

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

In the Matter of an Investigation into Spire)
Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire Concerning a) **File No. GS-2025-0068**
Natural Gas Incident in Independence, Missouri)

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, in response to the Commission’s September 5, 2024 *Order Opening an Investigation*, and for its Status Report states:

1. On August 28, 2024, Staff filed a *Motion to Establish a Case* requesting the Commission open a file for investigation of a natural gas pipeline incident in Independence, Missouri. The Motion described an incident that occurred on August 26, 2024, in Independence, Missouri, an area served by Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire (“Spire”). A third-party excavator installing fiber optic cable by directional drilling hit a sewer lateral to the house located at 426 E. Fair Street, and Spire’s nearby 4-inch natural gas main. The natural gas migrated into the house and ignited, resulting in an explosion and house fire.

2. On September 5, 2024, 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 December 13, 2024.

3. Staff performed an initial visit to the incident site location on August 27, 2024, to discuss the work being performed and events leading up to the incident.

4. Staff continues conducting discovery in this matter and has received responses on numerous data requests associated with this matter.

5. Staff will require additional time to review and analyze the information before drafting its investigation report. Staff will use this time to review Spire's responses to Staff data requests, send follow-up data requests if further clarification is needed, complete a draft report, submit its report to internal review, and request, receive and review Spire's identification of confidential information and feedback on the report's facts section.

6. Staff requests a due date of no later than February 14, 2025, 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 February 14, 2025, and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 12th day of December, 2024.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey