

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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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 MOTION TO EXTEND EFFECTIVE DATE
OF REPORT AND ORDER

On December 14, 2000, the Commission issued a Report and Order with an effective date of Sunday, December 24, 2000. On December 15, 2000, UtiliCorp United Inc. filed a motion asking that the Commission extend the effective date of the Report and Order until Wednesday, December 27, 2000. UtiliCorp's motion indicates that because the current effective date falls on a Sunday it effectively has only eight days to analyze the Commission's decision and to prepare written exceptions.

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

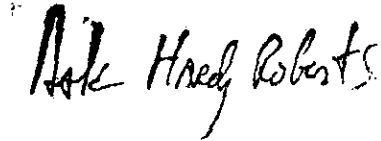
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That UtiliCorp United Inc.'s Motion to Extend Effective Date of Report and Order is granted.
2. That the effective date for the Report and Order issued on December 14, 2000, is extended to December 27, 2000.

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3. That this order shall become effective on December 20, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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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 20th day of December, 2000.

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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 20th day of December 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

