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RE: Case No. ES-2000___

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **MOTION TO OPEN CASE**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of an Incident at St. Joseph)
Light & Power Company's Lake Road)
Power Plant on June 7, 2000.)

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MOTION TO OPEN CASE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Motion to Open Case states:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) has the authority to establish a case for the purpose of receiving information from public utilities under its jurisdiction. §§393.130.1 and 393.140(1), (2), (3), (5), (9) and (10), RSMo. 1994. St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) is an electrical corporation as defined in section 386.020 (15) RSMo. Supp. 1999, and, as such, is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Chapters 386 and 393 RSMo.

2. SJLP provides electric service in and about St. Joseph, Missouri.

3. On June 7, 2000, there was an incident at SJLP's Lake Road Power Plant that caused extensive damage to Turbine/Generator #4 and Boiler 6. There were no fatalities or major injuries reported as a result of the incident; however, due to extensive damage to Turbine/Generator #4, it is out of service. SJLP currently estimates that it may be September of 2000 before repairs are completed and Turbine/Generator #4 is placed back in service.

4. The Staff has initiated an investigation into the incident visiting the site twice and meeting with representatives of SJLP once. SJLP and its insurance company are currently investigating the incident and the Staff is monitoring SJLP's investigation. The Staff's investigation will continue at least until after Turbine/Generator #4 is back in service. As stated above, SJLP estimates this may not occur until September of 2000.

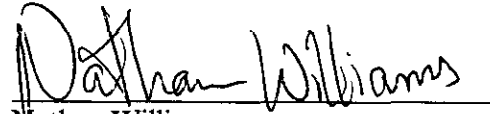
5. The Staff will make a final report to the Commission in 120 days, if possible. In the event the Staff cannot make a final report to the Commission in 120 days, the Staff will submit an interim report within 120 days that contains as much analysis as the Staff is able to provide at that time and the Staff will provide a new estimate as to the date by which the investigation may be completed.

6. The Staff notes that on June 23, 2000, SJLP filed an Application for an Accounting Authority Order respecting the June 7, 2000, incident that has been docketed as Case No. EO-845.

WHEREFORE the Staff requests that the Commission open a case for the purpose of receiving the Incident Report pertaining to Staff's investigation of the June 7, 2000, incident at St. Joseph Light & Power Company's Lake Road Power Plant.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
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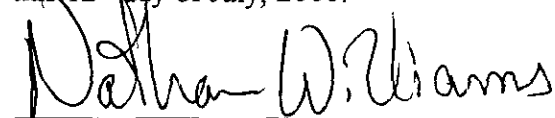
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