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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service, for Permission, Approval, and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Own, Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline and Related Facilities as a Part of its Distribution System for the Public, in a Portion of Pettis County, Missouri.

Case No. GA-98-509

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

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On May 12, 1998, UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a/ Missouri Public Service (MPS or Applicant) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to own and operate a natural gas transmission pipeline and related facilities, entirely within Pettis County, as a part of its gas distribution system. MPS states that it has entered into an agreement with Williams Gas Pipeline Central, Inc. (Williams) that will transfer approximately 5.8 miles of pipeline to MPS from Williams.

The Commission directed its Records Department and Information Office to send notice of this application, and directed parties wishing to intervene to file an application to intervene no later than July 2.

On June 10, Williams filed an application to intervene. Williams states that, as the seller in the transaction that is the subject of this case, it has an interest in this proceeding which is not similar to the public generally and which cannot be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding. The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene and notes that no party has filed an objection. The Commission finds that the application is in substantial compliance with the Commission's rules regarding intervention. The Commission also finds that the applicant has an interest in this matter different from that of the general public. Therefore, the application to intervene will be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Williams Gas Pipeline Central, Inc. is hereby granted intervention.

2. That this order shall become effective July 13, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief 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 13th day of July, 1998.