

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a )  
Ameren Missouri Concerning a Natural Gas )  
Incident at 3404 Georgia Street in )  
Louisiana, Missouri )

**File No. GS-2016-0159**

**STAFF’S STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
CONCERNING INVESTIGATION OF A GAS SAFETY INCIDENT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and respectfully states as follows regarding its investigation of the natural gas incident that occurred on November 27, 2015, at 3404 Georgia Street in Louisiana, Missouri:

1. On December 21, 2015, Staff filed *Staff’s Motion to Establish a Case for Investigation of a Gas Safety Incident* (“Motion”) which occurred on November 27, 2015, in Louisiana, Missouri, an area served by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri” or “Company”). The Motion recommended that the Commission establish a case for purposes of receiving a report resulting from the investigation of the incident by the Commission’s Safety Engineering Unit and that the Commission direct that such report, or a status report, be filed within 180 days.

2. On January 6, 2016, the Commission issued an *Order Opening File and Directing Filing* in which the Commission opened this investigatory docket (GS-2016-0159) and ordered Staff to file a report regarding the incident or a report on the status of its investigation no later than June 20, 2016.

3. On June 6, 2016, in response to a pleading filed herein by Staff, the Commission issued its *Order Extending Time to File*, in which it ordered Staff to file a

report regarding the incident or a report on the status of its investigation no later than October 21, 2016.

4. Following the issuance of the Commission's Order dated June 6, 2016, Staff continued its investigation of the incident. This included participating in additional field investigation involving laboratory testing on October 7, 2016, as well as the submission of additional data requests to Ameren Missouri concerning the incident.

5. On October 19, 2016, Staff requested and the Commission granted an extension until December 31, 2016, for Staff to file a report regarding the incident or a report on the status of its investigation.

6. Since October 19, 2016, Staff has evaluated the Company's responses to data requests and the results of laboratory testing. The Company is still pursuing items related to the incident investigation, and has not yet responded to certain data requests that require the gathering of additional information. Staff anticipates that the Company will provide responses to the outstanding data requests, including a supplemental report, by January 15, 2017. Once Staff receives the Company's responses, Staff will need to evaluate the responses, and then complete its investigation and finalize its report.

7. Since Staff is continuing to gather information concerning the incident and is awaiting the responses to data requests regarding the incident, Staff will not be able to file a final report resulting from its investigation of the incident by December 31, 2016. Therefore, Staff is submitting this status report on its investigation and requesting until March 31, 2017, to file its final report resulting from its investigation of the incident.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff submits this status report and respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting Staff until March 31, 2017, to file its final report resulting from its investigation of the incident.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

**/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil**