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At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 23rd
day of December, 1997.

In the Matter of the Application of West)
Elm Place Corporation for Authority to)
Increase an Existing Long-Term Note from) Case No. SF-98-162
a Maximum Amount of \$350,000 to a Maximum)
Amount of \$600,000.)

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO EXPEDITE

On October 14, 1997, West Elm Place Corporation (West Elm) filed an application for authority to increase an existing long-term note from a maximum amount of \$350,000 to a maximum amount of \$600,000. On October 15 West Elm filed its First Amended Application. On December 2 West Elm filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment. West Elm requested in its motion that the Commission issue an order in this case no later than December 18, effective December 28, so that West Elm can avoid incurring penalties for late-payment of property taxes. West Elm stated in its application that its property tax bill of approximately \$65,000 is due on December 31, and that a representative of the Staff of the Commission indicated that it would be sometime in January before Staff would provide a recommendation.

The Commission has reviewed the Motion for Expedited Treatment. The Commission determines that it will process West Elm's application as expeditiously as its docket will permit. Nevertheless, the Commission finds that the Motion for Expedited Treatment should be denied because the motion does not state the amount of penalties expected to be incurred if the Staff recommendation is provided in January. Therefore, the motion

does not sufficiently state good cause for this expedited treatment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Expedited Approval filed by West Elm Place Corporation on December 2, 1997 is denied.

2. That this order shall become effective on January 2, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray,
and Drainer, CC., concur.

G. George, Regulatory Law Judge