

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

Ronald E. Taylor,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>File No. GC-2022-0137</u>
)	
Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire,)	
)	
Respondent)	

**ORDER DIRECTING COMPLAINANT TO SHOW CAUSE
WHY COMPLAINT SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED**

Issue Date: February 16, 2022

Effective Date: February 16, 2022

On November 17, 2021, Ronald E. Taylor filed a formal complaint with the Commission against Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire. On December 22, 2021, Spire filed its *Answer*. On January 18, 2022, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its investigative *Staff Report*. On January 26, 2022, the Commission issued an order setting a procedural conference for February 15, 2022, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The order specifically stated, “Failure to appear at the conference without being excused may result in dismissal of the complaint in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090(5).”¹

The procedural conference was conducted as ordered on February 15, 2022, via WebEx video and teleconference. Counsel for Spire and Staff appeared for the conference. Mr. Taylor did not appear via WebEx video or telephone and did not contact the Commission to request a continuance of the hearing.

¹ Ordered Paragraph 1, *Order Setting Procedural Conference* (issued January 26, 2022).

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090(5) states that “[f]ailure to appear at a prehearing conference without previously having secured a continuance shall constitute grounds for dismissal of . . . the party’s complaint . . . unless good cause for the failure to appear is shown.” The Commission will not dismiss the complaint without giving Mr. Taylor an opportunity to explain why he did not appear for the procedural conference. Therefore, the Commission will order Mr. Taylor to file a pleading showing cause as to why his complaint should not be dismissed.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Complainant Robert Taylor shall file a pleading no later than February 28, 2022, showing cause why his complaint against Spire should not be dismissed.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 16th day of February, 2022.

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 16th day of February, 2022.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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**

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