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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of St. Joseph)
Light & Power Company for a Certificate of)
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing It to)
Install, Own, Acquire, Construct, Operate,)
Control, Manage and Maintain Natural Gas) **Case No. GA-2000-422**
Plant and Facilities, Including a Natural Gas)
Distribution System, and to Furnish Natural)
Gas Service to the Public, in a Service Area)
in Portions of Andrew, Atchison, Holt, and)
Nodaway Counties, Missouri.)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF REPORT

On January 14, 2000, St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to Section 393.170, RSMo 1994, and 4 CSR 240-2.060, requesting that the Commission grant it a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a system for the provision of natural gas service to the public pursuant to its approved rates, rules and regulations, in a service area which includes portions of Andrew, Atchison, Holt and Nodaway Counties, Missouri. On January 26, 2000, the Commission issued an Order and Notice of Application, which directed that interested parties wishing to intervene shall file an application to do so no later than February 8, 2000.

SJLP's application indicated that the it is intended and designed to consolidate and more clearly define SJLP's existing service areas in order to permit compliance with the stipulation and agreement approved by the Commission in Case No. GR-99-246.

Therefore, SJLP desires that the Commission waive or grant a variance to the certificate application requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.060(2)(F) concerning utility services available in the area; the names and addresses of residents in the area; a metes and bounds description of the area to be certificated; a plat; and a feasibility study.

The Commission believes that appropriate input from the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) regarding the waiver request will assist in the resolution of this matter. Therefore, the Commission directs the Staff to file its recommendation concerning the request for waiver.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation regarding the request for waiver included in the application of St. Joseph Light & Power Company, no later than February 25, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on February 15, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory 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 2nd day of February, 2000.