# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY May 2, 2001

CASE NO: GM-2001-585

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of	)	
Gateway Pipeline Company, Inc., Missouri	)	
Gas Company and Missouri Pipeline Company	)	Case No. GM-2001-585
and the Acquisition by Gateway Pipeline	)	
Company of the Outstanding Shares of	)	
UtiliCorp Pipeline Systems, Inc.	)	

# ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On April 19, 2001, Gateway Pipeline Company, Inc. (Gateway), Missouri Gas Company (MGC), and Missouri Pipeline Company (MPC) filed a joint application with the Commission seeking either a determination that the Commission is without jurisdiction or, in the alternative, authorization on an expedited basis, for Gateway, to acquire the outstanding shares of UtiliCorp Pipeline Systems (UPL).

According to the application, Gateway and UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) have entered a stock purchase agreement where Gateway has agreed to purchase, and UtiliCorp has agreed to sell, all the outstanding shares of the capital stock of UPL. UPL is, according to the application, the parent and owner of MGC and MPC, which are regulated Missouri utilities. The applicants state that under the transaction the parent of UPL will be changed from UtiliCorp to Gateway with no change in the ownership of MGC or MPC. Applicants state that UPL and Gateway are not public utilities and are not subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

The applicants seek an expedited determination. The Commission's procedures and review regarding the application turn on whether the

Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over the transaction. Therefore, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall, not later than May 14, 2001, file its memorandum of law concerning jurisdiction. Any party may respond to the Staff memorandum not later than ten days after it is filed.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall, not later than May 14, 2001, file its memorandum of law concerning the Commission's jurisdiction regarding the proposed transaction.
- 2. That any party responding to the Staff position shall file its response not later than ten days after Staff files its memorandum.

3. That this order shall become effective on May 2, 2001.

**BY THE COMMISSION** 

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Keith Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 2nd day of May, 2001.

### STATE OF MISSOURI

## OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 2nd day of May 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge