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STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 8th day of April, 1999.

In the Matter of Revised Natural Gas Rate )  
Schedules Designed to Increase St. Joseph ) Case No. GR-99-246  
Light & Power Company's Annual Natural Gas ) (Tariff file 9900426)  
Revenues by Approximately \$499,104 Exclusive )  
of Applicable Fees and Taxes. )

ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

On December 1, 1998, St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) submitted to the Commission tariffs reflecting increased rates for gas service provided to customers in the Missouri service area of SJLP. On December 24, 1998, the Commission suspended SJLP's proposed tariffs. The case is set for evidentiary hearing on July 6, 1999, through July 16, 1999, at the Commission's office located in Jefferson City.

The Commission will conduct a local public hearing in St. Joseph before the evidentiary hearing. Direct notice of the hearing shall be sent by SJLP, by an imprint on the customer's monthly billing, billing insert, first class letter, or postcard, to each of SJLP's residential and commercial customers at least fifteen (15) days prior to the local public hearing date. The direct notice to customers sent by SJLP shall prominently state the time, date, and location of the local hearing regarding the proposed rate design. The Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel and SJLP shall develop mutually agreeable language to be contained in SJLP's direct notice to its customers.

The Commission will direct the Commission's Information Officer to send notice of the local public hearing to radio stations, television stations, and publishers of each newspaper located in SJLP's service area, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to members of the General Assembly representing customers in SJLP's service area. The Commission will also direct the Records Department of the Commission to serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county and mayor of each municipality within SJLP's service area.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That a local public hearing is scheduled on Wednesday, June 16, 1999, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., to be held at City Hall, City Council Chambers, 11th & Frederick, St. Joseph, Missouri 64501.
2. That the Records Department and Information Office of the Commission shall serve copies of this order and provide notice as described in this order.
3. That St. Joseph Light & Power Company shall send notice, as directed in this order, to each of the company's residential and commercial customers at least fifteen (15) days prior to the local public hearing date.
4. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission as soon as possible at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

5. That this order shall become effective on April 20, 1999.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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

Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge

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