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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 688 Meramec)
Station Road, Valley Park, Missouri,)
on February 22, 1999.)

Case No. GS-99-371

ORDER ESTABLISHING CASE

On March 2, 1999, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Open Docket. Staff states that Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) is a gas corporation subject to Commission jurisdiction under Sections 386.020(18) and 386.020(42), RSMo Supp. 1998. Staff further states that on February 22, 1999, at approximately 4:00 p.m., an apparent gas explosion and fire occurred at a single-family residence located at 688 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park, Missouri. Staff states that Laclede provides natural gas service to that address.

Staff states that one occupant was injured and was hospitalized as a result of the explosion and that the residence was moderately damaged. Staff states that it has initiated a formal investigation into the incident.

Staff requests that the Commission establish a case for the purpose of receiving information, including a gas incident report relating to the incident at 688 Meramec Station Road, and for the purpose of ordering an appropriate response to the information.

The Commission determines that a case should be established to receive information relevant to the above-described incident and to determine what, if any, action by the Commission is warranted. Thus, the Commission will establish Case No. GS-99-371.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case No. GS-99-371 is hereby established for the purpose of receiving the Staff incident report and the response of Laclede Gas Company thereto pertaining to the incident which occurred on February 22, 1999, at 688 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park, Missouri.

2. That the Commission's Energy Department shall file its incident report within one hundred twenty (120) days of the effective date of this order.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 8, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to 4 CSR
240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of March, 1999.

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