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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy,)
a Division of Southern Union Company,)
Regarding an Incident on Lot 12, 9009)
Kail Street, Pleasant Valley,)
Missouri.)

Case No. GS-98-185

ORDER ESTABLISHING DOCKET

On November 4, 1997, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion to establish a docket. Staff states that Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company (MGE), is a gas corporation subject to Commission jurisdiction under Sections 386.020(18) and 386.020 (42), RSMo Supp. 1996. Staff states that on October 28 at approximately 11:19 a.m. an apparent gas explosion occurred at Lot 12 of Walnut Lane Mobile Home Park at 9009 Kail Street in Pleasant Valley, Missouri. Staff states that MGE provides natural gas service to the residence at that address.

Staff states that the occupant of the residence at 9009 Kail Street was not injured, but that the residence sustained extensive damage. Staff states that it has initiated a formal investigation into the incident.

Staff requests that the Commission establish a docket for the purpose of receiving information, including a gas incident report relating to the incident at 9009 Kail Street, and for the purpose of ordering an appropriate response to the information.

The Commission determines that a docket should be established to receive information relevant to the above-described incident and to determine what, if any, action by the Commission is warranted. Thus, the Commission will establish docket GS-98-185.

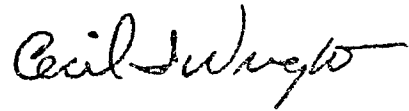
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case No. GS-98-185 is hereby established for the purpose of receiving the Staff incident report and the response of Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company, pertaining to the incident which occurred on October 28, 1997.

2. That the Commission's Energy Department shall file, through the General Counsel's office, its accident report within one hundred twenty (120) days of the effective date of this order.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 10, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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Gregory T. George, 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 10th day of November, 1997.