

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
September 13, 2000**

CASE NO: GS-2000-525, GC-2001-19

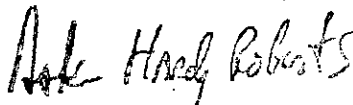
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company)	
Regarding an Incident at 1904 Birchwood)	<u>Case No. GS-2000-525</u>
Drive, Barnhart, Missouri, on)	
February 7, 2000)	

The Staff of the Missouri Public)	
Service Commission,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2001-19</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

(Consolidated)

ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES

Case number GS-2000-525 was established by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on March 1, 2000, for the purpose of receiving a gas incident report from the Staff of the Commission (Staff) and the response of Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) thereto, pertaining to an incident which occurred on February 7, 2000, involving a natural gas explosion and fire at 1904 Birchwood Drive in Barnhart, Missouri.

Case number GC-2001-19 is a complaint filed by the Staff against Laclede, alleging that in the incident set forth above, Laclede violated or failed to comply with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-40.030(14)(C) which prescribes the procedures for the investigation and classification of gas leaks and for scheduling the repair of these leaks.

Both of these cases involve the same parties and the same issue: Did Laclede act properly regarding the incident? Thus, the Commission will

consolidate these cases for all purposes, with case number GS-2000-525 being the lead case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That case numbers GS-2000-525 and GC-2001-19 are consolidated for all purposes, with GS-2000-525 being the lead case.
2. That this order shall become effective on September 25, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of September, 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 13th day of Sept. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge