

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
February 6, 2001**

CASE NO: GR-99-435

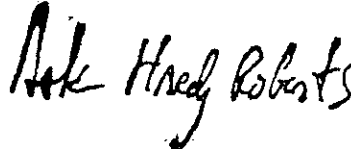
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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Dale Hardy Roberts
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)
Audited in its 1998-1999 Actual Cost)
Adjustment)

Case No. GR-99-435

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SUSPEND ORDER TO FILE
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On December 6, 2000, the Commission issued an order that scheduled a prehearing conference for January 16, 2001, and directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than January 23, 2001. At the prehearing conference, the parties indicated that they had been able to reach agreement on most of the issues regarding the 1998-1999 Purchased Gas Adjustment filings and Actual Cost Adjustment filing of Missouri Public Service, a division of UtiliCorp United Inc. (MPS). However, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) indicated that this case cannot be finally resolved until a pending investigation into UtiliCorp's gas purchasing practices (Case No. GO-2001-249) is completed. On January 23, Staff filed a Motion to Suspend Order to File Proposed Procedural Schedule. No party has filed a response to Staff's motion.

Staff's motion indicates that the results of the ongoing investigation in Case No. GO-2001-249 could significantly affect the 1998/1999 ACA audit for MPS and, therefore, the Staff cannot complete the ACA audit until the results of the investigation are known. Staff argues that because the audit cannot be completed at this time, no meaningful procedural schedule can yet be established. Staff asks that the Commission

indefinitely suspend the requirement that the parties file a proposed procedural schedule.

After considering Staff's motion, the Commission concludes that it should be granted. The Commission will suspend its requirement that the parties file a proposed procedural schedule. In order that the Commission may be kept abreast of developments in this case, Staff will be ordered to file a progress report in 120 days.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Staff's Motion to Suspend Order to File Proposed Procedural Schedule is granted.
2. That the Staff shall file a progress report indicating the status of this case no later than June 6, 2001.
3. That this order shall become effective on February 16, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of February, 2001.

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 6th day of February 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

