

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
October 3, 2001**

**CASE NO: GR-99-435**

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

Sincerely,

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

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

In the Matter of Missouri Public Services' Purchased )  
Gas Adjustment Factors to be Audited in its ) **Case No. GR-99-435**  
1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment )

**ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE**

This case was opened to receive the 1998-1999 Purchased Gas Adjustment filings and Actual Cost Adjustment filing of Missouri Public Service, a division of UtiliCorp United Inc. On September 1, 2000, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation and memorandum indicating that Staff had reviewed the 1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing of Missouri Public Service. Missouri Public Service responded to Staff's recommendation on October 5, 2000, and Staff replied to Missouri Public Service's response on October 23, 2000.

At a prehearing conference held on January 16, 2001, the parties indicated that they had reached agreement on most of the issues regarding Missouri Public Service's Purchased Gas Adjustment and Actual Cost Adjustment filings. However, the parties could not finally resolve these matters until after completion of an investigation in case number GO-2001-249 regarding UtiliCorp's gas purchasing practices. At the request of the parties, the Commission suspended its requirement that the parties file a procedural schedule and directed Staff to file a status report no later than June 6, 2001.

Staff filed its status report on June 6, and indicated that it anticipated filing its final recommendation on or before August 31, 2001. At the request of Staff, and with the acquiescence of Missouri Public Service, the date for filing of Staff's recommendation was subsequently extended. Staff filed its Recommendation on October 1, 2001.

Staff recommends the Commission issue an order requiring Missouri Public Service to adjust the ACA account balances for each district in the 1998-1999 ACA filing to reflect the ending (over)/under recovery balances per a table contained within Staff's recommendation. The Commission will not reproduce that table in this order because it contains highly confidential information. Staff also recommends that the Commission direct Missouri Public Service to respond to these recommendations within 30 days.

The Commission has reviewed the memorandum filed by Staff and has determined that Missouri Public Service should file a response to Staff's recommendation within 30 days.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Missouri Public Service, a division of UtiliCorp United Inc., shall file a response to the recommendation of the Staff of the Commission no later than November 2, 2001.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 13, 2001.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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**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 3rd day of October, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct. 2001.**

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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

