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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,) Case No. GS-99-371
Valley Park, Missouri, on February 22, 1999.)

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

On March 2, 1999, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Open Docket with respect to an apparent gas explosion and fire at a single-family residence located at 688 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park, Missouri, on February 22, 1999. Staff stated in its motion 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, and that Laclede provides natural gas service to that address. On March 8, 1999, the Commission by order established this case and directed Staff to file its Incident Report on or before July 6, 1999.

On July 6, 1999, Staff filed its Motion to File Report and Order Response. Together with this motion, Staff filed its Incident Report as previously ordered, certifying that the Report had been served on Laclede and on the Public Counsel. Staff prays that the Commission order Laclede to respond within 30 days. The Commission shall adopt Staff's suggestion.

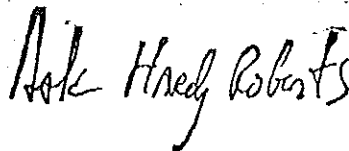
The Commission established this case to receive information relevant to the incident and to determine what, if any, action by the Commission is warranted. In its response, Laclede shall address these issues. The Commission notes that the Public Counsel may also elect to respond to the Incident Report filed by Staff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Laclede Gas Company shall file its response to the Incident Report filed herein by Staff within 30 days of the date of this order.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 20, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

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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 7th day of July, 1999.