

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: EM-2000-369

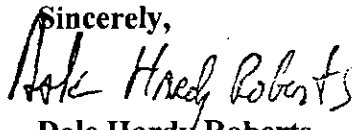
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Enclosed find certified copy of a NOTICE in the above-numbered case(s).

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 The Empire)
District Electric Company for Authority to)
Merge The Empire District Electric 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 15, 1999, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) and The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed a joint application with the Commission for authority to merge Empire with and into UtiliCorp. On December 17, 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-2000-292, the pending merger between UtiliCorp and St. Joseph Light & Power Company. The Commission would like to have input from possible intervenors 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 for filing of requests for intervention as established by the Commission in its Order and Notice issued on December 16.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge