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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND FILING DATE

On October 23, 1998, Staff filed a Motion to Extend Filing Date. By this Motion, Staff requested that the Commission extend the previously ordered date for submission of additional direct testimony necessitated by the extension of the update period to September 30, 1998. The Commission has established a filing date of November 20 for such testimony and the Staff's motion asks that the filing date be extended to December 16 in order to allow Staff more time to properly evaluate data provided by St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP).

SJLP filed a reply to Staff's Motion on October 26 and indicated that it did not object to the extension of time requested by Staff provided that the date established for SJLP's rebuttal testimony also be extended from February 19 to March 16, 1999.

Staff's motion is well taken. Good cause exists for the requested extension of time. SJLP's position is also well taken and it will be allowed additional time in which to file its rebuttal testimony.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Extend Filing Date filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission is granted.

2. That no later than December 16, 1998, Staff shall file any additional direct testimony necessitated by the extension of the update period to September 30, 1998.

3. That no later than February 19, 1999, St. Joseph Light & Power shall file its rebuttal testimony to the testimony filed by Staff on October 8 and October 15, 1998.

3. That St. Joseph Light & Power shall file its rebuttal testimony to any additional testimony filed by Staff no later than March 16, 1999.

4. That this order shall become effective on November 16, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

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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 5th day of November, 1998.