

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
September 29, 2000**

CASE NO: EM-2000-369

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

Sincerely,



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

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

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)
with and into UtiliCorp United Inc., and,)
in Connection Therewith, Certain Other)
Related Transactions)

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ORDER ESTABLISHING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

The hearing on this matter concluded on September 15, 2000. At that time the presiding officer announced that a briefing schedule would be established after the transcript was filed. The transcript was filed on September 28.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That each party shall file its initial brief on or before Tuesday, October 31, 2000 at 3:00 p.m.
2. That each party shall file its reply brief on or before Tuesday, November 21, 2000 at 3:00 p.m.
3. That this order shall become effective on October 10, 2000.



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BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of September, 2000.