

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 3rd
day of August, 1993.

In the matter of Phase II investigation of)
the Electric Class Cost of Service for) Case No. EO-93-351
St. Joseph Light & Power Company.)

ORDER SETTING TECHNICAL CONFERENCE
AND ESTABLISHING SEPARATE DOCKET

On July 16, 1993, the Commission's Staff (Staff) filed a Response to AGP, and Motion for Procedural Schedule and to Establish Docket in this case. On the same date of July 16, 1993, the Commission issued its Order Establishing Docket, Setting Intervention Date and Setting Procedural Date. Staff's motion addresses two separate procedural matters. First, Staff states that it believes a technical conference would be the best way to begin Phase II of St. Joseph Light & Power Company's (SJLP) class cost of service study. It states that a technical conference would provide a forum for seeking agreement about the scope of the Phase II investigation, the kinds of work which must be done before filing testimony, and the test year to be used as a basis for Phase II analysis. The Staff proposes a date of October 4, 1993, for the technical conference.

Secondly, Staff addresses the Ordered Paragraph No. 8 of the Report and Order issued in Case No. ER-93-41 and EC-93-252. That ordered paragraph states that "SJLP be, and is, hereby authorized to install integrated steam volume flow meters for the purpose of collecting data for Case No. EO-93-351." This requirement would be related to the allocation of SJLP's costs between its electric, gas and steam jurisdictions. Staff petitions the Commission to establish a separate docket for the purpose of addressing issues related to the allocation of SJLP's costs between its electric, gas and steam jurisdictions.

Staff believes that including this issue in the Phase II cost of service study will delay and impede agreement.

The Commission has considered Staff's motion and recommendation therein and determines that Staff's approach is the most appropriate to facilitate the most expedient procedure for these issues. The Commission, therefore, will rescind Ordered Paragraph No. 3 of its Order issued on July 16, 1993, requiring the parties to file a suggested procedural schedule on or before September 16, 1993. The Commission will approve Staff's request to order a technical conference. Also, the Commission determines that the issue as to the allocation of SJLP's costs between its electric, gas and steam jurisdictions should be treated in a separate docket. Phase I of SJLP's cost of service study, which resulted in the Commission's Report and Order issued in Case No. EO-88-158, did not include this allocation issue and; therefore, it can be and appropriately should be considered in a separate docket.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Ordered Paragraph No. 3 of the Commission's Order issued in this case on July 16, 1993, be hereby rescinded.

2. That a technical conference for the parties to consider the scope of the Phase II investigation, the kinds of work which must be done before filing testimony, and the test year to be used as a basis for Phase II analysis be hereby set to be held in the Commission's offices in Jefferson City, Missouri, on October 4, 1993.

3. That the parties file a memorandum setting out those issues agreed to be considered in Phase II and the proper test year to be used along with a procedural schedule by November 4, 1993.

4. That Docket No. EO-94-36 be hereby established for the purpose of considering issues related to the allocation of St. Joseph Light & Power Company's costs between its electric, gas and steam jurisdictions.

5. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Mueller, Chm., Perkins,
and Kincheloe, CC., Concur.
McClure, C., Dissents.
Crumpton, C., Absent.