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Form 10QSB/A  
August 25, 2005

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-QSB/A  
AMENDMENT NO. 1

- Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2005; or
- Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 0-12742

SPIRE CORPORATION

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(Name of small business issuer as specified in its charter)

MASSACHUSETTS

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

04-2 57335

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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

ONE PATRIOTS PARK  
BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01730-2396

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(Address of principal executive offices)

781-275-6000

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(Issuer's telephone number)

Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Act:  
COMMON STOCK, \$0.01 PAR VALUE; REGISTERED ON THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

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(Title of class)

Check whether the issuer: (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports); and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

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State the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common equity, as of the latest practicable date. There were 6,864,366 outstanding shares of the issuer's only class of common equity, Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, on August 8, 2005.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Spire Corporation (the "Company") is filing this Amendment No. 1 (this "Amendment") on Form 10-QSB/A to amend the Company's Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2005 (the "Original Report") in order to file correct versions of the certifications required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Section 302 Certifications"). The Section 302 Certifications filed with the Original Report were inadvertently missing the paragraph in which the certifying officers state that they have "disclosed in this report any change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting." In connection with filing correct Section 302 Certifications, the Company is also including in this Amendment Item 3, "Controls and Procedures," of Part I, although no changes have been made to the disclosure included in Item 3 of Part I of the Original Report.

Pursuant to Rule 12b-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company is including in this Amendment only (i) Item 3, "Controls and Procedures," of Part I and (ii) Item 6, "Exhibits," of Part II (including correct Section 302 Certifications). The remaining Items of the Original Report are not amended hereby.

### PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### ITEM 3. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

##### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

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As required by Rule 13a-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), the Company carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and President and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2005. In designing and evaluating the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, the Company and its management recognize that there are inherent limitations to the effectiveness of any system of disclosure controls and procedures, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of the controls and procedures. Accordingly, even effective disclosure controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their desired control objectives. Additionally, in evaluating and implementing possible controls and procedures, the Company's management was required to apply its reasonable judgment. Furthermore, in the course of this evaluation, management considered certain internal control areas, including those discussed below, in which we have made and are continuing to make changes to improve and enhance controls. Based upon the required evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of June 30, 2005 the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective (at the "reasonable assurance" level mentioned above) to ensure that information

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required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

From time to time, the Company and its management have conducted and will continue to conduct further reviews and, from time to time put in place additional documentation, of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as well as its internal control over financial reporting. The Company may from time to time make changes aimed at enhancing their effectiveness, as well as changes aimed at ensuring that the Company's systems evolve with, and meet the needs of, the Company's business. These changes may include changes necessary or desirable to address recommendations of the Company's management, its counsel and/or its independent auditors, including any recommendations of its independent auditors arising out of their audits and reviews of the Company's financial statements. These changes may include changes to the Company's own systems, as well as to the systems of businesses that the Company has acquired or that the Company may acquire in the future and will, if made, be intended to enhance the effectiveness of the Company's controls and procedures. The Company is also continually striving to improve its management and operational efficiency and the Company expects that its efforts in that regard will from time to time directly or indirectly affect the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as well as the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

As disclosed in our quarterly report on Form 10-QSB/A Amendment Number 2 for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2003, as amended (the "Second Quarter Form 10-QSB"), in connection with the initial filing of the Second Quarter Form 10-QSB, which was initially submitted prior to the completion of the required SAS 100 Review by the Company's independent auditors, the Audit Committee engaged outside counsel to conduct an investigation into the events

surrounding the preparation and filing of the Second Quarter Form 10-QSB. Based on the results of that investigation, outside counsel concluded that weaknesses existed in the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and proposed an action plan designed to strengthen the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. The Audit Committee, the Board of Directors and management have begun to adopt and implement certain of those recommendations in order to strengthen the Company's disclosure controls and procedures.

As disclosed in our annual report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company's independent auditor, Vitale, Caturano & Company, Ltd. ("VCC") advised management and the Audit Committee by a letter dated March 18, 2004 that, in connection with its audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003, it noted certain matters involving internal control and its operation that it considered to be a material weakness under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions are matters coming to an independent auditors' attention that, in their judgment, relate to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control and could adversely affect the organization's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Further, a material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. VCC advised management and the Audit Committee that it considered the following to constitute material weaknesses in internal control and operations: (i) the Company's failure to adequately staff its finance group with the appropriate level of experience to effectively control the increased level of transaction activity, address the complex

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accounting matters and manage the increased financial reporting complexities resulting from, among other things, the acquisition of Bandwidth, the implementation of a new financial reporting system and the investigation surrounding the filing and eventual restatement of the Company's Form 10-QSB, as amended, for the quarter ended June 30, 2003 and (ii) the Company's current monthly close process does not mitigate the risk that material errors could occur in the books, records and financial statements, and does not ensure that those errors would be detected in a timely manner by the Company's employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. The matter noted in clause (i) above was similar to the material weakness noted by our former independent auditor (as disclosed in prior SEC filings). VCC noted that these matters were considered by it during its audit and did not modify the opinion expressed in its independent auditor's report dated March 18, 2004.

On March 24, 2005, VCC issued a letter advising management and the Audit Committee, that, in connection with its audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004, it continued to note certain matters involving internal control and its operation previously outlined in their March 18, 2004 letter that it considered to be a material weakness under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. VCC noted that the Company had implemented several of the specific recommendations in their March 18, 2004 letter including, but not exclusive of:

- o An improved reconciliation process;
- o A disciplined and timely close process on a monthly basis; and
- o Detailed reviews of monthly close packages by the appropriate levels of management.

However, VCC also noted that improvements still need to be made in the reconciliation and documentation and information flow processes. In addition, VCC noted that while an internal assessment of the finance staff has been made and certain roles and responsibilities have been defined, the appropriate level of staffing within the finance department will not be alleviated until such time as the full finance team is assembled.

The Company concurs with VCC's finding noted above and is continuing to make changes in its internal controls and procedures. The Company is also continually striving to improve its management and operational efficiency and expects that its efforts in that regard will from time to time directly or indirectly affect the Company's controls and procedures, including its internal control over financial reporting. The Company has reorganized the accounting staff and expects to hire additional professionals in the near term. In addition, the Company has completed compliance training and will continue to arrange for additional training for its finance staff.

### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the first and second fiscal quarters of 2005 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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## PART II OTHER INFORMATION

### ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

\*10(n) Development, Manufacturing, and Sales Consortium Agreement

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between Nisshinbo Industries, Inc. and Spire Corporation, with an effective date of 16 May 2005. +

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\* Previously filed.

\*\* Filed herewith.

+ Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Spire Corporation

Dated: August 24, 2005

By: /s/ Roger G. Little

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Roger G. Little  
Chairman of the Board, Chief  
Executive Officer and President

Dated: August 24, 2005

By: /s/ James F. Parslow

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Chief Financial Officer

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