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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

The Staff of the Missouri Public	)	
Service Commission,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	<u>Case No. EC-98-573</u>
	)	
St. Joseph Light & Power Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO RESPOND TO ST. JOSEPH LIGHT & POWER COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEST PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1998**

On June 19, 1998, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a complaint against St. Joseph Light & Power (SJLP) which proposed the establishment of a test year consisting of the twelve months ending December 31, 1997, with an update period through May 31, 1998 for known and measurable items. Subsequently, on July 27, Staff filed a Motion To Establish Test Year and Update Period which sought the establishment of a test year of twelve months ending on December 31, 1997 with an update period for known and measurable items through June 30, 1998. On October 2, SJLP filed a document entitled Response of St. Joseph Light & Power Company to Staff's Motion to Establish Test Year and Update Period, which argues for the establishment of a test year consisting of the twelve months ending September 30, 1998, updated for known and measurable changes through December 31, 1998.

The Commission requires further information from the parties regarding the establishment of an appropriate test year.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Staff shall file its reply to the Response of St. Joseph Light & Power Company to Staff's Motion to Establish Test Year and Update Period no later than October 13, 1998.

2. That any Intervenor or Participant who wishes to file a reply to the Response of St. Joseph Light & Power Company to Staff's Motion to Establish Test Year and Update Period may do so no later than October 13, 1998.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 19, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 8th day of October, 1998.

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