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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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RE: Case No. GA-2000-422

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

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,

Robert V. Franson by D.F.F.

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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 Plant and Facilities,)
Including a Natural Gas Distribution)
System, and to Furnish Natural Gas)
Service to the Public, in the Service Area)
Portions of Andrew, Atchison, Holt and)
Nodaway Counties, Missouri.)

Case No. GA-2000-422

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and for its Recommendation, respectfully states as follows:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled as Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Commission grant approval of the following tariff sheets filed by St. Joseph Light & Power Company ("SJLP"):

P.S.C. MO. No. 4

- 8th Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling 7th revised Sheet No. 1
- 2nd Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling First Revised Sheet No. 2
- Original Sheet No. 2.1
- Original Sheet No. 2.2

2. The Staff has examined the tariff filing and has determined that it complies with the Commission's April 4, 2000 Order Granting Variance and Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, wherein the Commission, among other things, ordered the filing of the above tariff sheets.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth in its attached Memorandum, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving SJLP's tariff sheets, as identified herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 28th day of April 2000.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case Nos. GR-99-246 and GA-2000-422, File No. 200000950,
St. Joseph Light & Power Company

FROM: Mike Straub, Assistant Manager, Gas - Tariffs/Rate Design, Project Coordinator *fm*
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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Tariff Sheets Filed to Comply with Commission's Orders
Issued August 17, 1999, and April 4, 2000

DATE: April 25, 2000

On April 14, 2000, St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP or Company) of St. Joseph, Missouri filed tariff sheets with an effective date of May 14, 2000. The purpose of this filing is to comply with the Missouri Public Service Commission's (Commission) ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT (Order Approving Stipulation) in Case No. GR-99-246, SJLP's recent rate case, where the Company agreed to more clearly define its existing service areas. This filing is also to comply with the Commission's ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (Order) in Case No. GA-2000-422 requiring SJLP to file tariff sheets describing the service area granted by the Commission.

The Commission's Order Approving Stipulation states, "That SJLP shall file, on or before July 1, 2000, proposed tariff sheets designed to describe its natural gas service territory in a manner utilizing land sections to the maximum extent practical." Subsequently, in Case No. GA-2000-422, SJLP filed for, and was granted, a new Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, defined by Township, Range, and Section Number, which included all the communities served and additional requested rural areas.

The Commission's Gas - Tariffs/Rate Design Staff (Staff) has reviewed the filed tariff sheets and is of the opinion that they are in compliance with the Commission's Orders issued on August 17, 1999, and April 4, 2000, in Case Nos. GR-99-246 and GA-2000-422, respectively. Other than the electric tariff sheets (File No. 200000949 in Case No. ER-99-247) filed to modify the format for the electric service area, Staff is unaware of any issue currently pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing. Therefore, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheets filed on April 14, 2000, be allowed to become effective for service on and after May 14, 2000:

P.S.C. MO. No. 4

8th Revised Sheet No. 1, Cancelling 7th Revised Sheet No. 1
2nd Revised Sheet No. 2, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 2
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