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At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 30th day of September, 1997.

In the matter of St. Joseph Light & Power)
Company's purchased gas adjustment factors to be) Case No. GR-97-206
audited in its 1996-1997 Actual Cost 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 September 11, 1997, carrying an effective date of October 3, 1997. The tariff sheet is designed to change SJLP's Total Purchased Gas Adjustment (Total PGA) factor. The Total PGA factor consists of five separate types of factors. The first is the Regular Purchased Gas Adjustment (RPGA) factor which is designed to recover the current cost of gas delivered to the Company's local distribution system. The second is the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor which represents the annual reconciliation of gas cost revenue recovery with the actual cost of gas. The third is the Refund factor which is designed to distribute to sales customers monies refunded from upstream suppliers and transporters. The fourth is the Take-OR-Pay (TOP) factor which contains the fixed FERC-authorized charges paid by the Company to its wholesale supplier(s). The fifth is the Transition Cost (TC) factor which contains the fixed FERC-authorized TC charges paid to the Company's wholesale supplier(s) or transporter(s). This filing was made to reflect a change in the Total PGA as a result of the initiation of a new Refund factor.

The effect of this change will decrease SJLP's annualized revenues by approximately \$103,000. The impact on a typical residential space heating customer using 42 Ccfs of natural gas in the month of October will be a decrease of \$0.49, or 1.8%.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the

changes in SJLP's Total PGA were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective on October 3, 1997.

Staff stated that SJLP's PGA Clause allows for twenty (20) days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommended that the tariff sheet be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, until the Commission makes its final determinations in Case Nos. GR-96-47 and GR-97-206.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation, 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 3, 1997, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet submitted on September 11, 1997, by St. Joseph Light & Power Company of St. Joseph, Missouri, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on October 3, 1997. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 4

43rd Revised Sheet No. 9.4 Cancelling 42nd Revised Sheet No. 9.4

2. That this order shall become effective October 3, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright

Executive Secretary

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Lumpe, Chm., Crumpton, Drainer, and Murray, CC., Concur.
ALJ: George