments being considered by Staff.

3. On March 19, 2021, Staff filed a Request for Additional Comments which specified specific information Staff is seeking from stakeholders. On March 22, 2021, the Commission an Order for Additional Comments establishing May 6, 2021 as the date for stakeholders to reply to that filing.

4. In response to the March 10 Order, Spire submitted Comments wherein it supported Staff's proposal, in part, and opposed Staff's proposal in part.

5. In response to the Commission's March 19 Order, Spire is filing its Response to Staff's Request for Additional Comments as explained in Exhibit A attached to this pleading.

WHEREFORE, Spire Missouri Inc. asks the Commission to accept Spire Missouri Inc.'s Comments in Response to Staff's Request for Additional Comments, including Exhibit A and for any other action the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 6th day of May, 2021 to the parties in this matter by hand-delivery, fax, electronic or regular mail.

/s/ Goldie T. Bockstruck
