

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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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 Services' Purchased)
Gas Adjustment Factors to be Audited in its) **Case No. GR-99-435**
1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment)

ORDER SCHEDULING A PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
DIRECTING THE PARTIES TO FILE A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This case concerns the 1998-1999 Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) filing and Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing of Missouri Public Service, a division of UtiliCorp United Inc. (MPS). On October 1, 2001, the Staff of the Commission recommended that the Commission issue an order requiring MPS to adjust the ACA account balances for each of its districts in the 1998-1999 ACA filing to reflect the ending (over)/under recovery balances set forth in a table contained within Staff's recommendation. The Commission directed MPS to respond to Staff's recommendations no later than November 2.

On November 2, MPS filed its response to Staff's recommendations. MPS agrees with Staff's recommendation regarding pricing pipeline imbalances and indicates that there is no dispute regarding reliability issues. MPS does, however, disagree with Staff's recommendations regarding adjustments relating to certain transactions engaged in by MPS. The details of the revenue adjustments proposed by Staff are highly confidential.

So that this matter may promptly be addressed, the Commission will direct the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule leading to a hearing at which all

contested issues may be decided. In order to assist with the development of the procedural schedule, the Commission will schedule a prehearing conference.

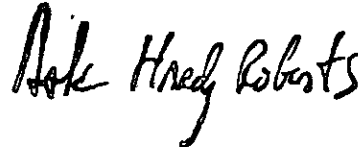
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference shall be held on December 10, 2001, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's offices at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) before the hearing.

2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than December 17, 2001. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and a hearing.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 17, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

(SEAL)

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

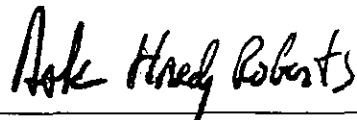
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of November, 2001.

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 Nov. 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

