

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

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

**STAFF'S STATUS REPORT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and in response to the Commission's August 9, 2011, *Order Extending Time* for the Staff to file its final report not later than October 31, 2011, files this Status Report.

The Staff filed an Initial Report on June 6, 2011 and Status Report on August 8, 2011. The Staff continues to actively investigate this incident, which occurred at about noon on January 8, 2011, at 3810 Council Grove Avenue in Pine Lawn, Missouri. The incident was the result of a natural gas explosion that caused structural damage to the residence at this address.

**Status of the Investigation**

As previously noted, the Staff has determined that the incident occurred when natural gas emanating from a steel main fracture accumulated in the basement area of 3810 Council Grove Avenue and was ignited. The steel main fracture occurred at a location where previous excavation damage caused a dent in the steel main.

The Staff is in the final stage of reviewing, compiling, and analyzing information for its final report. The Final Report concerning this incident will be filed no later than December 23, 2011.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff requests that the Commission accept this Status Report concerning its investigation of the natural gas explosion at 3810 Council Grove Avenue in Pine Lawn, Missouri, with the understanding that the Staff will file its Final Report no later than December 23, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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