

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 27th day of March, 2024.

In the Matter of an Investigation into Spire)
Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire's Compliance with)
the Commission's Rules Regarding Natural)
Gas Safety Found at 20 CSR 4240-40.030)

File No. GS-2022-0261

ORDER ACCEPTING STAFF REPORT AND CLOSING CASE

Issue Date: March 27, 2024

Effective Date: March 27, 2024

On March 29, 2022, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) requested the opening of an investigation into Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire's (Spire) compliance with the Commission's gas safety rules. Staff was concerned that the timeliness of Spire's efforts to locate and mark its natural gas pipelines to prevent damage to those pipelines by excavators (commonly referred to as locates) has been declining in recent years. Staff's request was granted in the opening of this file.

On January 31, 2024, Staff filed its Investigation Report (Report). The Report identified violations of Section 319.030, RSMo (2016), and violations of the Commission's pipeline safety standards rule, 20 CSR 4240-40.030. The Report also set out recommendations related to the violations of the Commission's pipeline safety standards. Staff stated it would address the violations and recommendations in a forthcoming complaint case it will file against Spire.

On March 8, 2024, Spire responded stating that it generally agrees with Staff's recommendations. Spire also noted it has added a second locate vendor which has increased locate timeliness.

No other party has responded to the Report, or to Spire's response to the Report.¹ The Commission will accept Staff's Report and close this file.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Report filed by Staff is accepted.
2. This order shall become effective when issued.
3. This file shall close on March 28, 2024.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman
and Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Dippell, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

¹ 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13).

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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 27th day of March 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 27, 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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