

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the
27th day of October, 1998.

In the Matter of St. Joseph Light & Power)
Company's purchased gas adjustment factors to be)
reviewed in its 1997-1998 Actual Cost) Case No. GR-98-392
Adjustment.)

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP or Company) of St. Joseph, Missouri, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on October 15, 1998, carrying an effective date of October 29, 1998. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in SJLP's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season. Additionally, the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA), Transition Cost (TC), and the Refund factors changed.

The effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 1998-1999 winter season to \$0.3093 per Ccf from a summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.2973 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 4% increase in gas costs to consumers.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the changes in SJLP's PGA factors were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause. The Staff stated that SJLP's PGA Clause allows for ten (10) business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective October 29, 1998, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in SJLP's ACA Case No. GR-98-392. The Staff also requested that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of the ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before June 1, 1999.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet, Staff's recommendation and request, and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission

approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of October 29, 1998, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

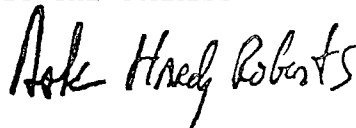
1. That the tariff sheet submitted on October 15, 1998, by St. Joseph Light & Power Company of St. Joseph, Missouri, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on October 29, 1998. The tariff sheet approved is:
P.S.C. MO. No. 4

47th Revised Sheet No. 9.4 Cancelling 46th Revised Sheet No. 9.4

2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of this ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before June 1, 1999.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 29, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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

Mills, Regulatory Law Judge

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