

**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 Natural Gas Incident In	)	<u>Case No. GS-2025-0068</u>
Independence, Missouri	)	

STAFF'S GAS INCIDENT REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and in response to the Commission's September 10, 2025, *Order Extending Time for Report* states:

1. On August 28, 2024, Staff filed a Motion to Establish a Case requesting the Commission open a file for investigation of a natural gas pipeline incident in Independence, Missouri. The Motion described an incident that occurred on August 26, 2024, in Independence, Missouri, an area served by Spire Missouri Inc., d/b/a Spire ("Spire"). A third-party excavator installing fiber optic cable by directional drilling hit Spire's nearby 4-inch natural gas main. The natural gas migrated into the house and ignited, resulting in an explosion and house fire.
2. Staff performed an initial visit to the incident site location on August 27, 2024, to discuss the work being performed and events leading up to the incident.
3. On September 5, 2024, 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 December 13, 2024.
4. On December 12, 2024, Staff filed a Status Report, stating that it was continuing to conduct discovery in this matter.

5. On December 13, 2024, the Commission ordered that Staff's investigative report, or a report on the status of Staff's investigation, shall be filed no later than February 14, 2025.

6. On February 13, 2025, Staff filed a Status Report, stating that it was continuing to conduct discovery in this matter and there were numerous outstanding data requests associated with this matter.

7. On February 13, 2025, the Commission ordered Staff to file an investigation report or a status report no later than April 30, 2025.

8. On April 23, 2025, Staff filed a Status Report, stating that it was continuing to conduct discovery in this matter and there were numerous outstanding data requests associated with this matter.

9. On April 25, 2025, the Commission ordered Staff to file an investigation report or a status report no later than July 31, 2025.

10. On July 30, 2025, Staff filed a Status Report, stating that it was continuing to conduct discovery in this matter and there were numerous outstanding data requests associated with this matter.

11. On July 31, 2025, the Commission granted Staff's request for an extension to September 12, 2025.

12. Staff provided a draft copy of the facts section of the report to Spire for its review of confidential information and verification of factual accuracy; received and reviewed Spire's feedback on the facts section of the report; and submitted five follow-up data requests to Spire, with the latest due date being September 10, 2025.

13. On September 10, 2025, Staff filed a status report asking for additional time to review Spire's feedback, as well as review of Spire's responses to the latest data requests before finalizing its investigation report.

14. On September 10, 2025, the Commission granted Staff's request and ordered Staff to either file its investigation report or a report on the status of Staff's investigation no later than October 3, 2025.

15. Based on Staff's investigation, Staff submits the attached Staff's Gas Incident Report and Appendices A-C, incorporated by reference herein, as Ordered by the Commission.

16. Staff has identified violations of the Commission's pipeline safety standards as promulgated in 20 CSR 4240-40.030 that are set out in Staff's Gas Incident Report, which warrant the filing of a Complaint against Spire. The Gas Incident Report also sets out recommendations related to the violations of the Commission's pipeline safety standards as set forth in 20 CSR 4240-40.030. Staff will address these violations and recommendations in the Complaint.

17. Moreover, Staff requests approval for Staff to report the incident to the Missouri Attorney General's Office ("AGO") and provide a public copy of the incident report to the AGO for purposes of further action by the AGO, if they so choose.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits and requests the Commission accept the attached Staff's Gas Incident Report and Appendices A-C pursuant to the Commission's Order issued on September 10, 2025; approval for Staff to report the incident to the AGO and provide a public copy of the incident report to the AGO for purposes of further action by the AGO, if they so choose; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just in the circumstances. Staff intends to follow-up this filing with the filing of a

Complaint against Spire, which will contain Staff recommendations in addition to identifying and addressing violations of Commission pipeline safety rules.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Scott Stacey

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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 3rd day of October, 2025.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey