

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company)
Concerning a Natural Gas Incident at)
2222 Menard Street in St. Louis, Missouri)

File No. GS-2014-0226

STATUS REPORT

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. On August 18, 2014, Staff submitted its Status Report and requested additional time to complete its Gas Incident Report.

3. On August 21, 2014, the Commission granted Staff's request for additional time and ordered Staff to file its Gas Incident Report or a status update no later than September 18, 2014.

4. 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.

5. Staff has conducted a thorough investigation and has gathered information regarding the incident from a variety of sources. However, the press of other business has prevented Staff from completing its Gas Incident Report. Therefore, Staff requires additional time to review the data, draft the report, confirm the accuracy of the facts as drafted, and complete the Gas Incident Report. The completed Gas Incident Report will provide a detailed explanation of the facts of the incident, as well as Staff's analysis, conclusions, and recommendations.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits its Status Report for the Commission's consideration and requests that Staff be allowed to continue its work on the Gas Incident Report. Staff further requests that it be allowed to file an additional Status Report on or before October 20, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Whitney Hampton

Whitney Hampton #64886
Associate Staff Counsel
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-6651 (Telephone)
(573) 751-9265 (Fax)
Whitney.Hampton@psc.mo.gov

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 18th day of September, 2014.

/s/ Whitney Hampton