

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: EM-2000-292

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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 St. Joseph)
Light & Power Company for Authority to)
Merge St. Joseph Light & Power Company)
with and into UtiliCorp United Inc., and,)
in Connection Therewith, Certain Other)
Related Transactions.)

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO ESTABLISH RESPONSE DATE

On November 23, 1999, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) and St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) filed a Motion to Establish Response Date. The motion indicates that UtiliCorp and SJLP would like the opportunity to respond to the Motion to Require Market Power Study filed by the Office of the Public Counsel and to reply to any responses to their own Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule that may be filed by other parties. UtiliCorp and SJLP would like the opportunity to file their responses in a single document. They propose to file this response on December 3, prior to the prehearing conference on December 6.

UtiliCorp and SJLP's motion is reasonable and will allow the Commission to have additional information prior to the prehearing conference. UtiliCorp and SJLP's motion will be granted.

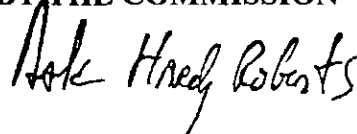
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That no later than December 3, 1999, UtiliCorp United Inc. and St. Joseph Light & Power Company shall respond to the Motion to Require

Market Power Study filed by the Office of the Public Counsel and reply to any responses to their own Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule that may be filed by other parties.

2. That this order shall become effective on December 2, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of November, 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 24th day of November 1999.**



Dale Hardy Roberts

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