

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 13th
day of September, 1991.

In the matter of the application of St. Joseph)
Light & Power Company for a waiver from certain)
reporting provisions of 4 CSR 240-20.080.)
CASE NO. EO-92-13

ORDER CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR WAIVERS

On July 31, 1991, St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) filed an application requesting a waiver pursuant to the Commission's rule, 4 CSR 240-20.080(8), of the reporting requirements set forth in the Commission's rule, 4 CSR 240-20.080(1)(3), as to the Iatan Power Station (Iatan) which SJLP owns jointly with The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) and Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL).

In support of its application, SJLP states that the required information about Iatan would also have to be reported by KCPL which, as the sole operator of Iatan, has firsthand knowledge of this information. SJLP notes that to require it to report such information would be needlessly duplicative. The information required by the rule involves reports on such occurrences as unit outages, fuel purchases, fuel test burns and accidents.

In addition, SJLP requests a waiver from the Commission's rule 4 CSR 240-20.080(1)(C), which requires SJLP to report net hourly generation from each generating unit. In support of its application, SJLP states that Units 1, 2 and 3 of the seven units at its Lake Road Power Plant (Lake Road) are operated as an integrated system which cannot be reported on an individual basis. Therefore, SJLP requests that the Commission permit it to report these three units on a combined net hourly basis.

On August 19, 1991, KCPL filed a statement in this case declining to intervene and voicing no objection to the relief sought by SJLP. On August 28, 1991,

the Commission's Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum in this case recommending that the Commission approve the Application For Waiver as to the information on Iatan provided that SJLP, as co-owner of Iatan, be accountable for the completeness and accuracy of the information reported by KCPL. Staff further recommends that the Commission deny the application to waive reporting of the individual net hourly generation for Lake Road Units 1, 2 and 3 but be allowed to estimate the net generation of each unit by subtracting the prorated auxiliary power from the gross generation of each unit.

On August 30, 1991, SJLP filed a response to Staff's recommendation stating that it does not have the personnel or facilities to audit the reports submitted to the Commission by KCPL in order to guarantee their accuracy. Therefore, SJLP opposes the condition Staff recommends in regard to the information required on Iatan. SJLP does not oppose Staff's recommendation in regard to reporting the net hourly generation on the Lake Road units but SJLP notes that such approximations may not be sufficiently accurate for use in a rate case.

Based upon the pleadings filed herein, the Commission determines that SJLP should be granted a waiver of the reporting requirements of Sections 1 and 3 of the Commission's rule, 4 CSR 240-20.080, provided that SJLP retains responsibility to inform the Commission if it discovers any errors or inconsistencies in the KCPL reports. The Commission sees no reason why SJLP should have to duplicate the report filed by KCPL. The Commission will adopt the recommendation of its Staff in regard to the reporting of net hourly generation from the three units at Lake Road. The Commission will not grant the waiver requested by SJLP but will allow SJLP to estimate the net generation of these units as set forth below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application for waiver by St. Joseph Light & Power Company of the reporting requirements of Sections 1 and 3 of the Commission's rule, 4 CSR 240-20.080, be granted hereby provided that Company inform the Commission if it discovers any errors or inconsistencies in the reports made by Kansas City Power and Light Company.

2. That the application of St. Joseph Light & Power Company for waiver from the requirements of subsection 1C of the Commission's rule, 4 CSR 240-20.080, as to Generating Units 1, 2 and 3 at its Lake Road Power Plant be denied hereby.

3. That St. Joseph Light & Power Company be permitted hereby to estimate the net generation of Units 1, 2 and 3 of its Lake Road Power Plant by subtracting the prorated auxiliary power from the gross generation of each unit to arrive at the hourly net generation of each.

4. That this order shall become effective on the 24th day of September, 1991.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Rauch, and McClure,
CC., Concur.
Steinmeier, Chm., and Perkins,
C., Absent.