

BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the matter of the Joint Application of)
UtiliCorp United, Inc. and The Empire)
District Electric Company for authority to)
merge The Empire District Electric)
Company with and into UtiliCorp United,)
Inc. and, in connection therewith, certain)
other related transactions.)

Case No. EM-2000-369

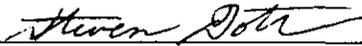
In the matter of the Joint Application of)
UtiliCorp United, Inc. and St. Joseph)
Light & Power Company for authority to)
merge St. Joseph Light & Power)
Company with and into UtiliCorp United,)
Inc. and, in connection therewith, certain)
other related transactions.)

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STAFF MOTION TO LATE FILE

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and requests leave to late file Staff Response To Commission Notices Regarding Motion To Establish Procedural Schedule And Motion To Consolidate. Counsel for the Staff missed the 4:00 p.m. filing deadline due to a number of other filings that were being made this date and other Commission business. Counsel for the Staff apologizes for the delay and the inconvenience that this missed deadline may cause the Commission and the parties. Counsel for the Staff realizes that although service copies will be placed in the U.S. Mail at the same time as if the Staff's pleading had been timely filed, copies placed in the Commissioners', Regulatory Law Judge's, and parties' in-boxes at the Commission will be delayed because of the missed 4:00 p.m. filing deadline. Wherefore Counsel for the Staff asks leave to late-file the Staff Response To Commission Notices Regarding Motion To Establish Procedural Schedule And Motion To Consolidate.

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