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-2025-020	9
Natural Gas Incident in St. Louis. Missouri)	

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, in response to the Commission's April 29, 2025 *Order Extending Time for Report*, and for its Status Report states:

- 1. On January 21, 2025, Staff filed a *Motion to Establish a Case* requesting the Commission open a file for investigation of a natural gas pipeline incident in St. Louis, Missouri. The Motion described an incident that occurred on January 3, 2025, in the Glendale area of St. Louis, Missouri, an area served by Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire ("Spire"). A third-party excavator performing sewer repair work at 895 Glen Elm Drive, struck and damaged a natural gas service line. Natural gas migrated into the house, and ignited, resulting in an explosion and house fire.
- 2. On January 24, 2025, 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 April 30, 2025.
- 3. Staff performed an initial visit to the incident site location on January 3, 2025, to discuss the work being performed and events leading up to the incident. Staff returned to the site on April 7, 2025, as part of an investigation conducted by multiple parties to observe on site examination and in-situ testing.
- 4. On April 29, 2025, Staff filed its *Status Report* stating that Staff continued conducting discovery in this matter through data requests, and requested a due date of no

later than July 18, 2025, to file a report regarding its investigation, or a report on the progress of Staff's investigation.

- 5. On April 30, 2025, the Commission granted Staff's request and entered an Order Extending Time for Report which ordered Staff to file its investigative report, or a report on the status of Staff's investigation no later than July 18, 2025.
- 6. Spire has not yet provided Staff with the results of its investigation into the incident or how to minimize the possibility of a recurrence as required by 20 CSR 4240-40.030(12)(L), or the results of its Root Cause Analysis as required by paragraph 17 of the January 20, 2022, Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission in Case No. GC-2022-0087.
- 7. Staff continues conducting discovery in this matter related to Spire's failure investigation and Root Cause Analysis. Staff will require additional time to review and analyze the information yet to be provided by Spire prior to finalizing its investigation report. Staff will use this time to complete a draft report, submit its report to internal review, request, receive and review Spire's identification of confidential information and feedback on the report's facts section and obtain feedback from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).
- 8. Staff requests a due date of no later than October 9, 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 October 9, 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 17th day of July, 2025.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey