

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
November 8, 2001**

CASE NO: EO-2002-215

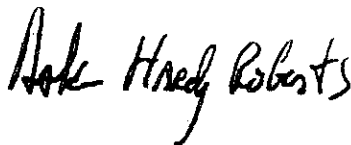
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Enclosed find certified copy of a ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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

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

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

In the Matter of the Application of UtiliCorp)	
United Inc. for Authority to Acquire, the Shares of)	
Avon Energy Partners Holdings and to Take)	<u>Case No. EO-2002-215</u>
All Other Actions Reasonably Necessary to)	
Effectuate Said Transaction.)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On October 30, 2001, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp), filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to acquire the outstanding shares of Avon Energy Partners Holdings. Due to the proposed timetable for the transaction, UtiliCorp has requested the Commission's action on its application by December 15, 2001.

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 November 30, 2001. Any filing concerning the application by the Office of the Public Counsel or any other party shall be filed by the same date.

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 November 30, 2001.

2. That the Office of the Public Counsel and any other party wishing to respond to the application shall do so no later than November 30, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 18, 2001.

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
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

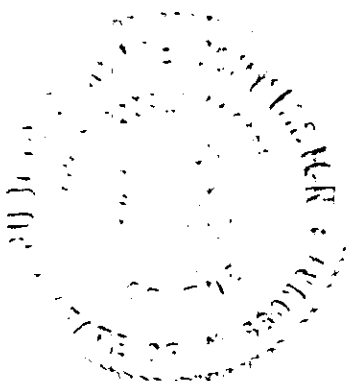
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of November, 2001.

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 8th day of Nov. 2001.





Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge