STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 1st day of September, 2021.

In the Matter of Staff's Investigation of Spire STL Pipeline's Application at FERC for a Temporary Certificate to Operate

File No. GO-2022-0022

ORDER REGARDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION

Issue Date: September 1, 2021 Effective Date: September 1, 2021

On July 28, 2021, the Commission directed its Staff to investigate concerns about serious service disruptions to Spire Missouri's provision of natural gas in the St. Louis area that might result from the shut-down of the Spire STL Pipeline. Such a shut-down might result from a recent decision of the U.S. Appellate Court for the D.C. Circuit that vacated the certificate of convenience and necessity that had been issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the operation of the pipeline. Staff filed a report regarding its investigation on August 16, 2021.

Staff's report expresses concern that because of the significant alterations made to Spire Missouri's distribution system when it began to take service from the Spire STL Pipeline, there is a real risk of natural gas outages during the winter of 2021-2022 if Spire Missouri is not able to obtain gas supplies from the Spire STL Pipeline. Staff recommends the Commission order Spire Missouri to file periodic reports on its current contingency plans, ongoing contingency plan development, and conditions affecting its ability to provide adequate gas supply and pressure to all customers for the winters of 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024. The Commission will order Spire Missouri to file the reports requested by Staff.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Spire Missouri shall periodically report on its current contingency plans, ongoing contingency plan development, and conditions affecting its ability to provide adequate gas supply and pressure to all customers for the winters of 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024. Spire Missouri shall file such reports monthly, by the 15th of each month, for the period of November 2021 through March 2022. Thereafter, such reports shall be filed at the end of each quarter. Spire Missouri shall provide additional reports when conditions occur operationally or related to Spire STL's court and FERC cases that prompt Spire Missouri to take action related to its operations or its transportation and storage capacity on pipelines.

2. Spire Missouri shall submit into this file any filings made in FERC docket, CP17-40, in response to FERC's request for more information issued August 6, 2021, and in response to any additional information requested by FERC.

3. Staff shall update its report to the Commission as necessary based on additional information it receives from Spire Missouri.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and Kolkmeyer CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 1st day of September, 2021.



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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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