

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the matter of the allocation of St.	)	
Joseph Light & Power Company's costs	)	<b><u>CASE NO. RO-94-36</u></b>
between its electric, gas and steam	)	
jurisdictions.	)	

**CONCURRING OPINION OF COMMISSIONER HAROLD CRUMPTON**

I concur in the opinion of the majority approving the Stipulation and Agreement filed in these two cases. A cursory review of the record on this matter could lead to confusion. On closer review, one sees that the record supports approval of the re-allocation of costs among the electric, gas and steam jurisdiction with no net change in St. Joseph Light & Power Company's (SJLP) overall revenues. This allocation issue is an old issue which has been before the Commission since the late 1980's. By approving this Stipulation and Agreement, the Commission has settled an issue that has been around longer than most of the Commissioners.

AG Processing has made a strong case by pointing out that the misallocation was so onerous that it has purchased equipment that makes it possible to not only bypass SJLP's steam network, and to bypass its electric network, but also to become a net seller of electricity and steam to SJLP's other customers. (This could be very detrimental to the remaining ratepayers).

The parties have all agreed to this re-allocation and testified that they think it is warranted. If it is warranted today, then it was warranted eight (8) years ago when AG Processing first brought this to our attention. By this act, we are eliminating a case of State sanctioned subsidization and ushering in a more appropriate regulatory environment where the total welfare of the State is recognized. The remaining rate design issue is not yet settled. We have an obligation to the people of

Missouri to not delay the allocations decision, while reserving the rate design issue in decision Case No. EO-93-351.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

*Harold Crumpton*

HAROLD CRUMPTON  
Commissioner

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 15th day of February, 1995.