### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at the Commission's office in Jefferson City on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

In the Matter of a Staff Investigation into Concerns Raised by a Former Spire Employee Regarding Handling of Documents (Public and Confidential)

File No. GO-2025-0131

# **ORDER OPENING INVESTIGATION**

Issue Date: October 17, 2024

Effective Date: October 17, 2024

On October 8, 2024, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion requesting the Commission open an investigation into allegations made in an email from a former Spire Missouri Inc. employee regarding records available to the Commission. Staff states it believes the allegations are sufficient to warrant the Commission to direct Staff to undertake an investigation and present its results to the Commission along with any recommendations resulting from the investigation.

The Commission is authorized to enter upon and inspect the property and facilities utilized by natural gas utilities,<sup>1</sup> to examine their books, records, documents and papers,<sup>2</sup> and to compel by subpoena the production of books, records, and documents, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Subsection 393.140(7), RSMo.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Subsection 393.140(8), RSMo.

responses to whatever questions it may propound.<sup>3</sup> The Commission is also authorized to delegate these powers to its employees.<sup>4</sup>

The Commission has reviewed Staff's motion and finds that an investigation is warranted. Staff shall proceed with its investigation, make recommendations for any actions it believes the Commission should take as a result of its investigation, and pursue a complaint action if Staff believes one is appropriate.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff shall investigate the allegations of Spire Missouri, Inc.'s former employee, identify and recommend any potential actions that the Commission should take, and pursue a complaint before the Commission if Staff determines that action is appropriate.

2. Staff shall file a status report no later than December 17, 2024, indicating when it expects to file an investigation report and recommendations.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman Kolkmeyer, and Mitchell CC., concur.

Dippell, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Subsection 393.140(9), RSMo.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 386.240, RSMo.

STATE OF MISSOURI

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.



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Nancy Dippell Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Tancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

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