

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 18th day of
June, 2009.

In the Matter of an Investigation into City Utilities of)	
Springfield Plastic Pipe Failures and the Adequacy)	<u>Case No. GS-2004-0257</u>
of Its Leak Survey Procedures, Installation)	
Procedures and Replacement Criteria.)	

ORDER ADOPTING STAFF REPORT

Issue Date: June 18, 2009

Effective Date: June 28, 2009

On December 30, 2003, the Commission issued an order establishing this case to investigate the issues concerning plastic mains and service lines used by City Utilities of Springfield. On April 30, 2009, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a report detailing the current status of the City Utilities plastic pipe monitoring, evaluation, and replacement program.

The Staff report indicates that during the 2008 calendar year there were 10 rock impingement leaks found on pre-1985 pipe operating at high pressure. This is a decrease from 25 and 23 rock impingement leaks during calendar years 2006 and 2007, respectively. The report also states that “[s]ince the beginning of the program, approximately 94% of rock impingement leaks have been on pre-1985 piping and approximately 81% have been on piping operating at high pressure.” Staff recommends that the current replacement and leak survey schedule continue and that the Staff and the City Utilities review the program and determine if additional changes should be made. No response to Staff’s recommendation was filed by the City Utilities.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's recommendation. The Commission determines that the recommendation is reasonable and necessary for the public interest, health and safety and, therefore, shall direct that the leak survey and pipe replacement program continue.

Staff and City Utilities shall continue to monitor the effectiveness of the replacement program and shall alert the Commission to any enhancements that are necessary as soon as they become apparent. In addition, the Commission shall direct City Utilities to continue its reporting requirements as set out in the previous joint recommendation and shall direct its Staff to file an additional status report as set out below. Because no action is expected in this matter until the next status report is filed, this case shall be administratively closed in the interim period.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff's Status Report for April 2009 is adopted.
2. The parties are directed to continue implementing the leak survey and pipe replacement program.
3. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an additional status reports or recommendations as needed, but no later than June 30, 2010.

4. This order shall become effective on June 28, 2009.
5. This case may be closed on June 29, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge