

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
March 20, 2001**

CASE NO: GS-2001-224

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy)	
Regarding an Incident at 1426 W. 50th)	<u>Case No. GS-2001-224</u>
Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, on)	
August 8, 2000)	

ORDER CLOSING CASE

On September 29, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Establish Docket. Staff stated that a natural gas flash fire occurred in an excavation in front of 1426 W. 50th Terrace, in Kansas City, Missouri, at approximately 4:25 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2000, and that two contractor workers were injured in the fire. Staff further stated that it had initiated a formal investigation into the incident.

On February 7, 2001, Staff filed its incident report in which it recommended that Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) review and revise as necessary its requirements and training on the use of personal protective equipment, especially when gas may accidentally be released. Staff also recommended the practical elimination of all potential ignition sources in and around an excavation where there is a possibility of an accidental release.

On March 8, 2001, MGE filed its response in which it stated that it intends to implement, or continue to implement, the recommendations in the incident report. MGE stated that its existing requirements and training meet Staff's recommendations, and that it has taken steps to emphasize the importance of following safety procedures. Staff did not reply to MGE's response.

Since MGE has implemented the Staff recommendations, there is no need for further Commission action concerning this incident and this case may be closed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That this order shall become effective on March 30, 2001.
2. That this case may be closed on March 31, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

(S E A L)

Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of March, 2001.

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I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 20th day of March 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

