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In the Matter of St. Joseph )  
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Industrial Steam Rate Schedules )  
Designed to Increase Rates for ) Case No.  
Steam Service in the Company's ) HR-99-245  
Missouri Service in the Company's )  
Missouri Service Territory. )  
  
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Gas Rate Schedules Designed to )  
Increase St. Joseph Light & Power )  
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Revenues by Approximately \$499,104 ) GR-99-246  
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Taxes. )  
  
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The Staff of the Missouri Public )  
Service Commission, )  
Complainant, )  
vs. ) Case No.  
St. Joseph Light & Power Company, ) EC-98-573  
Respondent. )

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REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.  
MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding,  
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.  
BILL HOPKINS, Presiding,  
SENIOR REGULATOR LAW JUDGE.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: This is Case Nos.

3 HR-99-245, GR-99-246, and ER-99-247, which is  
4 consolidated with EC-98-573, all of which cases  
5 concern the rates to be charged by St. Joseph Light  
6 and Power Company.

7 We'll start out by taking entries of  
8 appearance of, and for St. Joseph Power and Light  
9 Company?

10 MR. SWEARENGEN: Thank you, your Honor.  
11 Let the record show the appearance of James C.  
12 Swearengen, Gary Duffy and Dean Cooper of Brydon,  
13 Swearengen and England, 312 East Capital Avenue,  
14 Jefferson City, Missouri, appearing on behalf of  
15 the Company in all three cases. Thank you.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you.

17 And for Staff?

18 MR. HAAS: The Commission Staff appears by  
19 William Haas, Thomas Schwarz, Dennis L. Frey and  
20 David Stueven. Our address is Post Office Box 360,  
21 Jefferson City, Missouri.

22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Public Counsel?

23 MR. COFFMAN: Yes. Let the record reflect  
24 the appearance of John B. Coffman and Douglas E.  
25 Micheel on behalf of the Office of Public Counsel,

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2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. For the  
3 Interveners?

4 MR. CONRAD: Your Honor, please let the  
5 record reflect the appearance of Stuart W. Conrad  
6 and Jeremiah D. Finnegan of the law firm Finnegan,  
7 Conrad and Peterson, 3100 Broadway, Suite 1209,  
8 Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

9 In the EC-98-573 docket we appear on  
10 behalf of the intervener Ag Processing. In the  
11 ER-99-247 docket we appear on behalf of Ag  
12 Processing, Friskies, Wire Rope Corporation of  
13 America and Quaker Oats. In the HR-99 steam  
14 docket, I believe it's 245, we appear on behalf of  
15 Ag Processing and Friskies. And in the GR-99-246  
16 docket all four companies were granted  
17 participation status for the purpose of  
18 facilitating the hearing subject to your Honor's  
19 discretion as we may participate in that hearing.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, Mr. Conrad.

21 All right. Before we went on the record  
22 we had some discussions concerning the marking of  
23 the exhibits, and it was decided that each of the  
24 parties would prepare their own list of exhibits  
25 with a separate list for each of the steam,

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1 electric and gas cases.

2 To facilitate that, we're going to assign  
3 numbers 0 through 99 to St. Joseph Light and Power,  
4 numbers 100 through 199 will be assigned to Staff,  
5 numbers 200 through 299 will be assigned to the  
6 Office of Public Counsel, and any numbers  
7 thereafter are to be used by the Interveners.

8 As we've indicated, the parties should  
9 develop a separate list for each case using those  
10 sequential numbers. Perhaps, for example, exhibit  
11 for the electric case, Exhibit 1E; for gas Exhibit  
12 1G; for the steam heat Exhibit 1H, and hopefully  
13 we'll be able to keep track of them.

14 Mr. Haas, I believe you had a motion that  
15 you wanted to make?

16 MR. HAAS: Yes, your Honor. By agreement  
17 of the parties, we would ask leave of the  
18 Commission to recess this matter for further  
19 settlement discussions. If we could report back to  
20 the Law Judges and the Commission throughout the  
21 day as to the progress of those discussions.

22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Would you anticipate  
23 appearing here again tomorrow morning at 9:00 to  
24 make a final report or --

25 MR. HAAS: Yes, sir. That sounds

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1 reasonable.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And if a settlement is  
3 reached sooner than that, of course, let us know  
4 also.

5 MR. MICHEEL: Your Honor, on marking the  
6 exhibits do you want the highly confidential  
7 exhibits, for example, the first exhibit that we  
8 mark is 200. Do you want it to be 200NP and 200  
9 HC, or do you want it to be 200 and then 201? How  
10 would you like that handled?

11 JUDGE WOODRUFF: The first way you  
12 described it 200NP and 200HC.

13 Is there anyone else that wishes to be  
14 heard concerning Mr. Haas's motion? All right.  
15 The motion will be granted. This hearing is in  
16 recess until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock and  
17 good luck with your negotiations. Thank you.

18 WHEREUPON, the hearing of this case was  
19 adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 7, 1999.

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