

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 9th day of
February, 2011.

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company)	
Concerning a Natural Gas Incident at)	
3810 Council Grove Avenue, Pine Lawn, Missouri.)	<u>File No. GS-2011-0245</u>

ORDER OPENING FILE AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: February 9, 2011

Effective Date: February 9, 2011

The Missouri Public Service Commission is granting Staff's motion to open a file for the investigation of a natural gas incident ("motion"). Staff filed the motion on February 3, 2011. Staff states in the motion:

4. A reportable incident occurred on January 8, 2011, in Pine Lawn, Missouri, an area served by Laclede. There were minor injuries and no fatalities, and property damage occurred to a building at 3810 Council Grove Avenue.

5. Staff's initial investigation indicates that natural gas was released from a circumferential fracture in a 2-inch diameter steel main, migrated into the sanitary system and through the soil, and accumulated in the house at 3810 Council Grove Avenue. An explosion and flash fire resulted, causing extensive damage to the property at 3810 Council Grove Avenue.

The motion asks for 120 days to file a report. Therefore, the Commission will grant the motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Reports regarding the incident described in the body of this order shall be filed under this file number.

2. Staff shall file its initial report regarding the incident described in the body of this order not later than June 6, 2011.

3. This order shall be effective immediately on issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Clayton, Chm., Davis, Jarrett, Gunn,
and Kenney CC., concur.

Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge