

**STATE OF MISSOURI
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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 STAFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE FILE
STAFF'S INITIAL BRIEF

On September 6, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion asking that the Commission grant it leave to file its initial brief after the September 5 at 3:00 p.m. deadline for filing such brief. Staff's motion indicates that it experienced difficulties in assembling its brief and was unable to complete the brief in time to file it by the deadline. Staff filed its brief on September 6, along with its motion.

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 Staff filed its motion and no responses have been filed.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff's Motion for Leave to Late File Staff's Initial Brief is granted.

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2. That this order shall become effective on September 28, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th of September, 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 18th day of September 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

