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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 30th
day of March, 1999.

In the Matter of the Application of St. Joseph)
Light & Power Company for an Extension of Time)
Within Which to Make Its Second Filing of an) Case No. EO-99-386
Electric Utility Resource Plan, and Also for a)
Waiver of Certain Provisions Otherwise Required)
in Such Filing.)

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION

St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) filed an application on March 10, 1999, seeking a ninety-day extension of the filing date for its second filing of an Electric Utility Resource Plan (EURP). In connection with this filing, SJLP also seeks waiver of certain provisions of an agreement approved by this Commission in Case No. EO-96-5, concerning information to be included in the EURP filing.

SJLP points out that it is Missouri's smallest investor-owned electric utility and that its small staff is burdened with other work, including preparing responses to data requests in other cases pending before this Commission. SJLP further states that it is negotiating with the Staff of the Commission and with the Office of the Public Counsel to substitute an informal, semi-annual review for the formal, triennial EURP filings. SJLP states that most, if not all, other electric utilities required to make EURP filings have such agreements in place. Finally,

SJLP suggests that a ninety-day delay in its EURP filing would not negatively impact anyone.

Similarly, SJLP seeks relief from several provisions of an agreement concerning the contents of its EURP filing, approved by this Commission in Case No. EO-96-5. With respect to several different types of load estimates, SJLP seeks leave to use data from 1996 through 1998 rather than data from 1990 through 1998. SJLP seeks this waiver because, due to its implementation of a new rate design and a reclassification of its customers in 1995, data from before 1995 is no longer comparable to data collected later.

Pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(12), parties are allowed ten days within which to respond to any pleading filed with this Commission. No objection to SJLP's request for an extension and waiver has been received. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has filed an objection or requested a hearing in this case, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That St. Joseph Light & Power Company is granted an extension of ninety days after April 4, 1999, within which to file its second triennial Electric Utility Resource Plan, up to and including July 6, 1999.

2. That St. Joseph Light & Power Company may utilize data from the period 1996 through 1998 in developing those load estimates and analyses referred to in its application filed on March 10, 1999.

3. That this Order shall become effective on April 9, 1999.

4. That this case shall be closed on April 12, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark 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.

Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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