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

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

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. On July 7, 1999, the Commission ordered Laclede to respond within 30 days. Thereafter, Laclede filed its Response to Staff's Recommendations on August 6, 1999.

Nearly three months have passed and Staff has taken no action in response to Laclede's Response. Therefore, the Staff shall file its Status Report on or before November 5, 1999, and advise the Commission of the status of this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its Status Report on or before November 5, 1999, and advise the Commission as to the status of this matter.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 27, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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 27th day of October, 1999.

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