

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Claude Scott,)	
)	
Complainant)	
v.)	<u>File No. GC-2020-0201</u>
)	
Spire Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Spire)	
)	
Respondent)	

ORDER ON PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: November 12, 2020

Effective Date: November 12, 2020

On January 16, 2020, Claude Scott filed a complaint with the Commission against Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire. After the parties attempted mediation and settlement discussions, the Commission scheduled a July 24, 2020 evidentiary hearing to be conducted by telephone conference call.

To prepare for a hearing conducted by telephone, the Commission on July 14, 2020, ordered the parties to exchange exhibits and file such exhibits in the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) by no later than 9 a.m. July 24, 2020. On July 23, 2020, before the deadline for such filings had arrived, the Commission granted Spire's request for a continuance. The Commission's July 23 order suspended the procedural schedule, so the parties did not have an obligation to comply with the July 14, 2020 order regarding exhibits.

On November 12, 2020, the Commission set a hearing in this matter for 9:15 a.m. December 4, 2020, to be conducted by telephone conference, also accessible by Webex.

The Commission will now order that the procedural schedule in this case is no longer suspended and will establish a date for post-hearing briefs, if ordered in the case. In addition, the Commission will provide for exhibit disclosure to prepare for hearing.

Documents offered into the record during a hearing are often referred to as “exhibits.” The Commission will direct the parties to exchange such documents as provided below, with the purpose of providing all parties and the presiding officer with access to all anticipated exhibits while also supplying Complainant with a paper copy of all exhibits to facilitate his participation in a hearing. During the hearing, exhibits may be offered on the record by reference.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The procedural schedule in this case is no longer suspended.
2. Post-hearing briefs, if ordered in this case, will be due no later than January 8, 2021, unless otherwise ordered.
3. Documents included in filings in this case in EFIS may be identified by reference during the hearing and are excluded from the exhibit disclosure provisions described below.

COMPLAINANT’S EXHIBIT DISCLOSURE

4. No later than December 2, 2020, Complainant shall file in EFIS, as a single, page-numbered submission, copies of all documents he intends to use at an evidentiary hearing in this matter that are not already included in filings in this case (Complainant’s exhibit disclosure). Complainant’s filing shall be designated confidential. Complainant may make such a filing directly through EFIS, or by mail to:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Submission by mail must be received by no later than December 2, 2020.

5. Members of the Staff who receive a submission from Complainant, as described above, shall assist in completing the confidential EFIS filing in this case, which will be accessible to all other parties.

SPIRE'S AND STAFF'S EXHIBIT DISCLOSURES

6. No later than December 2, 2020, Spire shall file in EFIS, as a single, page-numbered submission, copies of all documents Spire intends to offer as exhibits in an evidentiary hearing in this matter that are not already included in any filing in this case (Spire's exhibit disclosure). Spire's filing shall be designated confidential as appropriate.

7. No later than December 3, 2020, Spire shall file in EFIS a statement of Spire's efforts to deliver a copy of Spire's exhibit disclosure by U.S. Mail and/or courier service to Complainant's address of record by no later than December 2, 2020. Such a filing shall include a confirmation of delivery, if available.

8. No later than December 2, 2020, Staff shall file in EFIS, as a single page-numbered submission, copies of all documents Staff intends to offer as exhibits in an evidentiary hearing in this matter that are not already included in any filing in this case (Staff's exhibit disclosure). Staff's filing shall be designated confidential as appropriate.

9. No later than December 3, 2020, Staff shall file in EFIS a statement of Staff's efforts to deliver a copy of Staff's exhibit disclosure by U.S. Mail and/or courier service to Complainant's address of record by no later than December 2, 2020. Such a filing shall include a confirmation of delivery, if available.

10. The purpose of the filing of such exhibit disclosures is to provide secure files that can be consulted by the Commission and the parties for the purpose of disclosing exhibits and conducting a hearing. Delivery of paper copies of such disclosures to Complainant is intended to facilitate Complainant's participation in the hearing. **As such, Complainant shall anticipate and accept such deliveries from Spire and Staff.**

11. Exchange of documents and filing of an exhibit disclosure under this order does not constitute admission to the record. Proposed exhibits must be referenced during the evidentiary hearing to be offered on the record.

12. The Commission's data center shall mail a copy of this order to Complainant by U.S. Mail addressed to Complainant's address of record.

13. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of November, 2020.

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 12th day of November, 2020.**




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.