

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 13th
day of September, 1991.

In the matter of Unionville Municipal Gas System)	
regarding an incident at 222 N. 15th Street in)	<u>CASE NO. GS-90-258</u>
Unionville, Missouri, on March 14, 1990.)	
Staff of the Public Service Commission,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>CASE NO. GC-91-151</u>
)	
The City of Unionville, by and through the)	
Unionville Gas System, City Hall,)	
1611 Grant Street, Unionville, Missouri,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES, APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND CLOSING DOCKETS

On August 28, 1991, the City of Unionville, Missouri (City), filed a motion to consolidate the above-referenced cases as well as a Statement of Settlement, Satisfaction and Release (Settlement), wherein the City requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Settlement and closing the above-captioned dockets. The Commission's Staff (Complainant or Staff) concurs in the request for an order approving Settlement and closing dockets.

The Commission established Case No. GS-90-258 on April 6, 1991, to investigate a gas incident which occurred at about 12:30 p.m., Central Standard Time on Wednesday, March 14, 1990, at 222 N. 15th Street in Unionville, Missouri. This incident destroyed a residential structure but there were no injuries from the explosion and fire.

As a result of its investigation of this incident, the Staff filed a complaint against the City on October 12, 1990, stating that certain actions taken by the City prior to and subsequent to the incident violated rules of the Commission and statutes of the State of Missouri. Pursuant to recommendations made by the Staff,

the City and the corporation which manages and operates its gas system, Utility Consultants, Inc. (UCI), have agreed to make certain improvements in the management and operation of this gas system in order to avoid such incidents in the future.

These improvements include identification, leak survey and replacement of compression couplings; increased frequency of employee safety discussions; participation of UCI personnel in training seminars conducted by the Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities; and changes in UCI's Operating and Maintenance Plan and Emergency Procedures Manual. In addition, upon receipt by the City of a final and nonappealable order of this Commission, City will make a voluntary contribution to the Public School Fund of the State of Missouri in the amount of \$6,000.00.

In view of these improvements by the City and UCI in their management and operation of this gas system to avoid further such incidents and the City's contribution to the Public School Fund, the Commission determines that it is reasonable to accept the settlement concluded by the parties herein and to close these dockets. The Commission believes that Complainant would not have agreed to settle the complaint if it were not satisfied that the City's improvements would be significant in avoiding any such future incidents. The Commission will consolidate these cases to facilitate the conclusion of these matters.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case Nos. GS-90-258 and GC-91-151 be consolidated hereby.
2. That the Statement of Settlement, Satisfaction and Release concluded between the City of Unionville, Missouri and the Commission's Staff herein be approved hereby.
3. That this consolidated case be dismissed hereby.

4. That this order shall become effective on September 24, 1991.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Rauch and McClure,
CC., Concur.
Steinmeier, Chm., and Perkins, C.,
Absent.