

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
December 17, 1999**

CASE NO: EM-2000-358

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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 Application of UtiliCorp)	
United Inc. for Authority to Acquire,)	
Indirectly, an Ownership Interest in Companhia)	
Energetia De Pernambuco, an Electric Utility)	<u>Case No. EM-2000-358</u>
Distribution Business Located in Brazil, and)	
to Take All Other Actions Reasonably Necessary)	
to Effectuate Said Transaction.)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On December 3, 1999, UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UtiliCorp), filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to act through its Brazilian subsidiary, UtiliCorp Brazil Energy Holdings, through a bid process, to acquire the capital stock of Companhia Energetia De Pernambuco (CELPE). CELPE is a state-owned electric utility located in Brazil. Due to the bidding timetable for the transaction, UtiliCorp has requested the Commission's action on its application by January 21, 2000.

In order to allow time for the Commission's consideration of the recommendation by the Commission's Staff and a response from the Office of the Public Counsel, if any, the Commission will provide filing deadlines. The Staff will be ordered to file its recommendation no later than January 14, 2000. Any filing concerning the application by the Office of the Public Counsel or any other party shall be filed by the same date.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission file its recommendation concerning the application of UtiliCorp United, Inc., no later than January 14, 2000.
2. That the Office of the Public Counsel and any other party wishing to respond to the application shall do so no later than January 14, 2000.
3. That this order shall become effective on December 17, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

(S E A L)

Keith Thornburg, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1),
(November 30, 1995) and
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

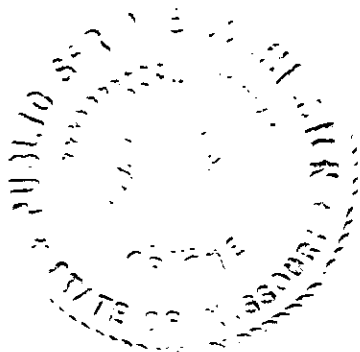
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on this 17th day of December, 1999.

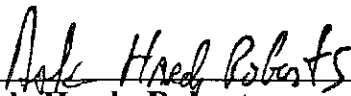
**STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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 17th day of December 1999.**





Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge