

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

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

STAFF’S RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION’S ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through undersigned counsel, submits its *Response* to the Commission as follows:

1. On March 28, 2024, the Commission virtually hosted a pre-hearing conference with Staff, the Complainant, and the Respondent.
2. According to the Commission, on June 7, 2024, the Complainant requested a second pre-hearing conference in its ongoing complaint against the Respondent.¹ The Commission granted the Complainant’s request on June 10, 2024, and directed parties to submit available dates by June 17, 2024, so that a second pre-hearing conference can be held before June 30, 2024.
3. Spire filed its *Response* to the Commission order on June 11, 2024.
4. Staff is available on the following dates:

June 13, 2024	June 17, 2024	June 20, 2024	June 21, 2024
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¹ The Complainant did not notify Staff of its second request for a procedural conference with the Office of the Commission on June 7, 2024.

5. Staff requests that the Commission host its second pre-hearing conference virtually, consistent with the Complainant's first pre-hearing conference on March 28, 2024. The parties are scheduled to file their *List of issues, Order of Opening Statements, Witnesses and Cross-Examination* on June 18, 2024. On June 25, 2024, the parties will need to file their *Position Statements*. A virtual conference will allow for minimum interruption to the procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, Staff hereby submits its dates as directed, and respectfully requests that the Commission grant such other and further relief as it considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 13th day of June, 2024.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff