

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

In the Matter of an Investigation into Spire)
Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire Concerning a) **File No. GS-2024-0137**
Natural Gas Incident in Holt, Missouri)

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, in response to the Commission’s October 25, 2023 *Order Opening an Investigation*, and for its Status Report states:

1. On October 16, 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 Holt, Missouri. The Motion described an incident that occurred on October 5, 2023, in the vicinity of the Muddy Fork, in an area served by Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (“Spire”). An employee of a contractor working on behalf of Spire was injured while working on Spire’s 12-inch high-pressure steel distribution main.

2. On October 25, 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 March 29, 2024.

3. Staff performed an initial visit to the incident site location on October 6, 2023, to discuss the work being performed and events leading up to the incident.

4. Staff conducted interviews of Spire’s and Spire’s contractor’s personnel on November 28-30, 2023 and December 14, 2023.

5. Staff observed the equipment Spire and its contractor used at the time of the incident on October 23, 2023, and observed a demonstration of similar equipment on November 29, 2023.

6. Staff continues conducting discovery in this matter and has outstanding data requests to Spire.

7. Staff will require additional time to review and analyze the information before finalizing its investigation report. Staff will use this time to review Spire's responses to Staff data requests, send follow-up data requests if further clarification is needed, complete a draft report, submit its report to internal review, and request, receive and review Spire's identification of confidential information and feedback on the report's facts section.

8. Staff requests a due date of no later than May 17, 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 May 17, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record on this 26th day of March, 2024.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey