

STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Jefferson City

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CASE NO. GS-83-236

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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case.

Sincerely,



Harvey G. Hubbs  
Secretary

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At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 12th  
day of August, 1983.

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In the matter of The Gas Service  
Company regarding an explosion at  
2208 Vine Street, Kansas City,  
Missouri, on January 12, 1983.

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ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

On January 18, 1983, the Commission opened the instant docket for the filing of the Staff Accident Report concerning the investigation of an explosion which occurred in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 12, 1983 at 2208 Vine Street.

Staff's Accident Report was filed on May 26, 1983 and concluded that the explosion was probably caused by natural gas escaping from a fracture in a threaded service line nipple within the building at 2208 Vine Street, which was ignited by the natural gas water heater. The fracture in the service line nipple was caused by Gas Service Company personnel contacting the service line during excavation activity, according to the Staff report.

By order of June 9, 1983, The Gas Service Company ("Company") was authorized by the Commission to file its response to Staff's Report on or before July 8, 1983. Company filed a response to Staff's Report on June 22, 1983, and concurred with the Staff's conclusions.

Company and Staff both point out that the Company has undertaken actions, including a revision to its corrosion control manual, designed to avoid future incidents similar to that in this case. These actions were the result of discussions between the Staff and Company prior to the explosion in this case, and are not related directly to that explosion. Staff is satisfied with the actions the Company has taken.

The Staff has alleged no violation of any statute, tariff or Commission rule by the Company in this case, and has not recommended that a hearing be held by the Commission in this matter. The Commission therefore determines that the instant docket should be closed. However, this action is without prejudice to the rights or actions of the Staff or any proper person or entity to file a formal complaint or other appropriate pleading with the Commission arising out of the facts and circumstances set out in the Staff Accident Report in this case.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That Docket No. GS-83-236 be, and is hereby, closed, without prejudice, as discussed hereinabove.

ORDERED: 2. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

*Harvey G. Hubbs*

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Secretary

( S E A L )

Shapleigh, Chm., Musgrave,  
Mueller and Hendren, CC., Concur.  
Dority, C., Absent.

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, this 12th day of August 1983.

*Harvey G. Hubbs*

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Secretary