# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Staff's Investigation of	)	
Spire STL Pipeline's Application at	)	File No. GO-2022-0022
FERC for a Temporary Certificate to	)	
Operate	)	

#### ORDER OPENING AN INVESTIGATION

Issue Date: July 28, 2021 Effective Date: July 28, 2021

On July 26, 2021, Spire STL Pipeline filed at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a *Notice of Application for Temporary Emergency Certificate, Or, In the Alternative, Limited-Term Certificate* asking the FERC for authority to continue operating the STL Pipeline to provide natural gas to the St. Louis area despite the recent decision of the U.S. Appellate Court for the D.C. Circuit vacating the certificate of convenience and necessity that had been issued for the operation of the pipeline. Spire STL Pipeline's filing at the FERC represents that a shut-down of the pipeline would create "serious service disruptions" for the St. Louis area.

Because of concerns about possible serious service disruptions, the Commission will direct its Staff to investigate and report to the Commission. The Commission will direct Staff to file an initial report no later than August 16, 2021. Given the need for a quick investigation by Staff, the Commission will shorten the response times for data requests served by Staff as part of its investigation. To the extent Staff needs additional time to evaluate components of this situation, Staff should submit any portions of the report still

being investigated and indicate when the remaining portions of the report will be completed.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Commission's Staff shall undertake an investigation regarding Spire STL Pipeline's application to the FERC for authority to continue operating the Spire STL Pipeline to provide natural gas to the St. Louis area.
- 2. Staff shall file an initial report regarding its investigation no later than August 16, 2021, and note any issues in need of additional time to complete an evaluation, including a date when the investigation can be completed.
- 3. To expedite Staff's investigation, responses to data requests issued by Staff as part of that investigation shall be shortened to allow three business days to respond, with two business days to object or notify of the need for additional time to respond.
  - 3. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

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Morris L. Woodruff

**Secretary** 

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION July 28, 2021

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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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