

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-2024-0137
Natural Gas Incident in Holt, Missouri)

ORDER ACCEPTING STAFF REPORT RESOLUTION AND CLOSING FILE DUE TO FILING OF A SEPARATE COMPLAINT

Issue Date: March 21, 2025

Effective Date: March 21, 2025

On October 16, 2023, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion to open an investigation into Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire regarding a natural gas incident that occurred on October 5, 2023, in Holt, Missouri. Staff's request was granted in the opening of this file, which is only a fact-finding investigation and not a contested case.

On November 27, 2024, Staff filed its Investigation Report (Report) which set forth certain violations of Commission rules and made several recommendations. The Report indicated that the violations and recommendations would be addressed in Staff's forthcoming complaint case against Spire related to this investigation.

On January 10, 2025,¹ Spire filed its response. Spire stated it did not contest the violations and has reviewed the recommendations. Spire suggested changes to some of the recommendations, accepting the first eleven of the recommendations and rejecting the last. On January 16, the Commission ordered Staff to respond.

Spire also requested in that same response that the parties be ordered to file a status report in 60 days in order to allow further discussion among the parties.

¹ All dates refer to the year 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

On January 28, Staff responded stating that the last of the twelve recommendations is warranted and restated its prior position. That same day, the Commission ordered a procedural conference to discuss the twelfth recommendation to be held on February 11. During the procedural conference, the parties indicated they were close to resolving the matter and suggested filing a joint status report. On February 13, the Commission ordered the parties to file a joint status report by February 27. On February 27, Staff filed a status report requesting additional time to discuss settlement of the last issue. The Commission granted this and ordered a status report be filed by March 14.

On March 3, Staff filed a complaint against Spire in regards to this investigation case,² containing the same recommendations, with the exception of the twelfth to be resolved within this matter, and addressed the violations of Commission pipeline safety rules. On March 13, Staff filed an *Investigation Report Resolution* stating that the parties agree that this investigation case has been resolved through the filing of the Complaint and resolution of recommendation number twelve through a letter sent to the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Landscape Architects. The Commission ordered responses by March 18. No other party has responded to the Report, or to Spire's response to the Report,³ or to the Report Resolution. The Commission agrees that further discussion would be better suited within Staff's pending complaint case related to this investigation. The Commission will accept Staff's Report Resolution and close this file.

² File number GC-2025-0241.

³ 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Report filed by Staff is accepted.
2. This order shall become effective when issued.
3. This file shall close on March 22, 2025.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Riley G. Fewell, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of March, 2025.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 21st day of March 2025.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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