

**STATE OF MISSOURI
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CASE NO: EM-2000-292

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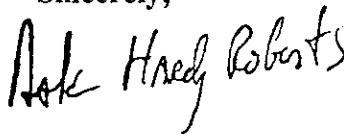
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



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

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 15th
day of June, 2000.

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

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR
MODIFICATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER**

On June 1, 2000, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel), the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff), UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) and St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) filed a Joint Motion for Modification of Protective Order. The Joint Motion requests that the Commission modify the protective order that it has issued in this case to permit the parties to this merger to utilize in Case No. EM-2000-369 (the UtiliCorp-Empire District merger) 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 any such information is subject to the terms and conditions of the Protective Order issued in Case No. EM-2000-369. On June 2, the Commission issued an Order Shortening Time in Which to Respond to Motion for Modification of Protective Order that directed any party wishing to respond to the

Joint Motion to do so on or before June 8. No party has filed such a response.

The Joint Motion indicates that a modification of the protective order is necessary to allow the parties to avoid duplicating their efforts in the two UtiliCorp merger cases that are currently pending before the Commission. The motion indicates that Paragraph S of the Protective Order would prevent the use in the UtiliCorp-Empire District merger case of highly confidential or proprietary information gathered in this case. Thus, unless the Protective Order is modified, the parties would be required to issue data requests in the UtiliCorp-Empire District merger case that would duplicate data requests already answered in this case.

The relief requested in the Joint Motion is reasonable and is not opposed by any party. The Commission will grant the Joint Motion for Modification of Protective Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Joint Motion for Modification of Protective Order is granted.

2. That the Protective Order previously issued in this case is modified to provide that the parties in Case No. EM-2000-292 may utilize in Case No. EM-2000-369 any data request responses answered by UtiliCorp United Inc. in Case No. EM-2000-292, as well as data request responses answered by St. Joseph Light & Power Company in Case No. EM-2000-292 that are not designated as Highly Confidential or Proprietary by St. Joseph Light & Power Company, provided that any such information is subject to

the terms and conditions of the Protective Order issued in Case No. EM-2000-369.

3. That this order shall become effective on June 27, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray, Schemenauer,
and Simmons, CC., concur

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Sec'y: Woodruff/Boyce

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Simmons, Commissioner

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Agenda Date

Action taken: 5-OAS

Must Vote Not Later Than _____

**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 15th day of June 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

