

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 12th
day of March, 1993.

In the matter of St. Joseph Light and)
Power Company's proposed tariffs to)
increase rates for electric service) Case No. ER-93-41
provided to customers in the Missouri)
service area of the company.)

In the matter of St. Joseph Light and)
Power Company's proposed tariffs to)
increase rates for gas service provided) Case No. GR-93-42
to customers in the Missouri service)
area of the company.)

ORDER CONCERNING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On March 4, 1993, St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLPC) filed a motion requesting that the Commission modify the procedural schedule in this proceeding. On March 8, 1993, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a response to SJLPC's motion opposing any modification to the established procedural schedule and recommending its own modifications if the Commission deems it appropriate to change the procedural schedule. On March 10, 1993, SJLPC filed a reply to Staff's response. The established procedural schedule and recommendations for modifications by SJLPC and Staff are as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Present Date</u>	<u>Staff Proposal</u>	<u>Company Proposal</u>
Hearing Memo	March 12	March 19	March 26
Rebuttal	March 19	March 23	April 2
Reconciliation	March 26	April 2	April 12
Surrebuttal	April 5	April 7	April 19
Hearing	April 12-16	April 12-16	April 26-30

In support of its motion, SJLPC states that it is necessary to modify the procedural schedule to allow it time to receive and review all of Staff's work papers, allow Staff time to make necessary corrections in its testimony to errors found by SJLPC, allow time for Staff to provide SJLPC with its (Staff's) annualization and normalization of the sales numbers and to allow SJLPC time to

evaluate the sales annualization and normalization prior to taking depositions on the fuel issue. SJLPC further states that no party will be prejudiced by its proposed modification as it maintains the present time intervals between events.

In support of its response, Staff contends that the modifications as proposed by SJLPC will prejudice Staff. Staff states that numerous members of Staff participating in this case are involved in other matters before the Commission wherein substantial events are scheduled for the April 19 through May 3, 1993 time frame. Staff asserts that its consultant cannot be cross-examined during the week of April 26 through April 30, 1993.

The Commission finds, based on the pleadings filed, that it is reasonable to modify the procedural schedule to provide SJLPC additional time to review Staff's testimony. As a compromise between the modifications to the procedural schedule proposed by SJLPC and Staff, the Commission will adopt the modifications to the procedural schedule as set forth in paragraph one of the Ordered section.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the procedural schedule in this proceeding be, and is, modified as follows:

Hearing Memo	-	March 19, 1993
Rebuttal	-	March 26, 1993
Reconciliation	-	April 2, 1993
Surrebuttal	-	April 12, 1993
Hearing	-	April 19-23, 1993

2. That any person wishing to attend these proceedings who has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act please notify the Chief Hearing Examiner at (314) 751-7497 at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing.

3. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart
Brent Stewart
Executive Secretary

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McClure, Chm., Rauch and
Kincheloe, CC., Concur.
Mueller and Perkins, CC., Absent.