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

In the Matter of St. Joseph Light &	)	
Power Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment	)	<b><u>Case No. GR-98-392</u></b>
Factors to be Reviewed in its 1997-1998	)	
Actual Cost Adjustment	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE**

This case was opened for the purpose of receiving the 1997-1998 Purchased Gas Adjustment filings and Actual Cost Adjustment filing of St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP). On May 28, 1999, the Procurement Analysis Department of the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum indicating that Staff has reviewed SJLP's 1997-1998 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA). Staff stated that it audited the billed revenues and actual gas costs, and examined the prudence of SJLP's gas purchasing decisions. Staff states that SJLP did not correctly calculate the interest on the deferred carrying cost balance. Staff proposes to adjust the ACA balance by \$4,110 to correct the miscalculation. Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order requiring SJLP to establish the ACA account balances in its next ACA filing to reflect the following ending balances to be collected from (or refunded to) the ratepayers:

	Balance per SJLP Filing	Staff Adjustments	Ending Balances
ACA	\$(121,100)	\$(4,110)	\$(125,210)
Refund	\$(254,321)	\$0	\$0
Transition Cost	\$(2,970)	\$0	\$(2,970)

Staff further recommends that the Commission order SJLP to respond to Staff's recommendation within thirty days.

The Commission has reviewed the memorandum filed by Staff and determines that the SJLP shall file a response to Staff's recommendation.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Company shall file a response to the recommendation of the Staff of the Commission no later than June 30, 1999.
2. That this order shall become effective on June 24, 1999.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

(S E A L)

Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief 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 14th day of June, 1999.

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