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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of St. Joseph Light & Power )	
Company's Revised Industrial Steam Rate )	
Schedules Designed to Increase Rates for )	<u>Case No. HR-99-245</u>
Steam Service in the Company's Missouri )	<u>Tariff No. 9900425</u>
Service in the Company's Missouri )	
Service Territory. )	

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION**

On January 26, 1999, Friskies Petcare, a Division of Nestle USA (Friskies) filed an application to intervene and become a party in this case. Friskies' application indicates that it is a manufacturer of several types and varieties of animal food products. Friskies operates a product manufacturing facility in St. Joseph, Missouri and is among the largest industrial steam customers of St. Joseph Light & Power Company. Friskies asserts that it has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding which is different from that of the general public and that granting the intervention would serve the public interest.


Friskies filed its application to intervene fifteen days after January 11, which is the date established by the Commission for intervention. Friskies asserts that its delay in filing for intervention should be excused because of delays occasioned by the holidays and the absence of Friskies' St. Joseph plant manager. Friskies also asserts that its short delay in filing its application to intervene will not cause or contribute to any delay in the case, nor will it prejudice or harm any party.

The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene filed by Friskies and finds that it is in compliance with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) and that Friskies has an interest in this matter that is different from that of the general public. The Commission also finds that Friskies has shown good cause to grant it intervention out of time. The Commission concludes that the application for intervention filed by Friskies should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Application to Intervene filed by Friskies Petcare, a Division of Nestle USA, is granted.
2. That this order shall become effective on February 8, 1999.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

( S E A L )

Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 28th day of January, 1999.