

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
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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 SHORTENING TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND**  
**TO MOTION FOR A COMMISSION ORDER DIRECTING AN ON THE RECORD**  
**CONFERENCE**

On September 29, 2000, the Staff of the Public Service Commission filed a motion asking that the Commission schedule an on the record conference for October 12, 2000, for the purpose of requiring UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) and St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) to explain the present status of their proposed merger. Staff's motion suggests that a dispute has arisen between UtiliCorp and SJLP that threatens the completion of the merger.

So that it may consider the Staff's motion at its October 5 agenda meeting, the Commission will, as permitted by 4 CSR 240-2.080(16), shorten the time allowed for the filing of a response to Staff's motion.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That any party wishing to respond to the Staff Motion for a Commission Order Directing an On the Record Conference shall do so on or before October 4, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 4, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**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 2nd of October, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Oct. 2000.

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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

