

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: EM-2002-297

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Enclosed find certified copy of an 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, flowing style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of UtiliCorp)
United Inc., a Delaware Corporation, for)
Authority to Merge to Effect a Name Change)

Case No. EM-2002-297

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On December 21, 2001, UtiliCorp United Inc. filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission for approval of the merger between UtiliCorp and UtiliCorp Renaming Corporation to effect a name change after the purchase of stock in Aquila, Inc.

Briefly restated, UtiliCorp's application stated that it owned 80% of Aquila. (The Commission notes that UtiliCorp did not give any further information about Aquila.) UtiliCorp outlined its plans to eventually purchase all of the shares of Aquila, merge with Renaming, and then to change the name of the resulting company to an undecided name.

UtiliCorp requested an order no later than January 31, 2002, with an effective date of no later than February 12, 2002: (1) finding that the proposed transaction is not detrimental to the public interest; (2) approving the merger of UtiliCorp and Renaming as set out in UtiliCorp's application; and (3) authorizing UtiliCorp and Renaming to perform in accordance with the terms of the acquisition and to take any action reasonably necessary.

The Commission will order the Staff of the Commission to file a pleading by January 7, 2002, stating whether it will be able to complete its investigation of the proposed transaction and be able to file its recommendation to the Commission in a timely fashion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission must file a pleading by January 7, 2002, stating whether it will be able to complete its investigation of the proposed transaction and be able to file its report by January 18, 2002.
2. That this order will become effective January 13, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of January, 2002.

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 3rd day of Jan. 2002 .

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

