

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Spire Missouri Inc.)
d/b/a Spire for a Certificate of Convenience and)
Necessity to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain)
And Otherwise Control and Manage Natural Gas)
Distribution Systems Throughout the State of Missouri)
And for Approval to Acquire Natural Gas Assets of)
Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.)

Case No. GA-2026-0337

**STAFF’S ALTERNATIVE PLEADING, STATUS REPORT, AND REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
TIME TO FILE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Alternative Pleading, Status Report, and Request for Additional Time to File Staff Recommendation* states as follows:

1. On May 28, 2026, Spire Missouri Inc. (“Spire”) filed an application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) to construct, install, own, operate, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service to 60 farm taps which Spire has agreed to purchase from Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

2. Also on May 28, 2026, the Commission issued an *Order and Notice* which directed the Commission’s Data Center to provide a copy of the *Order and Notice* to certain county commissions, directed the Commission’s Public Information Officer to make notice of the *Order and Notice* available to the media serving those counties, and set a June 12, 2026, deadline for applications to intervene. No applications to intervene were filed on or before June 12, 2026.

3. On July 8, 2026, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Filing* which directed Staff to file a recommendation or alternative pleading no later than July 23, 2026.

4. Staff has requested information from Spire through certain Data Requests (“DRs”), to which Spire has provided responses. Staff continues to review the DR responses received to date and requests additional time to review the information provided thus far and determine if further information is needed.

5. To provide sufficient time to conduct further discovery if necessary, analyze newly acquired data and information, and complete its investigation, Staff will need additional time to complete and file its recommendation. Staff will endeavor to complete its review and file a recommendation on or by August 24, 2026. Staff will file its recommendation sooner if able.

6. Counsel for Spire has been contacted regarding this *Alternative Pleading, Status Report, and Request for Additional Time to File Staff Recommendation*, and Staff Counsel has confirmed Spire’s non-opposition before the filing of this *Alternative Pleading, Status Report, and Request for Additional Time to File Staff Recommendation*.

7. This *Alternative Pleading, Status Report, and Request for Additional Time to File Staff Recommendation* is made in the interest of justice and without the intent to unreasonably delay or hinder these proceedings in any manner.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Alternative Pleading, Status Report, and Request for Additional Time to File Staff Recommendation* for the Commission’s information and consideration and requests the Commission grant Staff until August 24, 2026, to file its recommendation in this matter and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable.

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 23rd day of July, 2026.

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