STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 30th day of September, 1998.

In the Matter of the Application of)
Charles M. Pruitt for Change of Electric) Case No. E0-99-89
Supplier.)

ORDER AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER

On September 1, 1998, Charles M. Pruitt filed an Application for Change of Electric Service Provider. Mr. Pruitt's application indicates that he is the owner of a tract of land described as SE 1/4, Section 4, T65N, R37W, Nodaway County, Missouri. Electrical service to Mr. Pruitt's land is currently provided by United Electric Cooperative, Inc. (UEC). Mr. Pruitt indicates that UEC wishes to discontinue services to the tract of land because its electric service line to the property has been washed out by the Nodaway River. Mr. Pruitt's land is adjacent to and contiguous with other land presently served by St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP). Mr. Pruitt requests that the Commission change the electric service provider for his property from UEC to SJLP.

Mr. Pruitt's application represents that UEC has consented to the change of service provider and an affidavit attesting to that fact signed by Mr. Gene Dorell, General Manager of UEC, is attached to the application as Exhibit B. The application also represents that SJLP has consented to the requested change in service and states that SJLP's written consent is attached as Exhibit A. The application does not include an Exhibit A. However, on September 4, an Entry of Appearance

and Statement of Position was filed by Gary W. Duffy as attorney for SJLP. In this document, SJLP denies that it has entered into an agreement with Mr. Pruitt and UEC regarding the transfer of service to Mr. Pruitt's land. SJLP does state that it has had discussions with Mr. Pruitt and UEC regarding the transfer of electrical service. SJLP states that it does have electrical service lines capable of serving Mr. Pruitt's property and that it is willing to do so if an appropriate order is issued by the Commission.

On September 21, Staff filed its recommendations regarding Mr. Pruitt's application. Staff's memorandum indicates that it has reviewed the application and recommends approval of the application. Mr. Pruitt is currently without electrical service because of erosion along the Nodaway River and he can best be served by changing suppliers as he has requested.

Upon review of the application and the Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the proposed transfer of service is in the public interest. SJLP has electric facilities in the area, is in a position to provide service to Mr. Pruitt, and is willing to provide those services.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the electric service provider for the tract of land described as SE 1/4, Section 4, T65N, R37W, Nodaway County, Missouri, is changed from United Electric Cooperative to St. Joseph Light & Power Company.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on October 10, 1998.

3. That Staff shall file a memorandum advising the Commission when the change of electric service provider has been completed and St. Joseph Light & Power Company is providing electric service.

BY THE COMMISSION

Hale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

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

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

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