

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: GO-2001-249

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

Sincerely,



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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation into Various)
Issues Related to UtiliCorp United Inc.'s Gas) Case No. GO-2001-249
Supply Services Department.)

ORDER DENYING INTERVENTION

On October 16, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) moved the Commission to establish a case in order to investigate certain allegations of impropriety contained in an anonymous letter received by the Chair of the Commission on September 9, 2000. The allegations assert that the Gas Supply Services Department of UtiliCorp United Inc., doing business as Missouri Public Service (UtiliCorp), has engaged in certain improper activities intended to increase corporate profits at the expense of Missouri ratepayers. Staff further stated that it "takes these allegations seriously." On October 31, 2000, UtiliCorp responded to Staff's motion, denying the allegations of impropriety and supporting Staff's motion to open a case. The Commission issued its order establishing this case on November 9, 2000.

On January 23, 2001, the Midwest Gas User's Association (MGUA) filed an Application to Intervene and Statement of Position Regarding Application for Variance in this case. Although the filing in question displays the case number of this docket, it is styled, "In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Application for Variance" Like the style, the text of the filing appears to pertain to some other matter pending before this Commission. The pleading asserts that both this Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (F.E.R.C.) have repeatedly recognized MGUA's standing to intervene in matters pertaining to natural

gas and that intervention in the present matter should be granted because, "[i]nsofar as those variances [i.e., sought by Midwest Gas Energy] reflect funds derived from transportation customers, Midwest participants may be affected by the outcome of this docket[.]" The application in question, which misstates the subject matter of the underlying case and even the identity of the utility concerned, fails to state grounds sufficient to support intervention herein and must be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application to Intervene filed herein by the Midwest Gas Users' Association on January 23, 2001, is denied without prejudice.
2. That this order shall become effective on February 11, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to Section 386.240,
RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of February, 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 1st day of February 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

