BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the application of
Missouri Public Service, a Division of
UtiliCorp United Inc., for permission,
approval and a certificate of convenience)
and necessity authorizing it to construct,
install, own, operate, control, manage
and maintain a gas distribution system
for the public in portions of Petris,
Morgan and Cooper Counties in the state
of Missouri.

Case No. GA-92-269

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

On May 6, 1992, Missouri Public Service, a Division of UtiliCorp United Inc. (MPS or Applicant) filed an Application pursuant to 393.170 RSMo 1986 for permission and a certificate of convenience authorizing it to construct and operate a gas distribution system in portions of Pettis, Morgan and Cooper Counties. On July 23, 1993, the Commission issued a Report and Order in which it granted MPS the certificate of convenience and necessity requested and the order authorized MPS to construct and maintain a gas distribution system as set out in the Application. The July 23, 1993 order further required MPS to file a tariff to set out and include the territory provided for, consistent with the metes and bounds which were filed with the Application, and to also file a rate tariff after the completion of the construction project with the terms and conditions of service.

On June 23, 1994, MPS first filed tariff sheets designed to comply with the provisions of that order. Subsequently, MPS filed various substitute tariff sheets and extended the effective date on July 25, August 30, October 12, November 9, and November 29th of 1994. MPS has now submitted tariff sheets with a proposed surcharge of \$0.040 per Ccf and has

extended the amortization period of the surcharge to eight (8) years stating that it was necessary for MPS to not recover interest expense on the "Excess Investment."

MPS has stated that the total construction cost of the project is now booked at approximately \$1,724,000 with the MPS level of "Justifiable Investment" at \$1,469,000. This yields what MPS quantifies as "Excess Investment" of approximately \$255,000 to be recovered from the surcharge.

MPS has also submitted tariff sheets designed to comply with the requirement that a tariff be filed to set out and include the territory provided for herein consistent with the metes and bounds which were filed with the Application.

On December 5, 1994, the Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) filed its Memorandum in the above-referenced case and stated that the proposed tariff sheets, as filed on multiple occasions, are now consistent with the Commission's order of July 23, 1993. Staff recommends the substituted tariff sheets be approved for service on and after the requested effective date of December 9, 1994. The Commission has reviewed the contents of the file and the Staff recommendation herein and finds that the tariff sheets comply with the requirements of the Commission's Report and Order in this case and will order the tariff approved for service on and after December 9, 1994.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheets initially filed on June 23, 1994, as substituted up to and including tariff sheets filed on November 29, 1994, are hereby approved for service on and after December 9, 1994:

4th Revised SHEET No. 1 Cancelling 3rd Revised SHEET No. 1 Original SHEET No. 1.1 2nd Revised SHEET No. 51 Cancelling 1st Revised SHEET No. 51 2nd Revised SHEET No. 52 Cancelling 1st Revised SHEET No. 52

2. That this order shall become effective on December 9, 1994.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

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Dale Hardy Roberts, Deputy Chief Hearing Examiner, by delegation of authority under Commission Directive of August 16, 1994, pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1986.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 8th day of December, 1994.