

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

In the Matter of City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri)
Concerning a Natural Gas Pipeline Incident in the)
Vicinity of South Charleston Avenue and East) **File No. GS-2024-0024**
Republic Road in Springfield, Missouri)

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, in response to the Commission’s August 10, 2023 *Order Opening File and Directing Filing*, and for its Status Report states:

1. On July 31, 2023, Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a *Motion to Establish a Case* requesting the Commission open a file for investigation of a natural gas pipeline incident in Springfield, Missouri. The Motion described an incident that occurred on July 17, 2023, in the vicinity of South Charleston Avenue and East Republic Road, in an area served by the municipal gas system of City Utilities of Springfield (“CU”). A release of natural gas occurred when a CU work crew was preparing to perform maintenance on a high-pressure natural gas feeder line. The escaping natural gas ignited, damaging siding on two nearby homes, CU equipment and vehicles, and nearby electric facilities.

2. On August 10, 2023, the Commission granted Staff’s motion and ordered Staff to file a report regarding the incident or a report on the status of its investigation no later than February 6, 2024.

3. Staff’s understanding is that CU has not yet completed its failure investigation as required by 20 CSR 4240-40.030(12)(L).

4. Staff continues conducting discovery in this matter and has outstanding data requests in addition to those related to CU’s ongoing failure investigation.

5. Staff will require additional time to review and analyze the information yet to

be provided by CU before finalizing its investigation report. Staff will use this time to review CU's responses to Staff data requests, complete a draft report, submit its report to internal review, and receive and review City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri's identification of confidential information and feedback on the report's facts section.

6. Staff requests a due date of no later than April 8, 2024, to file a report regarding its investigation, or a report on the progress of Staff's investigation.

WHEREFORE, for the above-stated reasons, Staff respectfully requests the Commission order Staff to file a report regarding its investigation, or a report on the status of Staff's investigation, no later than April 8, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, prepaid to City Utilities of Springfield and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 5th day of February, 2024.

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