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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
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**RE: Case No. GS-2000-673**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **MOTION TO OPEN CASE**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company       )  
regarding an incident at 416 Boyce,       )  
Farmington, Missouri on March 25, 2000.    )

Case No. GS-2000-673

MOTION TO OPEN CASE

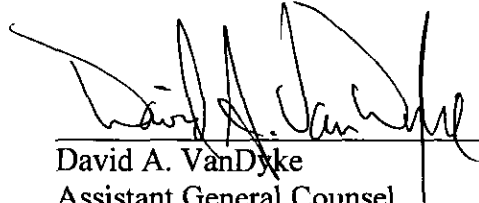
COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Motion to Open Case states:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") has the authority to establish a case for the purpose of receiving information from the public utilities under its jurisdiction pursuant to Section 393.140 RSMo 1994. Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") is a gas corporation as defined in Section 386.020(18) RSMo (Supp. 1999) and, as such, is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Section 386.020(42) RSMo (Supp. 1999).
2. Missouri Natural Gas, a division of Laclede, provides natural gas service to a single-family residence at 416 Boyce, Farmington, Missouri.
3. On March 25, 2000, natural gas was ignited, causing a subsequent fire at 416 Boyce, Farmington, Missouri.
4. As a result of the ignition of natural gas and subsequent fire, the residence sustained smoke and fire damage estimated at over ten thousand dollars, and one individual suffered minor flash burn injuries.
5. Staff has initiated a formal investigation into the incident.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission open a case for the purpose of receiving information, including a Gas Incident Report, concerning the incident at 416 Boyce, Farmington, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

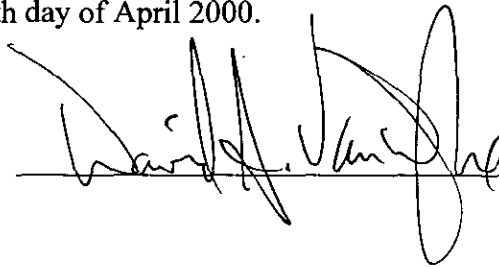
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 24th day of April 2000.

  
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