

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

Joshua M. Kearney	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	File No. GC-2024-0172
	)	
Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire,	)	
	)	
Respondent	)	

**RESPONDENT’S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND REQUEST**

COMES NOW Spire Missouri Inc. (“Respondent”) and respectfully submits this proposed procedural schedule to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), stating the following:

1. On March 28, 2024, a prehearing conference was held to discuss whether a hearing was needed and potential dates for the hearing. The Administrative Law Judge also directed the parties to propose procedural schedules and stated that she would like to hold the evidentiary hearing, if necessary, in June.
2. On April 4, 2024, the Commission directed the parties to file a procedural schedule or a status report no later than April 12, 2024.
3. On April 11, 2024, Complainant requested that the Commission extend the deadline to file a procedural schedule by 30 days.
4. On April 12, 2024, Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) filed a status report supporting Complainant’s request, asking the Commission to grant such request.
5. Respondent does not support Complainant’s request for additional time to file a procedural schedule. Over two weeks have elapsed since the prehearing conference at which the Administrative Law Judge directed the parties to file proposed procedural schedules. Extending

the deadline to file proposed procedural schedules only contributes to a further delay in this case and allows it to continue without sufficient procedural guardrails. As such, Respondent requests that the Commission deny Complainant's motion and proposes the following procedural schedule:

<b>Final Day for Motions:</b>	<b>April 26, 2024</b>
<b>Final Day for Discovery Requests:</b>	<b>May 17, 2024</b>
<b>Direct Testimony: May 31, 2024</b>	
<b>List of Issues, Exhibits, Order of Witnesses, Position Statements:</b>	<b>June 7, 2024</b>
<b>Evidentiary Hearing:</b>	<b>June 18, 2024</b>
<b>Post-Hearing Brief:</b>	<b>July 16, 2024</b>

6. Due to the number of motions, responses, and replies filed in this case, including two motions to amend the original complaint, Respondent proposes a cut-off date for any further motions of April 26, 2024. This will allow the parties to focus on their Direct Testimonies and preparations for the Evidentiary Hearing. However, Respondent would propose that the Commission allow additional motions past April 26, 2024, but only after request to and approval by the Commission.

7. Respondent also proposes the following procedures for this case: All parties will provide copies of testimony, exhibits and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

**WHEREFORE**, Respondent requests that the Commission deny Complainant's motion to extend the deadline to file procedural schedules, adopt Respondent's proposed procedural schedule, and order any other relief as is just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ J. Antonio Arias*

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**ATTORNEYS FOR SPIRE MISSOURI INC.**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent either by mail or electronic mail to all parties of record on this 12th day of April, 2024.

*/s/ J. Antonio Arias*

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