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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of St. Joseph Light & Power)
Company's Revised Electric Rate Schedules)
Designed to Increase Rates for Electrical) Case No. ER-99-247
Service in the Company's Missouri) Tariff No. 9900427
Service Territory.)

The Staff of the Missouri Public)
Service Commission,)
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Complainant,)
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vs.) Case No. EC-98-573
)
St. Joseph Light & Power Company,)
)
Respondent.)

ORDER SCHEDULING ADDITIONAL LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING AND
CHANGING TIME OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED
LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

On June 19, 1998, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Complaint with the Commission alleging that St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) is overearning. That complaint was assigned case number EC-98-573. On December 1, SJLP filed proposed tariff sheets with the Commission reflecting increased rates for electric service. Those tariffs were assigned case number ER-99-247. On December 22, the Commission suspended SJLP's proposed tariffs. By order of the Commission issued on February 17, 1999, case number EC-98-573, the complaint case, was consolidated with case number ER-99-247, the rate case. The

consolidated case is set for evidentiary hearing on July 6 through July 16 at the Commission's office located in Jefferson City.

On April 8, the Commission ordered that a local public hearing be conducted in St. Joseph on June 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. On April 9, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a Request for Additional Local Public Hearings. Public Counsel requests that additional local public hearings be held in Maryville and Mound City. No response to Public Counsel's Request was filed by any party.

The Commission has considered Public Counsel's request and has determined that an additional local public hearing will be held in Maryville on June 9, 1999, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Direct notice of the hearing shall be sent by SJLP, by an imprint on the customer's monthly billing, billing insert, first class letter, or postcard, to each of the Company's residential and commercial customers at least fifteen (15) days prior to the local public hearing date. The direct notice to customers sent by SJLP shall prominently state the time, date, and location of the local hearing regarding the proposed rate design. The Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel and SJLP shall develop mutually agreeable language to be contained in SJLP's direct notice to its customers.

The Commission will direct the Commission's Information Officer to send notice of the local public hearing to radio stations, television stations, and publishers of each newspaper located in SJLP's service area, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to members of the General Assembly

representing customers in SJLP's service area. The Commission will also direct the Records Department of the Commission to serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county and mayor of each municipality within SJLP's service area.

In addition, the Commission has determined that the time of the local public hearing scheduled in St. Joseph on June 16, 1999 shall be changed from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a local public hearing is scheduled on Wednesday, June 9, 1999, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., to be held at Maryville R-II High School, 1503 South Munn, Maryville, Missouri.

2. That the local public hearing scheduled on Wednesday, June 16, 1999, to be held at City Hall, City Council Chambers, 11th & Frederick, St. Joseph, Missouri 64501 shall begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m.

3. That the Records Department and Information Office of the Commission shall serve copies of this order and provide notice as described in this order.

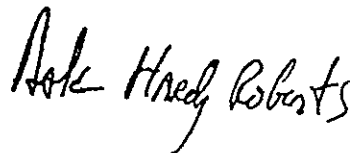
4. That St. Joseph Light & Power Company shall send notice, as directed in this order, to each of the Company's residential and commercial customers at least fifteen (15) days prior to the local public hearing dates.

5. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service

Commission as soon as possible at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

6. That this order shall become effective on May 6, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of
authority pursuant to 4 CSR
240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of April, 1999.

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