STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY November 9, 2000

CASE NO: GR-2000-520

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

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Public Service's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be) Case No. GR-2000-520
Reviewed in its 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment) Tariff No. 200100527

SECOND ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

On November 6, 2000, UtiliCorp United Inc. d/b/a Missouri Public Service (UtiliCorp or Company) filed a proposed tariff sheet with the Commission, carrying an effective date of November 21, 2000. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in UtiliCorp's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter heating season. The winter heating season includes the months of November through March. Additionally, UtiliCorp's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) and Refund factors changed.

These changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter heating season as follows:

Southern System:

For the Southern System (serving communities such as Sedalia and Clinton), the effect of these changes (PGA, ACA, and Refund) will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.58957 per Ccf from an unscheduled summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.48226 per Ccf.

Northern System:

For the Northern System (serving communities such as Chillicothe and Trenton), the effect of these changes (PGA, ACA, and Refund) will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.67027 per Ccf from an unscheduled summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.59872 per Ccf.

Eastern System:

For the Eastern System (serving communities such as Rolla and Owensville), the effect of these changes (PGA, ACA, and Refund) will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.92690 per Ccf from an unscheduled summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.77026 per Ccf.

On November 8, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation and memorandum stating that the changes in UtiliCorp's PGA factors were calculated in conformance with its Commission-approved PGA Clause. Staff stated that UtiliCorp's PGA Clause allows for ten business days' notice for filings reflecting PGA changes and that UtiliCorp had, consequently, shown good cause for approval of a tariff on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheet for service rendered on and after November 21, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in UtiliCorp's ACA case, Case No. GR-99-394. The Staff also requested that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of the ACA period and

submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before September 1, 2001.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's memorandum and recommendation and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission-approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission shall approve the proposed tariff sheet for service rendered on and after November 21, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the proposed tariff sheet filed on November 6, 2000, by UtiliCorp United, Inc. d/b/a Missouri Public Service is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 21, 2000. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 20th Revised SHEET NO. 43 Canceling 19th Revised SHEET NO. 43 23rd Revised SHEET NO. 44 Canceling 22nd Revised SHEET NO. 44

23rd Revised SHEET NO. 44 Canceling 22nd Revised SHEET NO. 44
13th Revised SHEET NO. 44.1 Canceling 12th Revised SHEET NO. 44.1

2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department shall be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of this ACA period and shall submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before September 1, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 21, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 9th day of November, 2000.

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 9th day of Nov. 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge