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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 12th
day of August, 1997.

In the matter of the application of St.)
Joseph Light & Power Company for a one-time)
variance from the provisions of its tariff)
sheet 22.3 concerning the Curtailable Demand)
Rider and the time for a customer to sign)
and return a contract.)

Case No. EO-98-4

ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE

On July 1, 1997 St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) filed an Application for a Variance, requesting the Commission to grant a one-time waiver from a provision of its tariff. SJLP states that a condition of its Curtailable Demand Rider, Sheets 22.2, 22.3 and 22.4, requires its customers to enter into a contract for one, three or five years commencing on June 1, and that the customer is required to sign and return the contract by the previous January 31. SJLP continues that it has two customers, the first ones to contract under this rider, who did not execute contracts until May 1997 for the year commencing June 1, 1997. SJLP requests a one-time waiver of the above-stated condition, appearing on Sheet 22.3, to accommodate these two customers. SJLP adds that the total load represented by these two contracts is not critical and will pose no detriment to SJLP's load planning.

On July 22 the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation in which it states that it believes the SJLP request is reasonable and recommends that the Commission approve the requested waiver on a one-time basis. The Staff accepts the SJLP contention that the

required lead time is not critical in this instance.

The Commission has reviewed the application and Staff recommendation, and finds the SJLP request to be reasonable and in the public interest. The Commission will approve the one-time waiver of the provision of Tariff Sheet 22.3, as set out above, for the two customers as stated in the SJLP application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That St. Joseph Light & Power Company is granted a one-time waiver from the provision of Tariff Sheet 22.3, which requires a contract be executed and returned prior to January 31, 1997. This waiver applies to the two contracts for the year commencing June 1, 1997 as set out in the Application. The waiver has no application beyond these two contracts and the 1997 contract year.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 22, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., Crumpton, Drainer,
Murray, and Lumpe, CC., Concur.

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