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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,

Ask Hred Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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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Case No. EM-2000-292 Tariff Nos. 200100686 200100687 200100688

ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS

On December 14, 2000, the Commission issued a Report and Order approving a proposed merger between UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) and St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP). On December 22, St. Joseph Light & Power, a division of UtiliCorp United Inc., filed tariff sheets adopting the existing tariff sheets of SJLP. The submitted tariff sheets show an effective date of January 21, 2001. However, along with the tariffs, UtiliCorp filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment asking that the tariffs be approved on an expedited basis and be allowed to become effective on December 30, 2000.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) reviewed the tariff sheets and filed a Recommendation and Memorandum on December 27. Staff indicated that there is good cause for acting on the submitted tariffs in an expedited manner and recommends that the Commission approve the submitted tariff sheets, effective on December 30, 2000.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets, the Motion for Expedited Treatment and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on December 30, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariffs filed by St. Joseph Light & Power, a division of UtiliCorp United Inc., on December 22, 2000, and assigned tariff numbers 200100686, 200100687 and 200100688, are approved to become effective on December 30, 2000. The tariffs approved are:

> P.S.C. Mo. No. 6 (electric) Original Sheet No. 0.1

P.S.C. Mo. No. 4 (gas) Original Sheet No. 0.1

P.S.C. Mo. No. 3 (steam) Original Sheet No. 0.1

2. That this order shall become effective on December 30, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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(SEAL)

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 28th day of December, 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 <u>28th</u> day of December 2000.

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

