STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19th day of February, 2014.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company)	
Concerning a Natural Gas Incident at)	File No. GS-2014-0226
2222 Menard Street in St. Louis, Missouri)	

ORDER OPENING FILE AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: February 19, 2014 Effective Date: February 19, 2014

On February 14, 2014, the Commission's Staff filed *Staff's Motion to Establish a Case for Investigation of a Gas Safety Incident*. Staff states in its motion that a reportable incident occurred on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, in St. Louis, Missouri, in an area served by Laclede Gas Company. Staff's initial investigation indicates that natural gas was released from a service line damaged by a contractor, causing natural gas to migrate into a three-story structure at 2222 Menard Street in St. Louis. An explosion and subsequent fire caused minor injuries to one person and significant property damage. Staff requests the Commission establish a case for the purpose of receiving a Gas Incident Report and directing the filing of such a report or a status report within 180 days.

The Commission will grant Staff's motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Staff shall investigate the gas safety incident described in its motion and shall file either its Gas Incident Report or a Status Report regarding its investigation no later than August 18, 2014.
- 2. So that the Commission may be kept informed of the progress of the investigation, Staff shall file interim progress reports on April 14, May 14, June 16, and July 16, 2014.
 - 3. This order shall be effective upon issuance.

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BY THE COMMISSION

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R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney, and Hall, CC., concur.

Burton, Regulatory Law Judge