

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)

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and in response to the Commission's *Order Opening File and Directing Filing* (Order), states as follows:

1. On February 19, 2014, the Commission issued its Order directing the Staff to investigate the natural gas incident which occurred on February 5, 2014, at 2222 Menard Street in St. Louis, Missouri, and to file interim progress reports on April 14, May 14, June 16, and July 16 of 2014, and either a Gas Incident Report or a Status Report no later than August 18, 2014.

2. The natural gas incident occurred on February 5, 2014, and was reported to Staff that afternoon. Staff began its investigation on February 5 and conducted an on-site investigation that evening and on February 6. Also on February 6, Staff further observed a removed segment of the involved natural gas piping at Laclede's laboratory facility.

3. The investigation is ongoing and Staff continues to gather information about the incident from a variety of sources.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its Interim Progress Report and will submit its next report on or before May 14, 2014, as directed by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all parties to this cause on this 14th day of April, 2014.

/s/ Whitney Hampton