

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 16, 2001**

CASE NO: EM-2000-369

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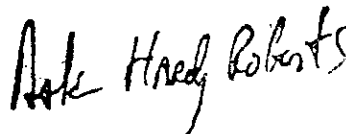
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



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

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 16th
day of January, 2001.

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)	<u>Case No. EM-2000-369</u>
with and into UtiliCorp United Inc., and,)	
in Connection Therewith, Certain Other)	
Related Transactions)	

**ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR REHEARING, MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION AND REQUEST FOR STAY**

On December 28, 2000, the Commission issued a Report and Order with an effective date of January 7, 2001. On January 4, the City of Springfield, Missouri, through the Board of Public Utilities (Springfield), filed an Application for Rehearing, Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Stay.

Section 386.500, RSMo (1994), provides that the Commission shall grant an application for rehearing if "in its judgment sufficient reason therefor be made to appear." The arguments raised by Springfield simply restate the arguments that were previously presented to the Commission and rejected in the Report and Order. In the judgment of the Commission, Springfield failed to establish sufficient reason to grant its Application for Rehearing, Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Stay.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application for Rehearing, Motion for Reconsideration, and Request for Stay filed by the City of Springfield, Missouri, through the Board of Public Utilities, is denied.

2. That this order shall become effective on January 16, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray, Schemenauer,
and Simmons, CC., concur

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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Simmons, Commissioner

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Agenda Date

Action taken:

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Must Vote Not Later Than

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 16th day of Jan. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

