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STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 17th  
day of June, 1999.

In the Matter of the Joint Application of )  
the City of Hannibal and Missouri Rural )  
Electric Cooperative Changing Electric ) Case No. EO-99-401  
Provider from Missouri Rural Electric )  
Cooperative to the City of Hannibal )

ORDER AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER

On March 22, 1999, The City of Hannibal (City) and Missouri Rural Electric Cooperative (Cooperative) (jointly, Applicants) filed a document entitled *Joint Application*. The document stated that it was a joint application ". . . pursuant to Section 393.190, RSMo, for an order authorizing a change of electric service provider. . . ." Since this was an incorrect citation, the Commission issued its *Notice Requiring Correction* on April 28, 1999.

On April 30, 1999, the City and the Cooperative filed its *Amended Joint Application* requesting that the Commission authorize a change of electric service provider. The application indicates that the Cooperative currently serves six consumers located within the City. These consumers are served by an electric distribution line that is at the end of its useful life. If the application is not granted, the Cooperative will be required to rebuild its distribution line. The City already has distribution lines available to serve these six consumers.

Transferring these consumers from the Cooperative to the City would eliminate the need for the Cooperative to rebuild the service line that is nearing the end of its useful life. The six consumers have consented to the change of provider. The Cooperative and the City request that the Commission authorize the change of electric service provider for the property of the six consumers from the Cooperative to the City.

On June 9, 1999, Staff filed its recommendations regarding the Application. Staff's memorandum indicates that based on its review of the application, information provided by Applicants, and Staff's field inspection, Staff is of the opinion that the change of electric supplier is in the public interest. Staff also indicates that the change is not for the reason of a rate differential. Furthermore, Staff states that duplication of electric facilities can be reduced and each service provider can utilize their electric facilities more efficiently. Staff notes that the City has facilities in place that can provide electric service to the customers subject to the change of supplier. Staff recommends approval of the Amended Joint Application.

Upon review of the amended application and the Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over the Amended Joint Application by virtue of Section 394.315.2, RSMo 1998. The Commission further finds that the proposed transfer of service is in the public interest for a reason other than a rate differential.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the City of Hannibal and the Missouri Rural Electric Cooperative are authorized to change the electric service provider for John J. (Jodie) Link, KGRC FM Radio Station, Elizabeth Brownell, John Elledge and Starla Elledge, Dr. and Ms. Stanley G. Hall, and Mrs. J. D. (Mary) Kennedy, from the Missouri Rural Electric Cooperative to the City of Hannibal.

2. That Staff shall file a memorandum advising the Commission when the change of electric service provider has been completed and the City of Hannibal is providing electric service.

3. That this order shall become effective on June 29, 1999.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

(S E A L)

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

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge