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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 Authority to Sell)
a Part of its Franchise, Works or)
System.)

Case No. GM-97-435

ORDER RESETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On April 3, 1997, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) filed an application with the Commission requesting authorization to sell an approximate five mile long, 12-inch in diameter natural gas transmission pipeline to Williams Natural Gas Company. On August 8, 1997, the Commission issued its order suspending the procedural schedule in this matter at the request of the Staff of the Commission. The Commission asked the parties to advise the Commission as to the disposition of this matter no later than September 5, 1997.

On August 28, 1997, the Staff filed a motion for a revised procedural schedule for the litigation of this case. No objections to the Staff motion were filed. The Staff proposed the following schedule:

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| Rebuttal Testimony to be filed by Staff, Office of the Public Counsel and Intervenors | September 30, 1997 3:00 p.m. |
| Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony to be filed by all parties | October 24, 1997 3:00 p.m. |
| Prehearing Conference | November 4, 1997 10:00 a.m. |
| Hearing Memorandum | November 14, 1997 |
| Hearing | November 24-25, 1997 10 a.m. |

The Commission finds the proposed schedule to be reasonable and will adopt it for use in this proceeding. The Commission also advises the parties that, due to the extremely large case load and trial schedule currently before the Commission, the transcript of the evidentiary hearing will be expedited and the briefing schedule will consist of only one round of simultaneous briefs, limited to 35 pages apiece.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is adopted for use in this case:

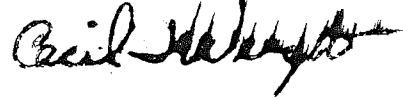
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2. That the transcript of the evidentiary hearing will be expedited and the briefs will be limited to one round of simultaneous briefs of no more than 35 pages apiece.

3. That any person with special needs as addressed by the American with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

4. That this order shall become effective on September 16,
1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Joseph A. Derque III, Administrative
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 16th day of September, 1997.