

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 16th
day of October, 1981.

State of Missouri ex rel.)
Public Service Commission)
of Missouri,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
Missouri Power and Light)
Company,)
Defendant.)

Case No. GO-82-98

ORDER AUTHORIZING ACTION FOR STATUTORY PENALTIES

On January 23, 1981, there was an explosion and fire at 501 Middletown Road in the City of Wellsville, Missouri. Upon subsequent investigation and by verified internal report, the Public Service Commission staff engineers determined that said explosion and fire was caused by the ignition of natural gas which migrated into the residence from a fractured cast iron natural gas main. Staff's investigation disclosed that violations of the Statutes of Missouri, rules and procedures promulgated by the Commission as well as procedures adopted by the Company have occurred.

Upon the above duly verified information being lodged with it, the Commission is of the opinion and concludes that its General Counsel should institute an appropriate penalty action pursuant to Section 386.600, RSMo 1978, in the Circuit Court of Cole County, against Missouri Power and Light Company for all violations of the Statutes of Missouri and Rules of the Missouri Public Service Commission arising out of the Company's actions and inactions regarding the explosion and fire of January 23, referred to above and subsequent gas leak investigations.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the General Counsel to the Commission is hereby ordered and authorized to seek statutory penalties pursuant to §386.600 RSMo 1978 against Missouri Power and Light Company in the Circuit Court of Cole County for all violations of Missouri

statutes and Commission rules said Company committed regarding the explosion and fire of January 23, 1981, in Wellsville, Missouri, and subsequent gas leak investigations.

ORDERED: 2. That, due to the public safety and welfare, said penalty action should be commenced at once and prosecuted vigorously to final judgment by the Commission's General Counsel.

ORDERED: 3. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Harvey G. Hubbs
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Secretary

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McCartney, Dority and
Shapleigh, CC., Concur.
Fraas, Chmn. and Musgrave,
CC., Absent.