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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

The Staff of the Missouri Public	)	
Service Commission,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	<u>Case No. EC-98-573</u>
	)	
St. Joseph Light & Power Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO RESPOND**

On September 15, 1998, Staff filed a Motion to Establish Filing Dates and Early Prehearing Conference. By operation of 4 CSR 240-2.080(12), the other parties to this action would be allowed ten days from the date of the filing in which to respond to that motion, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. On September 16, St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) filed a Motion for Additional Time to Respond in which it pointed out that the Commission's Notice of Complaint issued on September 2 allowed SJLP until October 2 to file its response to the complaint. SJLP argues that it would be inconsistent with notions of due process to require it to respond to the Staff's motion before answering the underlying complaint. SJLP requests that the Commission issue an order allowing SJLP to respond to the Staff's Motion to Establish Filing Dates and Early Prehearing Conference at the same time as any answer it may file.

SJLP's motion is well taken. Good cause exists for the requested extension of time.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That St. Joseph Light & Power Company's Motion for Additional Time to Respond is granted.
2. That St. Joseph Light & Power Company shall respond to Staff's Motion to Establish Filing Dates and Early Prehearing Conference no later than October 2, 1998.
3. That this order shall become effective on September 24, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

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Morris L. Woodruff, 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 18th day of September, 1998.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**