

**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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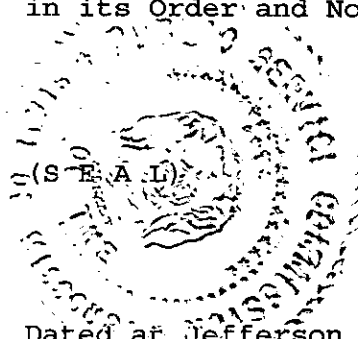
NOTICE REGARDING MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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. Along with their application, UtiliCorp and Empire filed a Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule. The Commission would like to have input from possible intervenors before establishing a procedural schedule. For that reason, the parties are notified that they may file their response to UtiliCorp and Empire's Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule 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
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge


Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of December, 1999.

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

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