

4. On April 20, 2026, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*, stating that “[b]ecause Spire has requested expedited treatment, the Commission will order a shortened period for the parties to collaborate on a joint proposed procedural schedule to be filed by Staff” and ordered Staff to file a joint proposed procedural schedule on behalf of all parties no later than April 28, 2026 (the “Proposed Procedural Schedule Order”).

5. The Parties agree to treat the *Initial Staff Recommendation* as part of the evidentiary record and Spire may include the factual basis for its response to that recommendation in Spire’s Direct Testimony.

6. In accordance with the Proposed Procedural Schedule Order, the Parties hereby submit this *Proposed Procedural Schedule*:

Event	Date
Application, Request for Waiver of 60-Day Notice Rule and Motion for Expedited Treatment	March 6, 2026
Initial Staff Recommendation	April 8, 2026
Technical Conference	May 12, 2026
Direct Testimony (Spire)	June 4, 2026
Rebuttal Testimony (Staff, OPC, CCM)	July 22, 2026
Settlement Conference	July 28, 2026
Surrebuttal Testimony (all Parties)	August 21, 2026
Last Day to Request Discovery	August 25, 2026
List of Issues, List of Exhibits, Order of Witnesses, Opening Statements and Cross Examination	August 26, 2026
Position Statements	August 28, 2026
Evidentiary Hearing	September 9, 2026
Initial Briefs	September 23, 2026
Reply Briefs	September 30, 2026

7. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following regarding procedures and discovery:
- a. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
 - b. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in data requests, the confidential information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135.
 - c. Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The parties recognize that the Commission may view any issue not contained in this list of issues to be uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission. Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue, including citations to pre-filed testimony supporting its position.
 - d. All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.
 - e. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS"), if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Regarding Staff-

issued data requests, if the description contains confidential information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule.

- f. Upon the approval of this procedural schedule by the Commission, the response time for all data requests shall be 10 business days, and 5 business days to object or notify that more than 10 business days will be needed to provide the requested information. Data requests sent after 5:00 pm will be considered served on the next business day. The Commission may rule on discovery motions filed after Rebuttal Testimony is filed without holding the conference required by 20 CSR 4240- 2.090(8)(B).
- g. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.
- h. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or outputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.
- i. Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.

- j. The Parties request expedited transcripts for the evidentiary hearing, with transcripts to be filed in EFIS no later than five business days after the last day of the evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully proposes this procedural schedule on behalf of the Parties and requests the Commission issue an order establishing a procedural schedule in accordance with the above proposal.

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 27th day of April, 2026.

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