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**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 8th
day of August, 1997.

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company)	
Regarding the Incident at 1414)	<u>CASE NO. GS-98-43</u>
Angelica Street, St. Louis, Missouri,)	
on July 18, 1997.)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING DOCKET

On July 29, 1997, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion to establish a docket. Staff states that Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) is a gas corporation subject to Commission jurisdiction under Sections 386.020(18) and 386.020(42), RSMo Supp. 1996. Staff states that on July 18, 1997, at approximately 2:30 a.m., an apparent gas explosion occurred at 1414 Angelica in St. Louis, Missouri. Staff states that Laclede provides natural gas service to that address.

Staff states that no fatalities were reported as a result of the explosion, but numerous properties in the area 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 1414 Angelica, and for the purpose of ordering an appropriate response to the information.

The Commission finds 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-98-43.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case No. GS-98-43 is hereby established for the purpose of receiving the Staff incident report and the response of Laclede Gas Company thereto pertaining to the incident which occurred on July 18, 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 the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

Crompton, Murray, Lumpe
and Drainer, CC., concur.
Zobrist, Chm., absent.

ALJ: George