

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 10th day of August, 1988.

CASE NO. EO-89-17

In the matter of the application of St. Joseph Light & Power Company for an order authorizing a change of supplier.

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

On July 27, 1988, St. Joseph Light & Power Company (hereinafter SJLP) filed an application seeking permission to extend electric service to Harold Hester near Clearmont, Missouri. The application states that Mr. Hester took retail electric service within the last sixty (60) days from Nodaway Worth Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter Coop).

The application and the exhibits attached thereto, indicate that Coop is willing to release Mr. Hester from the mandatory sixty (60) day period as required by Section 393.106.2, RSMo 1986, so he may receive power from SJLP.

On August 8, 1988, the Commission Staff filed a memorandum recommending approval of the application.

Having reviewed the Staff's recommendation, the application and the exhibits attached thereto, indicating Coop's acquiescence in the application, the Commission determines that a hearing is not necessary to resolve the issues herein and finds as follows:

SJLP is a Missouri corporation with its principal office and place of business at 520 Francis Street, St. Joseph, Missouri 64502, and is engaged in providing electrical service within its certificated areas in portions of Northwest Missouri, subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

Coop is a rural electric cooperative organized and existing pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 394, RSMo 1986, as amended, and provides electric service in portions of Northwest Missouri. Within the last sixty (60) days Coop has supplied retail electric service to Harold Hester of Clearmont, Missouri.

Harold Hester had received electric service from the Coop at a campground. At the same time SJLP provided electric service to a nearby residence and barn on the same property. Mr. Hester independently ran lines from the Coop metering point to the barn and residence, disconnected SJLP's service, and connected the barn and residence to the Coop system.

The Coop has expressed the opinion that Mr. Hester's independent installation of service to the barn presents a safety hazard but is willing to allow SJLP to serve the Hester premises.

Based on the foregoing and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 390.160, RSMo 1986, the Commission finds that a change of supplier as requested herein is in the public interest for reasons of safety and to permit customer preference and SJLP may provide service to the barn and residence of Mr. Hester near Clearmont.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the application filed herein on July 27, 1988, be, and is, hereby granted and the St. Joseph Light & Power Company may provide service to Harold Hester at his barn and residence at or near Clearmont, Missouri.

ORDERED: 2. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



Harvey G. Hubbs
Secretary

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Musgrave, Mueller and
Fischer, CC., Concur.
Steinmeier, Chm., and
Hedren, CC., Absent.