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Re: Case No. EM-2000-292

Missouri Public Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

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Enclosed for filing on behalf of UtiliCorp United Inc., please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion of UtiliCorp United Inc. to Extend Effective Date of Report and Order in the referenced case.

Copies of this filing will be provided to all parties of record.

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,

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All Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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 OF UTILICORP UNITED INC. TO EXTEND EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPORT AND ORDER

COMES NOW, UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp") and for its Motion to Extend the Effective

Date of the Report and Order issued in the captioned matter, states as follows:

- 1. On December 14, 2000, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued its <u>Report and Order</u> in the captioned case. The <u>Report and Order</u> is approximately 45 pages in length containing findings on numerous issues presented for a decision by the Commission.
- 2. The Commission provided for the <u>Report and Order</u> to become effective on December 24, 2000, ten days after the date of issuance. See, ¶ Ordered: 15.
- 3. Inasmuch as December 24, 2000 occurs on a Sunday, the practical effect is to require that any Application for Rehearing filed by UtiliCorp with respect to the Report and Order be filed no later than Friday, December 22, 2000, the last business day immediately preceding the effective date. This only provides for a period of eight (8) days to analyze the Commission's decision and to prepare written exceptions.
- 4. In order that it be given a reasonable opportunity to review the Commission's decision, and to prepare and file an Application for Rehearing as provided for in §386.500, RSMo 1994, UtiliCorp requests that the Commission extend the effective date of the Report and Order an additional three (3) days to Wednesday, December 27, 2000. The three (3) day extension is necessitated by the fact that the

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day immediately following the current effective date is December 25, 2000, Christmas day, a national holiday. By extending the effective date to the 27th, UtiliCorp will be provided an opportunity to prepare and file an Application for Rehearing on Tuesday, December 26, 2000, a day that the Commission's offices will be open for business.

5. UtiliCorp submits that no party will be prejudiced by extending the effective date of the Report and Order by three (3) days to December 27, 2000.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, UtiliCorp United Inc. requests that the Commission extend the effective date of its Report and Order in this case by three (3) days to Wednesday, December 27, 2000 and for such other orders and relief as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

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 15^{+1} day of December, 2000, to all parties of record.