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IN RE: DANA WINTERS VS. SPIRE MISSOURI, INC.  
VOLUME I  
CASE NO. GC-2024-0113  
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1 LAW JUDGE SEYER: All right. Kayla, it  
2 looks like you're recording; is that correct?

3 KAYLA KLIETHERMES: Yes, that's correct.

4 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay. Let's go on the  
5 record.

6 Today's January 10th. It is 1:45 p.m. The  
7 commission scheduled a procedural conference for  
8 January 10th at 1:30 p.m. in the matter of Dana  
9 Winters, complainant, versus Spire Missouri,  
10 Incorporated, doing business as Spire, respondent.  
11 It's the public service commission file number  
12 GC-2024-0113.

13 My name is Ken Seyer, and I'm the  
14 regulatory law judge in this matter.

15 We'll begin by having the attorneys make  
16 their entries of appearance starting with counsel for  
17 Spire.

18 MR. ARIAS: Thank you, Your Honor. Good  
19 afternoon. My name is Antonio Arias on behalf of  
20 Spire Missouri, Inc. My address is 700 Market Street,  
21 St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

22 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Thank you.

23 And for the staff of the commission?

24 MS. KERR: Thank you. My name is Carolyn  
25 Kerr, attorney for PSC. My information is on the

1 record.

2 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay. Thank you.

3 Mr. Winters was -- was given notice of this  
4 conference, and it does not appear that he is logged  
5 in. His failure to appear without having a  
6 previous -- previously secured continuance could  
7 constitute grounds for dismissal, absent of showing of  
8 good cause under the commission rules.

9 So when we conclude here today, I will  
10 issue an order that gives Mr. Winters an opportunity  
11 to show good cause why his case should not be  
12 dismissed. Really, I don't know that there's anything  
13 else that we can take up today.

14 So do the parties have anything else they'd  
15 like to mention before we go off the record?

16 MR. ARIAS: Just briefly, Your Honor. I  
17 wanted to see if we did file a motion to dismiss with  
18 our answer, just wanted to confirm that the Court or  
19 your -- you did pick up that motion, Your Honor, to  
20 pick up that motion, so I just wanted to confirm that  
21 that constituted denial of that motion.

22 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Yes.

23 MR. ARIAS: Okay. Nope. That's -- that's  
24 what I assumed, but I wanted to confirm that.

25 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay. All right.

1 MR. ARIAS: And I don't know if you need a  
2 motion -- I mean, I would also make a motion to  
3 dismiss based on 20 CSR 4240-2.116(3) for a party  
4 being -- failing to appear at a hearing, but I  
5 understand that you would prefer probably to give him  
6 a chance to respond.

7 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Right. Right.

8 MR. ARIAS: So...

9 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay. So is there  
10 anything further?

11 MR. ARIAS: Nothing from Spire.

12 MS. KERR: Nothing from staff.

13 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Thank you, Ms. Kerr.

14 Then let's go off the record, and I'll  
15 adjourn the conference. We're off the record.

16 (Audio ended.)

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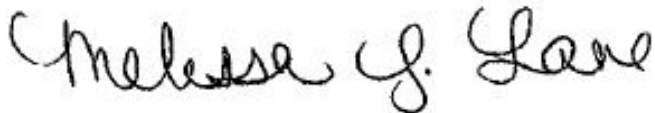
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