

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri)
Public Service, for Permission,)
Approval, and a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing)
it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate,) Case No. GA-95-216
Control, Manage and Maintain a Gas)
Distribution System for the Public)
in the City of Salem, Missouri and)
Certain Other Unincorporated Areas)
Located in Phelps County and Dent)
County, Missouri.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS PURSUANT TO COMMISSION ORDER

On August 8, 1995, the Commission issued its Report and Order in this matter granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to Missouri Public Service (MPS) to provide natural gas service to the City of Salem, Missouri and the surrounding area. As part of that authorization, the Commission ordered MPS to file tariffs in compliance with the Commission's order prior to commencing operations in the service area.

On July 3, 1996, MPS filed tariffs purporting to comply with the Commission's order of August 8, 1995, and designed to provide for the initiation of gas service to the Salem area. The tariffs carry an effective date of August 2, 1996.

On July 10, 1996, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation in this matter. After review of the tariff filing the Staff stated that, while the filing does not strictly comply with the time frame as set out in the Commission's order, the Staff has no objection to the filing, as natural gas should be provided to the Salem area as soon as possible. The Staff recommended that the filing be approved as being in

full compliance with the Commission's order of August 8, 1995, and with less than the normal 30-day notice.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff filing and the Staff recommendation in this matter and finds the tariffs, filed July 3, 1996, by MPS, to be reasonable and in full compliance with the Commission's order of August 8, 1995. The Commission will approve the tariffs for service on or after July 15, 1996.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

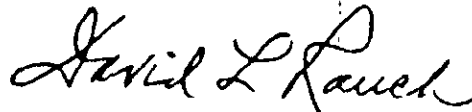
1. That the following tariffs, filed July 3, 1996, by Missouri Public Service of Kansas City, Missouri, are hereby approved for service on or after July 15, 1996:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5

5th Revised Sheet No. 1, cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 1
1st Revised Sheet No. 1.1, cancelling Original Sheet No. 1.1
3rd Revised Sheet No. 44.1, cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 44.1
4th Revised Sheet No. 50, cancelling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 50

2. That this order shall become effective on July 15, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Joseph A. Derque, III, Administrative Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under Commission
directive of January 3, 1995, pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on
this 15th day of July, 1996.