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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of St. Joseph Light &)
Power Company's Purchased Gas)
Adjustment Factors to be Audited in)
its 1995-1996 Actual Cost Adjustment.)

CASE NO. GR-96-47

ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On September 12, 1997, St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) filed a Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule. SJLP states in its motion that the parties have reached an agreement in principle to resolve all issues in this proceeding and that the parties expect to file a stipulation and agreement prior to the end of September. SJLP requests that the Commission issue an order suspending the procedural schedule in this proceeding so that the parties may devote their resources to preparing a stipulation and agreement rather than to preparing for the hearing set for October 23 and 24.

The Commission has reviewed the Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule filed by SJLP and finds that it is reasonable and should be granted. The Commission will suspend the procedural schedule in this case, cancel the hearing currently set for October 23 and 24, and require the parties to file a stipulation and agreement or proposed procedural schedule no later than September 30.

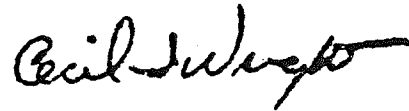
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule filed by St. Joseph Light & Power Company is granted.
2. That the procedural schedule in this case is suspended.
3. That the hearing set for October 23-24, 1997, is canceled.

4. That the parties shall file their stipulation and agreement or proposed procedural schedule no later than September 30, 1997.

5. That this order shall become effective on September 24, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Gregory T. George, Administrative
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 24th day of September, 1997.