

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

In the Matter of a Workshop Docket to Enhance)
Public Safety Responses to Gas Leaks and to) **File No. GW-2016-0013**
Prevent Third-Party Damage to Gas Facilities)

**STATUS REPORT
FOR MAY 2016**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”), on behalf of its operating units, Missouri Gas Energy (“MGE”) and Laclede Gas, and submits this Status Report in the above referenced matter for May 2016.

Springfield Workshop

Since the last Status Report for April 2016, Laclede conducted its May 26, 2016 gas safety workshop in Springfield, Missouri. The workshop was held from 10:00 am to approximately 3:00 pm at the Doubletree Hotel in Springfield.

In addition to representatives from the Company and the Commission Staff (“Staff”), the workshop was attended by multiple representatives from City Utilities of Springfield as well as the Springfield Fire Department. The Springfield Fire Department operates 12 fire stations in the Springfield area, providing fire suppression, prevention and other emergency services to nearly 160,000 Missouri citizens in an 82 square mile area. Representatives for a number of other pipeline operators and associations also attended the workshop, including personnel from Missouri One-Call, Summit Natural Gas, and Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline.

Like previous workshops, the one conducted in Springfield covered a wide variety of issues relating to potential measures for preventing natural gas incidents, especially those caused by third party damage to natural gas facilities. It also focused on best practices for

preparing for and responding to such incidents in an effective manner when they occur. These subjects are highlighted in the PowerPoint presentation made at the workshop, which is attached hereto.

In addition to the attached presentation, Michael Callan also gave a demonstration of his web-based training program for Responding to Utility Emergencies. A copy of Mr. Callan's text book was also made available to all emergency responders who attended, as well as other materials relating to natural gas emergencies.

There was a significant amount of discussion at the workshop on a number of topics. Among others, they included: (a) the benefits, costs and feasibility of equipping fire department personnel with portable gas detection equipment (some fire departments routinely carry such equipment while others do not); (b) the need to prevent (through permitting, education, etc.) damage to underground facilities caused by the insertion of tent poles, yard signs and other materials that the people installing them may not realize can cause damage to such facilities; (c) the benefits of using damage prevention specialists who are fluent in Spanish when interacting with excavation crews who speak that language; (d) the benefits of closely coordinating activities between fire department officials, public works officials and utilities when seeking to avoid and respond to incidents; and (e) the use by local authorities of their inherent police powers to manage or restrict excavation activities that pose a threat to public safety. All of these items will be considered for inclusion in the final Status Report submitted in this proceeding.

St. Louis Workshop

Since the last Status Report, planning for the next workshop in St. Louis has also been completed. Details regarding this workshop are presented below:

Date and Time: The workshop will be held on June 23, 2016, beginning at 10:00 am and concluding no later than 3:00 pm.

Location: The workshop will be conducted at the Spazio Westport, a conference and banquet center located at 12031 Lackland Road, St. Louis, Mo 63146. This venue is conveniently located near Interstate Highway 270 and Page Road, and has abundant free parking. A lunch will be provided to each participant.

Agenda: The agenda for the workshop will essentially follow the one that was used for the May 26, 2016 workshop in Springfield, including an expanded presentation on the initiative taken in Georgia to better coordinate the response of operators, emergency responders and others in preventing and responding to natural gas incidents.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission accept this status report.

Respectfully submitted,

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