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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Missouri Public Services's)
Tariff Revisions to be Reviewed in its 1995-)
1996 Actual Cost Adjustment.)

Case No. GR-96-192

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE-FILE
RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

On August 15, 1997, UtiliCorp United Inc. d/b/a Missouri Public Service (MPS) filed a Motion for Leave to Late-File Response to Staff Recommendation. A proposed late-filed response to Staff's recommendation is attached to the motion and designated as Appendix 1.

On July 3, 1997, the Commission issued a Notice which directed MPS to file a response to Staff's recommendation no later than August 4.

The Commission's Notice was sent to Mr. Jeffrey T. Cook, UtiliCorp's Rate Analyst, but MPS was not aware of the Notice because Mr. Cook left his position with UtiliCorp Gas Supply in April, 1997. Staff counsel told MPS personnel about the Notice on August 11, 1997.

MPS requests that the Commission grant MPS leave to late file its response to the Staff Recommendation and accept Appendix 1 as the late-filed response. MPS states that counsel for Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel have both stated that they have no objection to the relief requested in the motion.

The Commission determines that MPS's request is reasonable and it should be granted. Based on MPS's response it appears that there may be issues requiring resolution by the Commission. Thus, the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule or stipulation and agreement no later than September 12, 1997.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Leave to Late-File Response to Staff Recommendation filed by UtiliCorp United Inc. d/b/a Missouri Public Service on August 15, 1997 is granted.
2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule or stipulation and agreement no later than September 12, 1997.
3. That this order shall become effective on August 26, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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Thomas H. Luckenbill, Deputy Chief
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 26th day of August, 1997.