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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Re: Case No. EM-2000-292

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced case on behalf of UtiliCorp United Inc., please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Expedited Treatment.

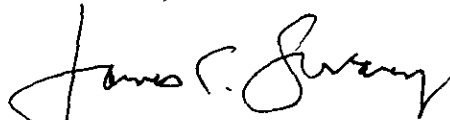
Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:


James C. Swearengen

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Enclosure

cc: All Parties of Record

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
UtiliCorp United Inc. and St. Joseph Light)
& Power Company for authority to merge)
St. Joseph Light & Power Company with)
and into UtiliCorp United Inc. and, in)
connection therewith, certain other related)
transactions)

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MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp"), by and through its counsel, and for its Motion for Expedited Treatment respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. By its Report and Order issued in the captioned-matter on December 14, 2000, to become effective December 27, 2000, the Commission, among other things, approved and authorized the proposed merger of St. Joseph Light & Power Company ("SJLP") with and into UtiliCorp, with UtiliCorp being the surviving corporation. The Commission also authorized SJLP to terminate its responsibilities as a public utility in the State of Missouri as of the effective date of the merger.

2. In the course of said proceeding, UtiliCorp agreed that in conjunction with the merger it would file with the Commission adoption notices whereby UtiliCorp would adopt the tariffs, schedules, rules and regulations of SJLP on file with and approved by the Commission.

3. On December 21, 2000, as agreed to, UtiliCorp caused to be filed with the Commission adoption notices in tariff sheet form, said tariff sheets each bearing a proposed effective date of January 21, 2001, and identified specifically as follows:

PSC Mo. No. 6, Electric, Original Sheet No. 0.1
PSC Mo. No. 4, Gas, Original Sheet No. 0.1
PSC Mo. No. 3, Steam, Original Sheet No. 0.1


This Motion is being filed as soon as possible thereafter.

4. The closing date of the merger between UtiliCorp and SJLP is December 29, 2000 and UtiliCorp will assume the SJLP gas, electric and steam operations as of December 30, 2000. Consequently, UtiliCorp desires that the subject tariff sheets be processed on an expedited basis and be allowed to become effective on December 30, 2000.

5. The requested expedited treatment will not negatively impact any of UtiliCorp's customers, parties to this proceeding or the general public. Said request will, in fact, promote the public convenience and necessity by having on file and open for public inspection tariffs of UtiliCorp, the actual provider of the involved utility services, at the time UtiliCorp commences its operations of the former SJLP properties on December 30, 2000. Said request will also promote efficiency by avoiding the necessity of UtiliCorp filing and the Commission Staff reviewing a complete new set of tariff sheets for each of the involved gas, electric and steam operations.

WHEREFORE, UtiliCorp moves that the Commission process the involved tariff sheets on an expedited basis as requested and allow same to become effective on December 30, 2000, good cause having been shown.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 22nd day of December, 2000, to all parties of record.

