

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
March 20, 2001**

CASE NO: ET-2001-482

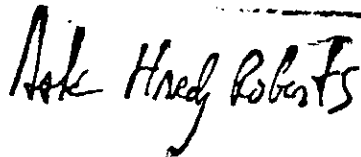
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the name.

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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

In the Matter of UtiliCorp United Inc.'s)	
Tariff Filed to Update the Rules and)	
Regulations for Electric and to Increase)	<u>Case No. ET-2001-482</u>
the Interest Rate Paid on Deposits, the)	<u>Tariff No. 200100849</u>
Late Payment Charge, the Reconnection Fee,)	
and the Charge for Returned Checks)	

ORDER SHORTENING TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND

On March 19, 2001, UtiliCorp United Inc. filed a pleading entitled Suggestions of UtiliCorp United Inc. in Opposition to Office of the Public Counsel's Motion to Dismiss or Suspend. On the same day, the Staff of the Commission filed a pleading entitled Staff Response and Motion to Consolidate. 4 CSR 240-2.080(16) provides that parties are allowed not more than ten days in which to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. So that it may deal with these matters expeditiously, the Commission will shorten the time allowed for the filing of a response to the pleadings filed by UtiliCorp and Staff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That any party wishing to respond to the Suggestions of UtiliCorp United Inc. in Opposition to Office of Public Counsel's Motion to Dismiss or Suspend shall do so on or before March 26, 2001.

2. That any party wishing to respond to the Staff Response and Motion to Consolidate shall do so on or before March 26, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 26, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of March, 2001.

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 20th day of March 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

