BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, in response to the Commission's October 17, 2024 *Order Opening an Investigation*, and for its Status Report states:

1. On October 8, 2024, Staff filed a *Motion to Open an Investigation ("Motion")* requesting the Commission open a file for investigation into the potential concealment and destruction of documents by Spire Missouri, Inc., ("Spire Missouri") that would be otherwise discoverable. The reasoning for such a request was set forth more fully in Staff's *Motion*.

2. On October 17, 2024, the Commission granted Staff's Motion and ordered Staff to investigate the allegations of Spire Missouri's former employee, identify and recommend any potential actions the Commission should take. The Commission further ordered Staff to file a report on the status of its investigation no later than December 17, 2024, indicating when it expects to file an investigation report and recommendations.

3. Staff has met with the former Spire Missouri employee and his counsel, along with Spire Missouri staff and counsel on several occasions.

4. Staff continues conducting discovery in this matter and currently reviewing the information received in response to discovery requests associated with this matter.

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5. Staff will require additional time to review and analyze the information and have internal discussions before drafting its investigation report. Staff will use this time to review Spire Missouri and former employee of Spire Missouri's information received, send possible data requests for clarification of the information received, complete a report, submit for internal review, and then submit to the Commission.

6. Staff requests a due date of no later than January 31, 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 January 31, 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 13th day of December, 2024.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey