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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 Electric Rate Schedules	
Designed to Increase Rates for Electrical) Case No. ER-99-247
Service in the Company's Missouri) Tariff No. 9900427
Service Territory.)
The Staff of the Missouri Public)
Service Commission,)
)
Complainant,)
)
vs.) <u>Case No. EC-98-573</u>
St. Joseph Light & Power Company,))
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Respondent.)

ORDER AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

As noted during the prehearing conference on May 24, 1999, the Commission will amend the procedural schedule as it relates to the hearing memorandum. In addition, although cases HR-99-245, GR-99-246, and ER-99-247 are being heard jointly and remain three separate yet related cases, the Commission recognizes that many of the issues may overlap, and in the interest of efficiency, has scheduled a consolidated hearing. Where the issues overlap or are common to each case, the Commission wishes to hear all testimony (steam, gas and electric) on that issue at the same time. Therefore, the Commission believes that requiring one list of issues combined with one list of

witnesses, plus statements of positions from each party, will lead to a more efficient hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That instead of a traditional hearing memorandum, the parties shall agree upon and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) shall file one list with:
- (a) ISSUES: All of the issues to be heard. Any issue not contained in the list will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission. The list of issues should identify which case or cases (steam, gas or electric) the particular issue applies to.
- (b) WITNESSES: The witnesses who are scheduled to appear on each day of the hearing. The list of witnesses shall identify which issue or issues the witness' testimony is in response to.
- (c) ORDER OF DIRECT TESTIMONY: The order in which the witnesses shall be called.
- (d) ORDER OF CROSS-EXAMINATION: The order of cross-examination for each witness.
- 2. That the list of issues and witnesses shall be filed no later than 3:00 p.m. on June 17, 1999. The Staff is encouraged to submit, along with its hard copies, an electronic copy of this list in Word, WordPerfect or ASCII format.
- 3. That each party shall file one statement of its position on each disputed issue. Such statement shall be simple and concise, and shall not contain argument about why the party believes its position to be the correct one. The statement of position shall

clearly identify the case or cases (steam, gas or electric) to which the issue pertains.

- 4. That the statements of position shall be filed no later than 3:00 p.m. on June 24, 1999. The parties are encouraged to submit, along with their hard copies, electronic copies of this list in Word, WordPerfect or ASCII format.
 - 5. That this order shall become effective on June 17, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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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 14th day of June, 1999.

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