

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) **File No. GS-2022-0047**
The Commission's Rules Regarding Natural)
Gas Safety Found at 20 CSR 4240-40.030)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: January 24, 2024

Effective Date: January 24, 2024

On September 1, 2021, the Commission directed its Staff to investigate Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire's compliance with the Commission's gas safety rules related to the mechanical joining qualifications of its employees. On November 15, 2023, after a thorough investigation and numerous status reports, Staff filed its investigation report. Staff's investigation report identified some alleged violations of the Commission's pipeline safety standards set out in 20 CSR 4240-40.030 and set out nine recommendations. Additionally, Staff requested that the Commission direct Spire to respond to Staff's report and recommendations with an action plan within 60 days.

Spire responded to Staff's recommendations on January 19, 2024. Spire states that it "acknowledges the findings of Staff's investigation and does not contest the violations that Staff has put forth in its Report."¹ Spire also responds individually to Staff's recommendations. Spire's response is not a complete acceptance of Staff's recommendations and suggests some changes and areas for further discussion with

¹ *Response to Staff Report and Recommendations*, (filed Jan. 19, 2024), paragraph 7.

Staff. Spire requests an additional 60 days to meet with Staff prior to the Commission issuing a final order in this matter.

The Commission will direct Staff to reply.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than February 1, 2024, Staff shall file either its reply to Spire's response or a status report stating when it expects to file its reply.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of January, 2024.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 24th day of January 2024.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 24, 2024

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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