

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 20th
day of May, 1994.

In the matter of the application of UtiliCorp)
United, Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service,)
for permission, approval and a certificate)
of convenience and necessity authorizing it to)
construct, install, own, operate, control,) Case No. GA-94-325
manage and maintain a gas distribution system)
for the public in the City of Rolla, Missouri)
and the surrounding unincorporated area located)
in Phelps County, Missouri.)

ORDER AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On April 15, 1994, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) filed an application with the Commission for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide natural gas service to the City of Rolla, Missouri. On April 22, 1994, the Commission issued a procedural schedule setting an expedited schedule at the request of UtiliCorp, which request was later supported by the City of Rolla.

On May 12, 1994, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion to revise the procedural schedule by moving a portion of the schedule back from July 1994 to October 1994, based on the argument that the Staff cannot meet the requirements of the procedural schedule due to time constraints caused by other pending cases. UtiliCorp responded on May 18, 1994, stating that the Commission should reject the Staff's motion to revise the schedule.

After review of the arguments set out by the parties as to the necessity for expediting this matter, the Commission finds that its original position in this matter, that it is wholly appropriate and in the public interest to expedite this schedule, remains reasonable.

Nonetheless, the Commission will modify the procedural schedule in this case as much as seems prudent without doing damage to the general request of UtiliCorp and the City of Rolla to be allowed, should the Commission approve,

to provide gas service for the 1994-95 heating season. UtiliCorp has stated in its motion to establish a procedural schedule that the requested certificate must have a decision no later than August 15, 1994. The following modified procedural schedule will accommodate that request.

The procedural schedule in this case is therefore modified in the following fashion:

Rebuttal testimony of the Staff, OPC and Intervenors	July 14, 1994
Surrebuttal testimony of UtiliCorp	July 21, 1994
Prehearing Conference, immediately followed by hearing	August 11-12, 1994

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the procedural schedule in this case is amended as follows:

Rebuttal testimony of the Staff, OPC and Intervenors	July 14, 1994
Surrebuttal testimony of UtiliCorp	July 21, 1994
Prehearing Conference, immediately followed by hearing	August 11-12, 1994

The case will be finally submitted on the record at the evidentiary hearing with oral argument to follow and no briefing schedule set. All other matters remain as set out in the order, notice and procedural schedule issued by the Commission on April 22, 1994.

2. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Mueller, Chm., Perkins and
Kincheloe, CC., Concur.
McClure and Crumpton, CC.,
Dissent in Separate Opinion.