

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

In the Matter of City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri)
Concerning a Natural Gas Pipeline Incident in the)
Vicinity of South Charleston Avenue and)
East Republic Road in Springfield, Missouri)

File No. GS-2024-0024

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, in response to the Commission’s August 10, 2023, *Order Opening File and Directing Filing*, and for its Status Report states:

1. On July 31, 2023, Commission Staff (“Staff”) filed a *Motion to Establish a Case* requesting the Commission open a file for investigation of a natural gas pipeline incident in Springfield, Missouri describing an incident that occurred on July 17, 2023, in an area served by the municipal gas system of City Utilities of Springfield (“CU”).
2. On August 10, 2023, 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 February 6, 2024.
3. On February 5, 2024, Staff filed its *Status Report* stating that Staff continues conducting discovery in this matter, and that CU had not yet completed its failure investigation. Staff requested additional time for Staff to submit its investigative report and requested a due date of no later than April 8, 2024, to file a report regarding its investigation, or a report on the progress of Staff’s investigation. The Commission granted that request and extended the filing deadline to file Staff’s report until April 8, 2024.

4. The Commission granted four more extensions to Staff to file its report regarding the July 17, 2023, incident or a status report, the last one being entered on October 22, 2024, and requiring the investigative or status report to be filed no later than December 11, 2024.

5. On September 27, 2024, CU provided a copy of its completed failure investigation results to Staff.

6. On December 11, 2024, Staff filed its *Gas Incident Report* (“Report”) with the Commission in this matter. Based on its investigation, Staff’s found sufficient facts to assert three violations of Commission rules. It also made 11 recommendations for actions to be taken by CU. In its December 11, 2024, submission of the Report, Staff stated that it intended to follow-up the Report’s filing with a Complaint against CU, identifying and addressing violations of Commission pipeline safety rules.

7. On March 11, 2025, the Commission again ordered Staff to file a status report relating to this case, including whether it intends to file a complaint against CU no later than March 25, 2025.

8. Between the filing of Staff’s Report and the date of filing this Status Report, the parties have exchanged correspondence and have met in person in an attempt to resolve and narrow the issues raised in the Report and answer questions CU has relative to the Report.

9. As a result of its investigation and resulting findings, and following the discussions mentioned above with CU, Staff intends to follow-up this filing with the filing of a Complaint against CU which will contain Staff recommendations in addition to identifying and addressing violations of Commission pipeline safety rules.

WHEREFORE, Staff files this Status Report for the Commission's information and consideration. Staff intends to follow-up this filing with the filing of a Complaint against CU, which will contain Staff recommendations in addition to identifying and addressing violations of Commission pipeline safety rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, prepaid to all counsel of record on this 24th day of March, 2025.

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