

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 10th day of
August, 2023.

In the Matter of City Utilities of Springfield,)
Missouri Concerning a Natural Gas Pipeline)
Incident in the Vicinity of South Charleston)
Avenue and East Republic Road in Springfield,)
Missouri)

File No. GS-2024-0024

ORDER OPENING FILE AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: August 10, 2023

Effective Date: August 10, 2023

On July 31, 2023, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion requesting the Commission open a file for investigation of a natural gas pipeline incident in Springfield, Missouri. The motion describes an incident that occurred on July 17, 2023, in the vicinity of South Charleston Avenue and East Republic Road, in an area served by the municipal gas system of City Utilities of Springfield (“CU”). A release of natural gas occurred when a CU work crew was preparing to perform maintenance on a high pressure natural gas feeder line. The escaping natural gas ignited, damaging siding on two nearby homes, CU equipment and vehicles, and nearby electric facilities.

Staff recommends the Commission establish a case for purposes of receiving a report resulting from the investigation of the incident by the Commission’s Safety Engineering Department.

The Commission will grant Staff’s motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff’s motion to establish a file for investigation is granted.
2. Staff shall file a report regarding the incident described in the body of this order – or a report on the status of its investigation – no later than February 6, 2024.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman, Kolkmeier
and Hahn CC., concur.

Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 10th day of August, 2023.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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