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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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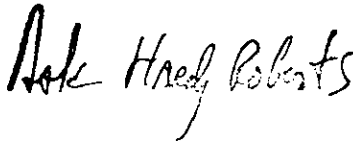
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

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) Case No. EM-2000-292
with and into UtiliCorp United Inc., and,)
in Connection Therewith, Certain Other)
Related Transactions)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE WITNESSES
AND TO FILE RELATED DIRECT TESTIMONY

On April 26, 2000, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) filed a motion asking that the Commission permit Frank A. DeBacker to adopt the previously filed testimony of Robert W. Holzwarth and that Jerry D. Myers be allowed to adopt the previously filed testimony of Dan J. Streek. The motion indicates that Mr. Holzwarth and Mr. Streek have changed job assignments and are no longer available to testify. In addition, the motion seeks leave to file certain additional direct testimony of Mr. DeBacker and Mr. Myers.

4 CSR 240-2.080(16) provides that parties shall be allowed not more than ten (10) days from the date of filing in which to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the commission. More than ten days have passed since UtiliCorp filed its motion and no responses have been filed.

The Commission has considered UtiliCorp's motion and finds that it should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That UtiliCorp United Inc.'s Motion to Substitute Witnesses and to File Related Direct Testimony is granted.
2. That this order shall become effective on May 25, 2000.

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 15th day of May, 2000.

**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 15th day of May 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

