

**STATE OF MISSOURI
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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 FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE INITIAL AND
REPLY BRIEFS

On August 23, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion asking that the Commission grant an extension of time to file initial and reply briefs. Staff indicates that the disruption caused by the move of the Commission's office will prevent it from completing its initial brief on schedule. Staff is requesting an additional week for the filing of initial and reply briefs by all parties. Thus, initial briefs would be due on September 5 and reply briefs would be due on September 29. Staff states that it has discussed this motion with all other parties and that none object to the requested extension.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Staff's Motion for Extension of Time to File Initial and Reply Briefs is granted.
2. That Initial Briefs shall be filed by all parties on September 5, 2000.

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3. That Reply Briefs shall be filed by all parties on September 29, 2000.

4. That this order shall become effective on August 28, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of August, 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 23rd day of August 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge