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

ORDER SHORTENING TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND TO MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER

On June 1, 2000, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Staff of the Public Service Commission, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) and St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) filed a Joint Motion for Modification of Protective Order. The Motion asks the Commission to amend the protective order that was issued in this case to provide that the parties to this merger case may utilize in Case No. EM-2000-369, any data request responses answered by UtiliCorp in this case, as well as data request responses answered by SJLP in this case, which are not designated as Highly Confidential or Proprietary by SJLP, provided that such information is subject to the terms and conditions of the Protective Order issued in Case No. EM-2000-369.

So that it may consider the Joint Motion promptly the Commission will, as permitted by 4 CSR 240-2.080(16), shorten the time allowed for the filing of a response to the Joint Motion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That any party wishing to respond to the Joint Motion for Modification of Protective Order shall do so on or before June 8, 2000.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on June 8, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

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 2nd of June, 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 2^{nd} day of June 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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