

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
February 28, 2002**

**CASE NO: EO-2002-215**

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

**Sincerely,**



**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         ) **Case No. EO-2002-215**  
Partners Holdings and to Take All Other Actions            )  
Reasonably Necessary to Effectuate Said Transaction.     )

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

This order directs the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission to file a response to the First Status Report filed by UtiliCorp United Inc., on February 15, 2002.

In compliance with the Commission's Order Approving Application, UtiliCorp filed a status report. The report states that UtiliCorp has not yet completed the authorized transactions and is working with a new partner, FirstEnergy, to complete the transaction. UtiliCorp recognizes that the Commission has approved a particular set of transactions and that UtiliCorp's new partnership may necessitate the filing of a new application for approval. The Commission refers UtiliCorp to Section 393.190, RSMo 2000, which requires "[e]very sale, assignment, lease, transfer, mortgage, disposition, encumbrance, merger or consolidation" to be authorized by the Commission, and any such transaction not authorized by the Commission "shall be void."

To help determine whether UtiliCorp's new proposal will require it to file a new application with the Commission, Staff will be directed to file a response to UtiliCorp's First Status Report filed on February 15, 2002.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That no later than March 15, 2002, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a response to the First Status Report.
2. That this order shall become effective on March 10, 2002.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

**(SEAL)**

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 28th day of February, 2002.

**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 28<sup>ST</sup> day of February 2002 .

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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

