

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 22nd
day of April, 1994.

In the matter of the application of)
UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri)
Public Service, for permission,)
approval, and a certificate of)
convenience and necessity authorizing)
it to construct, install, own, operate,)
control, manage and maintain a gas)
distribution system for the public)
in the City of Rolla, Missouri and the)
surrounding unincorporated area located)
in Phelps County, Missouri.)

Case No. GA-94-325

ORDER, NOTICE AND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On April 15, 1994, UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UtiliCorp) filed an application with the Commission for a certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct, install, own and operate a gas distribution system for the public in the City of Rolla, Missouri, and the surrounding unincorporated area, generally located in Phelps County, Missouri.

Together with its application, UtiliCorp filed a metes and bounds description and plat map of the proposed service area. In addition, a copy of the franchise ordinance authorizing UtiliCorp to operate in the city limits of Rolla and a feasibility study containing plans, specifications and estimated costs of the facilities to be constructed were also filed by UtiliCorp.

UtiliCorp also filed a motion to establish a procedural schedule in order to expedite this application.

Upon review of this filing, the Commission has determined that an expedited proceeding is appropriate, to the extent that the requirements of due process will allow. The Commission will, therefore, set a procedural schedule in this matter as suggested, with some alterations in the suggested dates.

The Commission has also determined that notice of the proposed transaction should be given. The Commission has determined that the information

officer of the Commission should provide notice of the proposed transaction to each newspaper located in Phelps County, Missouri, as listed in the current *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*, and to members of the General Assembly representing Phelps County, Missouri.

The records section of the Commission will serve notice of the proposed transaction to the County Commission of Phelps County, Missouri.

The Commission finds that proper parties should be given the opportunity to intervene in this case. Applications to intervene shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission within 30 days from the effective date of this order. Copies of applications to intervene should be sent to James C. Swearngen, Brydon, Swearngen and England, P.C., P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

In the event no proper party files an application to intervene in this matter, the Commission may allow the applicant to submit evidence by verified application and attachments.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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

Direct testimony and schedules of UtiliCorp	April 29, 1994
Rebuttal testimony of Staff, OPC, and intervenors	June 20, 1994
Surrebuttal of UtiliCorp	June 27, 1994
Prehearing conference followed immediately by hearing	July 11-15, 1994

All testimony and other documents will be filed no later than 3:00 p.m. on the dates indicated above. The prehearing conference and hearing will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the Public Service Commission, Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Room 530, Jefferson City, Missouri.

2. The information officer and the records section of the Commission are directed to send notice as set out above.

3. That any interested party wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 26, 1994, with the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and send notice to those persons set out herein.

4. That the applicant's request for expedited treatment will be granted by the Commission to the extent permitted by due process requirements.

5. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David L. Rauch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Perkins,
Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., Concur.