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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 23rd  
day of December, 1998.

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

**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF, GRANTING INTERVENTION**  
**AND PROVIDING NOTICE**

On December 1, 1998, St. Joseph Light & Power Company (Company) submitted to the Commission tariffs reflecting increased rates for Industrial Steam service provided to customers in the Missouri service area of the Company. The proposed tariffs (P.S.C. Mo. No. 3) bear a requested effective date of January 1, 1999. The proposed tariffs are designed to produce an annual increase of approximately 14.95 percent (\$274,423) in the Company's revenues.

To allow sufficient time to study the effect of the proposed tariffs and to determine if they are just, reasonable and in the public interest, the Commission will suspend the proposed tariffs for a period of 120 days plus an additional six months beyond the requested effective date, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

The Commission will schedule the hearing dates for this case in this order to ensure this matter is heard as expeditiously as possible. Additionally, establishment of the hearing dates will allow for notice

to be sent to customers. Company shall give notice to customers as directed in the ordered paragraphs below.

The Records Department of the Commission should serve a copy of this order upon the mayor of each city and the county commission of each county in the Company's service area. In addition, the Information Office shall send notice of this order to the publisher of each newspaper located in the counties in which the Company provides service, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to the members of the General Assembly representing the Missouri area served by the Company.

AG Processing, Inc. (AG) has filed a timely application to intervene. AG states that it has an interest in the Commission's decision in this case because it is an industrial steam customer of Company. AG argues that no other party will adequately protect its interests in this matter.

The Commission has reviewed AG's application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicant has an interest in this matter that is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that this request for intervention should be granted. Any other proper entity desiring to intervene in this proceeding shall file its application to intervene as ordered herein.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That all proposed tariff sheets submitted on December 1, 1998, by St. Joseph Light and Power Company for the purpose of increasing

rates for Industrial Steam service are hereby suspended for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from January 1, 1999 to May 1, 1999.

2. That the tariffs suspended in ordered paragraph 1 are hereby suspended an additional six (6) months beyond May 1, 1999, to November 1, 1999, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

3. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice to all industrial steam companies in Missouri.

4. That AG Processing is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).

5. That any other party wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application no later than January 12, 1999, with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102

and send copies to:

James C. Swearengen  
Gary W. Duffy  
Brydon, Swearengen & England, P.C.  
312 East Capitol Avenue  
Post Office Box 456  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and:

Office of the Public Counsel  
Post Office Box 7800  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

6. That an evidentiary hearing is hereby scheduled for this case beginning July 6, 1999 to continue through July 16, 1999. The hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m. on July 6, 1999, and be held in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State

Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Any person(s) with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

7. That St. Joseph Light & Power Company shall notify each affected customer of the hearings scheduled in this case by either a notice on or accompanying a bill, or in a separate notice, at least ten (10) days but not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the first day of the hearings, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The notice shall be in the following form:

#### NOTICE

St. Joseph Light & Power Company has filed revised tariffs with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) which would increase Company's Missouri jurisdictional annual gross revenues by approximately 14.95 percent.

An evidentiary hearing has been set before the PSC at 9:00 a.m., July 6, 1999 in the PSC's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. If you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857.

If any person has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act, please contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

8. That the Records Department and Information Office of the Commission shall serve a copy of this order and provide notice as described in this order.

9. That this order shall become effective on December 23, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

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

Gandhi, Regulatory Law Judge