

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

RULEMAKING HEARING

In the Matter of the Proposed)
Amendment of the Commission's)
Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.165 Relating) Case No. OX-2026-0046
to Prohibition on HVAC Services)

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1 The following proceedings began at 12:00 p.m.:

2 JUDGE DIPPELL: We can go ahead and go on the
3 record. Good morning, or good afternoon now. It is
4 November 21st, 2025. My name is Nancy Dippell. We're
5 here for a rulemaking hearing in Case No. OX-2026-0046,
6 In the Matter of the Proposed Amendment of the
7 Commission's Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.165 Relating to
8 Prohibition on HVAC Services.

9 A rulemaking hearing is not like a contested
10 case. We don't take sworn testimony, but we're here to
11 receive comments today on the proposed rule amendments.

12 I have Commissioner Coleman here in the
13 hearing room with me, and I'm not sure who I might have
14 online but other Commissioners may be joining us.

15 And since this is not like a contested case, I
16 won't be asking for regular entries of appearance. But
17 if any attorneys are present that want to make their
18 appearance, even if they are not making comments, they
19 may do so but we'll call those as we go.

20 Normally our rule says that we take comments
21 in a certain order; but since there's not many people
22 present to comment and the comments tend to vary between
23 supportive and suggested changes, we'll just go through
24 the parties as time permits as we come to them.

25 Since we're making a recording of this, I

1 would ask if anybody is in the audience that wants to
2 speak they come to a microphone. I noted that we had a
3 few people joining us online. If those people are
4 wishing to give comments, I'll call on you and you can
5 identify yourselves and give comments at that time.

6 If anyone is present or online, I would ask
7 that you mute your devices so that we don't have bells
8 and whistles during the proceeding. And I think that's
9 about all my opening remarks. So I'm just going to ask
10 if staff would like to begin with comments.

11 MR. STACEY: Thank you, Judge. Good
12 afternoon, Judge. Good afternoon, Commissioner Coleman.
13 Scott Stacey with Staff Counsel's Office here for staff.

14 Staff submitted proposed amendments to 20 CSR
15 4240-10.165 due to the passage of Senate Bill 4 Fair
16 Competition Law. Staff submitted its comments in
17 support of the amendment on November 14, and staff has
18 reviewed Spire Missouri's comments that they filed on
19 November 14 and agree that there's some -- that one
20 section that they wanted to change in subsection 3
21 needed to be clarified. And after discussions, staff
22 developed a response in the change to subsection 3, and
23 that change is covered utilities shall develop a written
24 disqualification process for all utility contractors
25 engaged in HVAC services and shall advertise bid

1 opportunities to all such qualified contractors. That
2 change has been discussed with Spire and they were good
3 with that change. And I also have with me Kim Bolin and
4 Curt Gateley if there's any additional questions. Thank
5 you.

6 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Are there any
7 Commissioner questions for staff? I'm not seeing any.

8 Is there anyone else in the hearing room that
9 would like to give comments? I'm not seeing any.

10 Is there anyone online that would like to give
11 comments? Go ahead.

12 MR. ARIAS: Good morning, Judge Dippell,
13 Commissioner Coleman. My name is Antonio Arias on
14 behalf of Spire Missouri Inc. My address is 700 Market
15 Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. The company
16 appreciates staff's and the Commission's efforts in
17 proposing these amendments.

18 Spire is in support of staff's proposed change
19 offered today. I think it should be qualification
20 process, not disqualification process, but I believe
21 that's the only change that would need to happen.
22 Staff's proposed change with that additional change
23 would address Spire's concerns raised in its written
24 comments. Thank you.

25 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Mr. Stacey, you

1 were looking like you wanted to make another comment.

2 MR. STACEY: That is correct, I misspoke on
3 that. It should be qualification.

4 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. Are there any
5 questions from the Commission for Mr. Arias?

6 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: No, thank you.

7 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. There were others
8 from Spire online, but is that all of the comments from
9 Spire?

10 MR. ARIAS: Yes, it is, Your Honor. Thank
11 you.

12 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. Was there anyone
13 else online that wanted to give comments? I'm not
14 seeing anyone unmuting or speaking up. So I will take
15 that as no further comments. Anything else from anyone
16 in the room? Seeing none, I think that will conclude
17 this rulemaking hearing. Thank you all for your
18 participation. We can go off the record.

19 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings concluded at 12:08
20 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF MISSOURI)

COUNTY OF COLE)

I, Beverly Jean Bentch, RPR, CCR No. 640, do hereby certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the foregoing Public Service Commission Rulemaking Hearing and that the transcript, pages 1 through 7, is a true record of my stenographic notes.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2025.

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