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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

DEFORE 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 GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE FILE STAFF'S ACCOUNTING SCHEDULES

On May 2, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion asking that the Commission grant it leave to file supporting schedules for its rebuttal testimony after the May 2 at 3:00 p.m. deadline for filing such testimony established by prior Commission order. Staff filed its motion and the schedules in question at approximately 4:00 p.m. on May 2.

4 CSR 240-2.080(16) provides that parties shall be allowed not more than ten (10) days from the date of filing in which to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the commission. More than ten days have passed since Staff filed its motion and no responses have been filed.

The Commission has considered Staff's motion and finds that it should be granted.



IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Staff of the Commission's Motion for Leave to Late File Staff's Accounting Schedules is granted.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on May 25, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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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 15th day of May, 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 $\underline{15}^{th}$ day of May 2000.

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

