STATE OF MISSOURI

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Jefferson City May 1, 1981

CASE NO. EA-01-166 and EA-79-176

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the abovenumbered case.

Sincerely,

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Secretary

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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 lst The farence of the course after the a don extend they to day of May, 1981.

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CASE NO. EA-79-166

In the matter of the application of Missouri Power & Light Company for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, operate and maintain a new 69,000 volt electric line and a new 69,000/4,160 volt substation in the City of LaGrange, Lewis County, Missouri.

CASE NO. EA-79-176

In the matter of the application of Missouri Power & Light Company for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, operate and maintain a new 69,000 volt electric line and a new 69,000/12,500 volt substation in Cole County, Missouri.

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On April 23, 1981, the Commission issued its report and order for the above-entitled cases. That report and order granted a certificate of convenience and necessity in Case No. EA-79-176 and dismissed Case No. EA-79-166. Case No. EA-79-166 was an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, operate and maintain a new 69,000 volt electric line and a new 69,000/4,160 volt substation in the City of LaGrange, Lewis County, Missouri. The Commission, upon the advice of Staff, dismissed the case for lack of jurisdiction via the Harline case. State ex rel. Harline v. Public Service Commission, 343 S.W.2d 177. The Commission has been informed, and has verified that information with Commission records, that the Missouri Power & Light Company does not have an area certificate for the City of LaGrange, Missouri. Consequently, the dismissal was in error, and the Commission hereby rescinds that dismissal of Case No. EA-79-166 and finds as follows.

Applicant, Missouri Power & Light Company, is a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Missouri with its principal office at 101 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, and is engaged as a public utility, subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission, in rendering electric and gas service in various municipalities and counties, all in the State of Missouri.

The proposed construction at LaGrange, Missouri, is needed because of a steady increase in the electric load. The community is growing and the Gardner-Denver Foundry there is starting a new expansion which will increase its

load by 5,500 kw by 1982. The Lewis County Court has authorized the Applicant to erect, operate and maintain power lines along and across county roads. The City of LaGrange has passed an ordinance granting Applicant a franchise to operate an electric utility in its city. The proposed construction will either cross or parallel the facilities of Central Telephone Company of Missouri and Great River Gas Company. Those utilities have expressed no objections to the proposed construction. Applicant has purchased the needed right of way for \$4,500, and will not be required to institute condemnation proceedings. The Applicant plans to employ outside contractors for this construction and will probably solicit four or five bids. The Applicant chooses the lowest bidder unless, in an unusual situation, it has reason to believe that the lowest bidder could not perform some necessary function. The substation will be in an area that is now pasture land with no houses presently close by or planned. The 500 kv transformer proposed to be used at LaGrange was formerly installed at Jefferson City and has been sitting idle for some time. The depreciated original cost of the transformer is \$38,000. A new 5 ky switch gear will be installed at a cost of \$48,000. The Commission Staff has reviewed the proposed authority and has found that the same is necessary and convenient to the public.

The proposed construction at the site will conform to the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code. The construction will be financed from funds from the Applicant's treasury and unsecured short term bank loans. The short term bank loans will ultimately be refinanced through long term obligations, the issuance of which will be subject to Commission approval.

The Commission has determined that the proposed line in Lewis County is necessary and convenient for the public service. This correction order only applies to the findings made in the report and order of April 23, 1981, in relation to Case No. EA-79-166. Case No. EA-79-176 is not affected.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the Ordered 1 paragraph of this Commission's report and order of April 23, 1981, in Cases Nos. EA-79-166 and EA-79-176 be, and hereby is, rescinded.

ORDERED: 2. That the Missouri Power & Light Company is hereby granted a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, operate and maintain a new 69,000 volt electric line and a new 69,000/4,160 volt substation in the City of LaGrange, Lewis County, Missouri.

ORDERED: 3. That this correction order shall become effective on the 26th day of May, 1981.

BY THE COMMISSION

D. Michael Heart

D. Michael Hearst Secretary

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Frams, Chm., McCartney, Dority, Bryant and Shapleigh, CC., Concur.

STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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, this <u>lst</u> day of <u>May</u> 1981

D. Michael Hearst Secretary