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RE: Case No. EM-2000-292

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION RESPECTING ADOPTION TARIFFS FILED BY UTILICORP UNITED INC.**

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Counsel of Record

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BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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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.)

Case No. EM-2000-292

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION RESPECTING
ADOPTION TARIFFS FILED BY UTILICORP UNITED INC.**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and files the instant Staff Recommendation that the Commission grant the Motion For Expedited Treatment filed by UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) and issue an Order approving the adoption tariffs filed by UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) on December 22, 2000. In support of said Staff Recommendation, the Staff states as follows:

1. On December 22, 2000, UtiliCorp filed with the Commission adoption notices in tariff sheet form consistent with its agreement with the Staff that in conjunction with the merger of UtiliCorp and St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP), UtiliCorp would file adoption notices in tariff sheet form whereby UtiliCorp would adopt the tariffs, schedules, rules and regulations of SJLP for its electric, gas, and steam service operations, which are on file with and approved by the Commission.

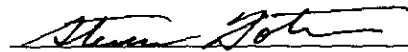
2. The tariff sheets filed on December 22, 2000 bear an effective date of January 21, 2001, but UtiliCorp also filed a Motion For Expedited Treatment, consistent with 4 CSR 240-2.080(17), requesting that for good cause shown, consistent with Section 393.140.11 RSMo

1994, the tariff sheets should be permitted to go into effect on December 30, 2000. UtiliCorp stated as good cause that the merger will close on December 29, 2000 and UtiliCorp will assume the SJLP gas, electric and steam operations as of December 30, 2000. UtiliCorp further stated that expedited treatment will promote the public convenience and necessity and promote efficiency.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the Commission grant UtiliCorp's Motion For Expedited Treatment and authorize the adoption notices in tariff sheet form filed by UtiliCorp on December 22, 2000 to go into effect on December 30, 2000 for the electric, gas and steam operations of the St. Joseph Light & Power Division of UtiliCorp United Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been sent in part by electronic transmission and in entirety by overnight courier or hand-delivery to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 27th day of December 2000.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. EM-2000-292, File Nos. 200100686, 200100687, and 200100688,
St. Joseph Light & Power, a Division of UtiliCorp United, Inc.

FROM: ^{DB} Daniel Beck, Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design

Approved by B. W. Henderson 12/27/00 [Signature] 12/27/00

Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation On Tariff Sheets Filed By St. Joseph Light &
Power, a Division of UtiliCorp United, Inc. in Response to the
Commission's Report and Order

DATE: December 26, 2000

On December 14, 2000, the Commission issued its Report and Order (Order) in Case No. EM-2000-292. This Order authorized St. Joseph Light & Power Company to merge with UtiliCorp United, Inc. In this Order, the Commission discussed an adoption notice in the section titled "B. Proposed Conditions on Approval: Tariff Conditions".

UtiliCorp United, Inc. on behalf of St. Joseph Light & Power, a Division of UtiliCorp United, Inc. (Company) filed tariff sheets on December 22, 2000 in response to the Order. These tariff sheets would add adoption notices to the electric, gas, and steam tariffs of St. Joseph Light & Power Company to reflect the closing of the merger on December 29, 2000.

On December 22, 2000, the Company filed a "Motion of Expedited Treatment" which stated that the requested effective date of December 30, 2000, which would be less than the standard 30 day period, is needed to reflect the completion of the merger. In its letter of transmittal accompanying the December 22, 2000 tariff filing, the Company reiterated the need for expedited treatment.

The Commission's Utility Operations Division Staff (Staff) has reviewed the tariff sheets as filed by the Company on December 22, 2000 and is of the opinion that these sheets are consistent with the Commission's Order. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff sheets on less than thirty days notice is demonstrated. Therefore, Staff recommends the following tariff sheets filed on December 22, 2000 be approved:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6 (Electric)

Original SHEET No. 0.1

P.S.C. MO. No. 4 (Gas)

Original SHEET No. 0.1

P.S.C. MO. No. 3 (Steam)

Original SHEET No. 0.1

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(Original)

SHEET NO. 0.1

(Revised)

Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. _____

(Original)

SHEET NO. _____

(Revised)

**Saint Joseph Light & Power, a division of
UTILICORP UNITED, INC.
KANSAS CITY, MO 64138**

FOR: All Territory Served by Saint Joseph Light & Power

ADOPTION NOTICE
ELECTRIC

Effective December 30, 2000, St. Joseph Light & Power Company ("SJLP"), a Missouri corporation, has merged with and into UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp"), a Delaware corporation, as authorized by the Missouri Public Service Commission in its Case No. EM-2000-292. UtiliCorp is the surviving entity.

Pursuant to the Commission's Report and Order Issued December 14, 2000, in said case, UtiliCorp hereby adopts, ratifies and makes its own in every respect, as if the same had been originally filed by it, all tariffs, schedules, and rules and regulations of SJLP filed with and approved by the Commission before December 30, 2000. UtiliCorp will operate in the area formerly served by SJLP using the name St. Joseph Light & Power.

P.S.C. MO. No. _____

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SHEET NO. 0.1

(Revised)

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Saint Joseph Light & Power, a division of
UTILICORP UNITED, INC.
KANSAS CITY, MO 64138

FOR: All Territory Served by Saint Joseph Light & Power

ADOPTION NOTICE
GAS

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P.S.C. MO. No. _____

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SHEET NO. 0.1

(Revised)

Cancelling P.S.C. MO. No. _____

(Original)

SHEET NO. _____

(Revised)

Saint Joseph Light & Power, a division of
UTILICORP UNITED, INC.
KANSAS CITY, MO 64138

FOR: All Territory Served by Saint Joseph Light & Power

ADOPTION NOTICE
STEAM

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