

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: EM-2000-369

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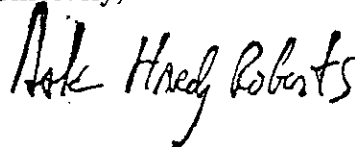
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

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 REGARDING PREHEARING PROCEDURES

This matter is set for hearing on September 11-15, 2000. The issues to be addressed are numerous and the testimony to be presented is extensive. If the hearing is to be completed in the time allotted, it will be necessary to establish certain procedures to avoid using valuable hearing time for resolution of ministerial and procedural matters.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the parties shall pre-mark the exhibits that they wish to offer into evidence. Exhibit numbers are assigned in the following manner:

UtiliCorp United Inc. & The Empire District Electric Co.	Exhibit Nos.	1-99
IBEW	Exhibit Nos.	100-199
Office of the Public Counsel	Exhibit Nos.	200-299
City Utilities of Springfield	Exhibit Nos.	300-399
Department of Natural Resources	Exhibit Nos.	400-499
ICI Explosives and Praxair	Exhibit Nos.	500-599
Union Electric Company	Exhibit Nos.	600-699
Staff	Exhibit Nos.	700-799
Empire Retirees	Exhibit Nos.	800-899

2. That each party shall prepare a list of its pre-marked exhibits and shall submit a copy of that list to each other party and to the regulatory law judge no later than 3:00 p.m. on September 8, 2000. The lists need not be formally filed with the Commission.

3. That this order shall become effective on September 8, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of
Authority Pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of September, 2000.

**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 5th day of September 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

