

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
November 22, 2000**

**CASE NO: GS-2000-673**

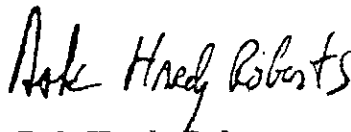
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**Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**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**

## ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On April 24, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Open Case. Therein, Staff stated that Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) is a gas corporation subject to Commission jurisdiction under Sections 386.020(18) and 386.020(42), RSMo Supp. 1999. Staff further stated therein that on March 25, 2000, natural gas ignited, causing a fire, at a single-family residence located at 416 Boyce, Farmington, Missouri. Staff stated that Laclede provides natural gas service to that address. Staff stated that one occupant suffered minor flash burn injuries as a result of the fire and that the residence was damaged in an amount exceeding \$10,000.00. Staff requested that the Commission establish a case for the purpose of receiving information, including a gas incident report relating to the incident at 416 Boyce, and for the purpose of ordering an appropriate response to the information. The Commission accepted Staff's suggestion and, on April 28, 2000, established this case, No. GS-2000-673, and directed Staff to file its Incident Report on or before September 7, 2000.

On September 7, 2000, Staff filed its Incident Report as previously ordered. Because the report did not include a certificate showing service upon Laclede, the Commission directed Staff to serve a copy of the report upon Laclede and to file a pleading showing the date and manner of service. Staff did so on September 21. The Commission also

ordered Laclede to file its response to Staff's report within 60 days. Laclede timely filed its response on November 20, 2000.

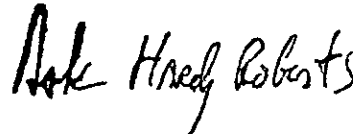
It is appropriate at this time to direct Staff to file its reply to Laclede's response, if any, within 30 days. The Public Counsel may also elect to reply to Laclede's response within that interval.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its reply, if any, to the response filed on November 20, 2000, by Laclede Gas Company within 30 days of the date of this order.

2. That this order shall become effective on December 2, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

( S E A L )

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation  
of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

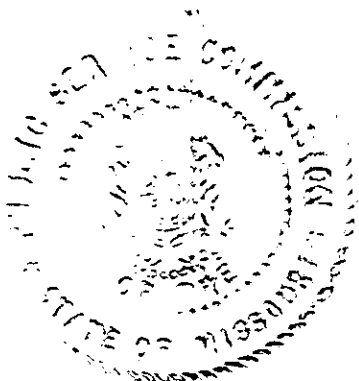
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 22nd day of November, 2000.

**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,  
Missouri, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Nov. 2000.



*Dale Hardy Roberts*  
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Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge