

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
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**CASE NO: EM-2000-369**

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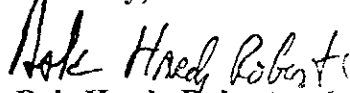
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**Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

Sincerely,



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of     )  
UtiliCorp United Inc. and The Empire         )  
District Electric Company for Authority to     )  
Merge The Empire District Electric Company   )  
with and into UtiliCorp United Inc., and,     )  
in Connection Therewith, Certain Other       )  
Related Transactions.                            )

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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS FOR INTERVENTION**

On December 15, 1999, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) and The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed a joint application with the Commission for authority to merge Empire with and into UtiliCorp. On December 16, the Commission issued an Order and Notice that directed all interested parties to file an application to intervene no later than January 14, 2000. Timely applications requesting intervention were filed by the City of Springfield, Missouri, through the Board of Public Utilities (City Utilities), Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE), the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Praxair, Inc., (Praxair), ICI Explosives USA, Inc., (ICI), and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 1474 (Local 1474).

The Commission has reviewed each of the applications to intervene and finds that each is in compliance with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4). Each of the prospective intervenors has an interest in this matter that is different from that of the general public; City Utilities is a municipality; and granting each of the proposed interventions would

serve the public interest. The Commission concludes that the applications for intervention filed by City Utilities, AmerenUE, MDNR, Praxair, ICI, and Local 1474 should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Application to Intervene of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 1474 is granted.
2. That the Application to Intervene of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is granted.
3. That the Application to Intervene of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE is granted.
4. That the Application to Intervene of the City of Springfield, Missouri, through the Board of Public Utilities is granted.
5. That the Application to Intervene of Praxair, Inc., is granted.
6. That the Application to Intervene of ICI Explosives USA, Inc., is granted.
7. That this order shall become effective on January 31, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

( S E A L )



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

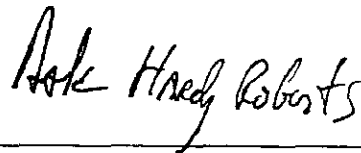
Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 19th day of January, 2000.

**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 19<sup>TH</sup> day of January 2000.



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

