

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

CASE NO. 16,734

In the matter of the application of St. Joseph Light & Power Company, a Missouri corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own, operate and maintain a 345,000 volt transmission line in a portion of Atchison County, Missouri.

APPEARANCES: Charles S. Wilcox, 804 Corby Building,
St. Joseph, Missouri, for the Applicant.

J. Steve Weber, for the Commission.

REPORT AND ORDER

On April 7, 1969, St. Joseph Light & Power Company filed an application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, own, maintain and operate a 345,000 volt electric transmission line in a portion of Atchison County, Missouri, which lies outside of its certificated territory.

After due notice to all interested parties, the case was heard on May 1, 1969, in the Commission's hearing room in the Jefferson State Office Building, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Findings of Fact

The Missouri Public Service Commission, having considered all of the competent and substantial evidence upon the whole record, makes the following findings of fact:

St. Joseph Light & Power Company is a public utility engaged in the generation, distribution and sale of electric energy in St. Joseph, Missouri, and other areas in Northwest Missouri.

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Township Sixty-six north, Range Thirty-nine west; Sections Seven, Thirteen, Twenty-five, Twenty-two, Twenty-seven, Twenty-eight and Thirty-two in Township Sixty-six north, Range Forty west; and Sections One, Eleven, Fifteen, Twenty-one, Twenty, Twenty-nine, Thirty and Thirty-one in Township Sixty-five north, Range Forty-one west; Section Thirty-six, Township Sixty-five north, Range Forty-two west; and Sections One, Two, Eleven, Ten and Fifteen in Township Sixty-four north, Range Forty-two west, all in the County of Atchison, Missouri.

ORDERED: 2. That said electric transmission line and all equipment connected therewith shall be constructed so as to conform to the specific rules and regulations contained in the Sixth Edition of the National Electrical Safety Code issued by the United States Bureau of Standards. Furthermore, that said Applicant shall maintain and operate said electric transmission line and all equipment connected therewith in a reasonably safe and adequate manner so as not to endanger the safety of the public or to interfere unreasonably with the service of other aerial lines or public facilities; and that the Commission retain jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter of this proceeding for the purpose of making such further order or orders as may be necessary.

ORDERED: 3. That whenever said electric transmission line or any portion thereof shall parallel aerial lines or underground lines belonging to or operated by other companies or individuals or cross such lines in close proximity thereto so as to cause electrolysis, induction or other electrical interference, thereby making necessary changes in said lines or in said lines of St. Joseph Light & Power Company, for the general benefits and safety of the public, the expense, if any, incurred in making such changes shall be determined by agreement between the parties operating such lines and St. Joseph Light & Power Company; and in case of failure of the parties to reach such agreement in settlement thereof, the matter may be submitted to this Commission for arbitration as provided in Section 386.230, RSMo 1959.

The County Court of Atchison County, Missouri, has given its consent to Applicant to erect and maintain such a transmission line along and across public roads and highways in Atchison County, Missouri.

The Missouri State Highway Commission has granted a construction permit covering overhead crossings of highways.

Customers in the area will not receive service directly from the proposed transmission line. The operation of said interconnecting transmission line will permit an interchange of electric energy between the respective participants and will make available reserve capacities so as to protect more adequately the growing load requirements of each participating system.

Conclusions

The Missouri Public Service Commission has arrived at the following conclusions:

The Commission has jurisdiction of this matter by virtue of Section 393.170, 1967, Supp.

After careful consideration of the evidence, the Commission is of the opinion and concludes that the public convenience and necessity will be promoted by the granting of the authority as requested.

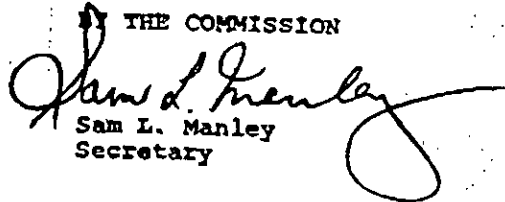
It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That St. Joseph Light & Power Company be, and it is, hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own, operate and maintain approximately twenty-three (23) miles of three-phase, H-frame wood pole, 345,000 volt electric transmission line within an area described as follows:

Beginning near the northeast corner of Section Thirty-four, Township Sixty-seven north, Range Thirty-nine west and continuing in a southwesterly direction across Sections Four and Eight,

ORDERED: 4. That this Report and Order shall become effective on the 12th day of June, 1969, and the Secretary of the Commission shall serve a certified copy of same upon each interested party.

BY THE COMMISSION


Sam L. Manley
Secretary

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Clark, Chm., Fain, Jones,
Elliott and Reine, CC., Concur.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on the 2nd day of June, 1969.