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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,

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

ORDER REGARDING PREHEARING PROCEDURES

This matter is set for hearing on July 10-14, 2000. The issues to be addressed are numerous and the testimony to be presented is extensive. If the hearing is to be completed in the time allotted, it will be necessary to establish certain procedures to avoid using valuable hearing time for resolution of ministerial and procedural matters.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the parties shall pre-mark the exhibits that they wish to offer into evidence. Exhibit numbers are assigned in the following manner:

UtiliCorp United Inc. & St. Joseph Light & Power Co.	Exhibit Nos.	1-199
Office of the Public Counsel	Exhibit Nos.	200-299
City Utilities of Springfield	Exhibit Nos.	300-399
Department of Natural Resources	Exhibit Nos.	400-499
AG Processing Inc.	Exhibit Nos.	500-599
Union Electric Company	Exhibit Nos.	600-699



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Exhibit Nos. 700-999

If any party requires additional exhibit numbers it shall add a 1 to the beginning of its assigned numbers. Thus, for example, if Public Counsel has exhibits in addition to exhibit number 299, its next exhibit numbers would be 1200, 1201, 1202, etc.

- 2. That each party shall prepare a list of its pre-marked exhibits and shall submit a copy of that list to each other party and to the regulatory law judge no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 6, 2000. The lists need not be formally filed with the Commission.
- 3. That if any party objects to the admission of any prefiled testimony, it shall file written objections to that testimony no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 5, 2000. Any written objections shall state the nature of, and the basis for, the objection.
 - 4. That this order shall become effective on July 5, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge by delegation of Authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 27th day of June, 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 27th day of June 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge