

**STATE OF MISSOURI
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CASE NO: EM-2000-292

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Enclosed find certified copy of a NOTICE in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



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)
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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NOTICE REGARDING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

On December 17, 1999, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a Motion to Consolidate. That motion asked the Commission to consolidate this case with Case No. EM-2000-369, the pending merger between UtiliCorp and The Empire District Electric Company. The Commission would like to have input from possible intervenors in Case No. EM-2000-369 before ruling on the Motion to Consolidate. For that reason, the parties are notified that they may file their response to Public Counsel's Motion to Consolidate no later than January 21, 2000, which is seven days following the deadline that the Commission has established for the filing of requests for intervention in Case No. EM-2000-369.

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BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of December, 1999.

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge