

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
September 19, 2000**

CASE NO: GS-2000-673

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**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.)

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

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. Staff did not file any motion or other pleading with the Incident Report and it does not contain a certificate showing service upon Laclede or anyone else. The Report contains several recommendations,

one of which is that the Commission order Laclede to respond within 60 days of the filing of the Incident Report.

The Commission shall adopt Staff's suggestion, with certain modifications required by the absence of any evidence of service. The Commission notes that it established this case to receive information relevant to the incident and to determine what, if any, action by the Commission is warranted. In its response, Laclede shall address these issues. The Commission notes that the Public Counsel may also elect to respond to the Incident Report filed by Staff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of its Gas Incident Report, filed in this case on September 7, 2000, upon Laclede Gas Company and upon the Office of the Public Counsel, and shall file a pleading in this case certifying that service has been accomplished as herein ordered.

2. That Laclede Gas Company shall file its response to the Incident Report filed herein by Staff within 60 days of the date of this order.

3. That this order shall become effective on September 29, 2000.

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
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th 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 19th day of September 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge