

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

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

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and in response to the Commission’s December 13, 2024, *Order Extending Time for 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. 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.

3. 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.

4. On December 12, 2024, Staff filed a Status Report, stating that it was continuing to conduct discovery in this matter.

5. On December 13, 2024, the Commission ordered that Staff's investigative report, or a report on the status of Staff's investigation, shall be filed no later than February 14, 2025.

6. Staff continues conducting discovery in this matter and has numerous outstanding data requests associated with this matter for which responses are due March 7, 2025.

7. Once responses to data requests are received, 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.

8. Staff requests a due date of no later than April 30, 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 April 30, 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 February, 2025.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey