STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 25th day of March, 1999.

In the Matter of St. Joseph Light & Power)
Company's purchased gas adjustment factors to be)

audited in its 1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment.)

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP or Company) of St. Joseph, Missouri, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on March 16, 1999, carrying an effective date of March 31, 1999. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in SJLP's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming summer season. Additionally, the Transition Cost (TC) factor changed.

The effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 1999 summer season to \$0.2779 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.3093 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 10% decrease in gas costs to consumers.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the changes in SJLP's PGA factors were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause. The Staff stated that SJLP's PGA Clause allows for ten (10) business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet

to become effective March 31, 1999, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in SJLP's ACA Case Nos. GR-98-392 and GR-99-394.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of March 31, 1999, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet submitted on March 16, 1999, by St. Joseph Light & Power Company of St. Joseph, Missouri, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on March 31, 1999. The tariff sheet approved is:

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48th Revised Sheet No. 9.4 Cancelling 47th Revised Sheet No. 9.4

2. That this order shall become effective on March 31, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Schemenauer, and Drainer, CC., concur.
Murray, C., absent.