

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company)
Concerning a Natural Gas Incident at)
5730 Mango Drive in Oakville, Missouri)

File No. GS-2016-0160

**STAFF'S STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
CONCERNING INVESTIGATION OF A GAS SAFETY INCIDENT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and respectfully states as follows regarding its investigation of the natural gas incident that occurred on December 14, 2015, at 5730 Mango Drive in Oakville, Missouri:

1. On December 21, 2015, Staff filed *Staff's Motion to Establish a Case for Investigation of a Gas Safety Incident* ("Motion") which occurred on December 14, 2015, in Oakville, Missouri, an area served by Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede"). The Motion recommended that the Commission establish a case for purposes of receiving a report resulting from the investigation of the incident by the Commission's Safety Engineering Unit and that the Commission direct that such report, or a status report, be filed within 180 days.

2. On January 6, 2016, the Commission issued an *Order Granting Motion and Directing Filing* in which the Commission opened this investigatory docket (GS-2016-0160) and ordered Staff to file a report no later than June 20, 2016.

3. To date, Staff's investigation has involved both field investigation and communicating with Laclede regarding the incident, including the issuance of several data requests to Laclede. Staff's investigation is ongoing and Staff continues to gather

information concerning the incident. At this time, Staff anticipates the need for additional field investigation, as well as additional data requests, regarding the incident.

4. Since Staff is continuing to gather information concerning the incident and anticipates the need for both additional field investigation and data requests regarding the incident, Staff will not be able to file a final report resulting from its investigation of the incident by June 20, 2016. Therefore, Staff is submitting this status report on its investigation and requesting an extension until October 21, 2016, to file either a report resulting from its investigation of the incident or a further status report of its investigation.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this status report and respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting Staff until October 21, 2016, to file either a report resulting from its investigation of the incident or a further status report of its investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 3rd day of June 2016.

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