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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Mariah Gordon )  
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Complainant, )  
vs. ) File No. GC-2025-0175  
)  
Spire Missouri, Inc., )  
d/b/a Spire, )  
)  
Respondent. )

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025  
2:00 p.m.

Jefferson City, MO  
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VOLUME 1

JOHN CLARK, Presiding  
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1                   LAW JUDGE CLARK: Let's go on the record.  
2 Today's date is March 11th of 2025, and the current  
3 time is 2:00 p.m. The Commission has set aside this  
4 time for a procedural conference in file number  
5 GC-2025-0175, and that is Mariah Gordon, complainant,  
6 versus Spire Missouri, Incorporated, doing business as  
7 Spire, respondent.

8                   As I said before, my name is John Clark.  
9 I'm a regulatory judge overseeing this matter. We do  
10 not use a court reporter anymore for procedural  
11 conferences, simply because they are hard to get ahold  
12 of, but what we do instead is record them in Webex and  
13 send them out to be transcribed. So that is what will  
14 happen with this procedural conference.

15                   At this time I'm going to ask for entries  
16 of appearance on behalf of the parties, starting with  
17 Spire Missouri.

18                   MR. ARIAS: Good afternoon, Your Honor.  
19 This is Antonio Arias on behalf of Spire Missouri,  
20 Inc., with me as my co-counsel is Mr. Dandamudi, and  
21 we also have a couple other Spire representatives  
22 online, Vernita Rogers, and I have a couple more  
23 people in the room with me, David Yons (phonetic) and  
24 Julie Johnson.

25                   LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. On behalf of the

1 Commission staff.

2 MR. GRAHAM: Good afternoon, Judge. This  
3 is Paul Graham representing the staff of the Missouri  
4 Public Service Commission, and I'm sure that my  
5 address and so forth is on file with the Commission in  
6 this case.

7 LAW JUDGE CLARK: It is. Thank you,  
8 Mr. Graham.

9 Is anyone here from the Office of Public  
10 Counsel? They can, but do not have to participate. I  
11 hear no one.

12 And on behalf -- is Ms. Gordon present?  
13 Mariah Gordon? Okay. Ms. Gordon is not present. I'm  
14 going to give her until 2:05 to show up. And then  
15 unless there are any objections, I don't really want  
16 to do anything without everyone here. At that time I  
17 intend to adjourn the hearing and issue a show cause  
18 for her to file a reason why she could not appear. So  
19 with that in mind, I'm just going to wait until 2:05.  
20 So everyone can just hang out.

21 Okay. It is now 2:05. By way of full  
22 disclosure, the other day I ran into Mr. Graham in the  
23 elevator, and since this was -- this procedural  
24 conference was put as part of the procedural schedule,  
25 and it is not one that I originally scheduled, I said

1 to Mr. Graham, hopefully, at the procedural conference  
2 you can -- you will tell me why I'm here. But this  
3 may not be the time to do that.

4 It's my intention, since Ms. Gordon is not  
5 present that -- I have two options before me. One is  
6 to reset the procedural conference to see if  
7 Ms. Gordon appears, and the other is to issue a show  
8 cause for her to explain to the Commission why she did  
9 not appear. In these cases, I usually issue a show  
10 cause. Is there any -- are there any objections to me  
11 issuing a show cause for Ms. Gordon?

12 MR. ARIAS: Spire -- I guess, Spire doesn't  
13 have an objection to that, Your Honor. I guess, my  
14 question would be for Mr. Graham. I know he was  
15 coordinating the scheduling of the procedural  
16 schedule. Did you ever receive a response from  
17 Mrs. Gordon -- Ms. Gordon?

18 MR. GRAHAM: Can you all hear me?

19 MR. ARIAS: Yes.

20 LAW JUDGE CLARK: We can.

21 MR. GRAHAM: I wasn't sure if I had my mute  
22 on or off. No, I did not.

23 MR. ARIAS: Okay.

24 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Mr. Graham, did you want  
25 to weigh in on the show cause versus a -- a resetting

1 the conference?

2 MR. GRAHAM: I'm pondering on it, Your  
3 Honor. I think it's -- I'm going to -- I'm going to  
4 step back, though. It's not staff's case. I have  
5 no -- staff has no objection --

6 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay.

7 MR. GRAHAM: -- to the show cause order.

8 LAW JUDGE CLARK: All right. Well, it's my  
9 intent to issue a show cause. I will do that. I  
10 don't feel comfortable discussing anything else about  
11 the case without Ms. Gordon here. So unless there's  
12 anything the Commission needs to take up at this time,  
13 I'll adjourn this conference. Is there anything else  
14 the Commission needs to take up at this time?

15 MR. ARIAS: Nothing from Spire, Your Honor.  
16 Thank you for your time.

17 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Thank you for  
18 taking the time to appear here today.

19 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you.

20 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Graham.  
21 With that, I will adjourn this hearing, and I will be  
22 issuing a show cause. Thank you very much. And we're  
23 off the record.

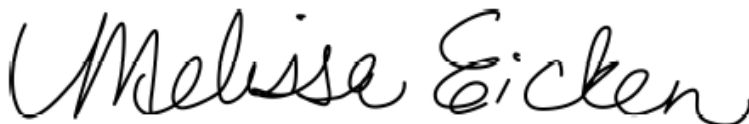
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