

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 16th
day of October, 1981.

State of Missouri ex rel.)
Public Service Commission of the)
State of Missouri,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
vs.) Case No. GO-82-97
)
Missouri Power and Light Company,)
)
Defendant.)

ORDER AUTHORIZING ACTION FOR STATUTORY PENALTIES

On October 27, 1980, there was an explosion and fire at 917 Winston Drive in Jefferson City, Missouri. Upon subsequent investigation and by a verified internal report, the Public Service Commission staff engineers determined that the explosion and fire was caused by the ignition of natural gas which escaped and migrated under the driveway of the residence at 917 Winston Drive and into the carport crawlspace and basement of the residence from a fractured natural gas cast iron main. Staff's investigation disclosed that violations of rules and procedures promulgated by the Commission have occurred.

Upon the above duly verified information being lodged with it the Commission is of the opinion and concludes that its General Counsel should institute an appropriate penalty action pursuant to Section 386.600, RSMo 1978, in the Circuit Court of Cole County, against Missouri Power and Light Company for all violations of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and Rules of the Missouri Public Service Commission arising out of the Company's actions and inactions regarding the explosion and fire of October 27, referred to above.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the General Counsel to the Commission is hereby ordered and authorized to seek statutory penalties pursuant to §386.600 RSMo 1978 against Missouri Power and Light Company in the Circuit Court of Cole County for all violations of Missouri statutes and Commission rules said Company committed regarding the explosion and fire of October 27, 1980, at 917 Winston Drive in Jefferson City, Missouri.

ORDERED: 2. That, due to the public safety and welfare, said penalty action should be commenced at once and prosecuted vigorously to final judgment by the Commission's General Counsel.

ORDERED: 3. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Harvey G. Hubbs

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Secretary

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McCartney, Dority and
Shapleigh, CC., Concur.
Fraas, Chmn. and Musgrave,
CC., Absent.