

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

In the Matter of City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri)
Concerning a Natural Gas Pipeline Incident in the)
Vicinity of South Charleston Avenue and East)
Republic Road in Springfield, Missouri)

File No. GS-2024-0024

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, in response to the Commission’s August 10, 2023 *Order Opening File and Directing Filing*, and for its Status Report states:

1. On July 31, 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 Springfield, Missouri describing an incident that occurred on July 17, 2023, in an area served by the municipal gas system of City Utilities of Springfield (“CU”).

2. On August 10, 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 February 6, 2024.

3. On February 5, 2024, Staff filed its *Status Report* stating that Staff continues conducting discovery in this matter, and that CU had not yet completed its failure investigation. Staff requested additional time for Staff to submit its investigative report and requested a due date of no later than April 8, 2024, to file a report regarding its investigation, or a report on the progress of Staff’s investigation.

4. On February 5, 2024, the Commission granted that request and entered an *Order Extending Deadline to File Staff Investigative Report* which ordered Staff to file its report regarding the July 17th incident or a status report no later than April 8, 2024.

5. On April 3, 2024, Staff filed its *Status Report* stating that Staff was continuing to conduct discovery and had not received CU's failure investigation. Staff requested an extension until May 10, 2024, to file its investigative report or a status report regarding the investigation, which the Commission granted on April 4, 2024. The Commission entered an *Order Extending Deadline to File Staff Investigative Report*, allowing Staff to file its report or a status report no later than May 10, 2024.

6. On May 7, 2024, Staff filed another *Status Report* stating that it was continuing to conduct discovery, and that it had not received CU's failure investigation. Staff requested another extension until July 19, 2024, to file its investigative report or a status report.

7. On May 10, 2024, the Commission granted an *Order Extending Deadline to File Staff Investigative Report* allowing Staff to file its investigation report or a status report no later than July 19, 2024.

8. On July 19, 2024, a Commission *Order Extending Deadline to File Staff Investigative Report* was entered granting Staff its request to file its report regarding the July 17th incident or a status report no later than October 24, 2024.

9. On September 27, 2024, CU provided a copy of its completed failure investigation results to Staff.

10. Staff requires additional time to finalize its investigation report. Staff will use this time to complete its draft report, submit its report to internal review, and receive and review CU's identification of confidential information and feedback on the report's facts section.

11. Staff requests a due date of no later than December 11, 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 December 11, 2024, and for any other such order as the Commission deems just and reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, prepaid to all counsel of record on this 22nd day of October, 2024.

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