

STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 12th  
day of July, 1988.

CASE NO. GR-88-171

In the matter of the application of  
UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri  
Public Service, for authority to  
implement revised depreciation rates  
for its gas and common properties.

CASE NO. GR-88-194

In the matter of Missouri Public  
Service of Kansas City, Missouri, for  
authority to file tariffs increasing  
rates for gas service provided to  
customers in the Missouri service area  
of the company.

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ORDER PARTIALLY GRANTING MOTION TO COMPEL

On June 27, 1988, the Commission's Staff (Staff) filed a motion to compel UtiliCorp United, Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service (MoPub) to answer 46 data requests tendered by Staff which MoPub had not answered within the 20 days required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090(2).

In addition, Staff requests that the Commission compel MoPub to respond to Data Request 503 to which MoPub has objected on the grounds that it will not lead to the discovery of evidence admissible in this proceeding. In support of its motion to compel an answer to Data Request 503, Staff states that the relationship between MoPub and its parent, UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UtiliCorp), is a central issue in these proceedings including the amount of oversight exercised by UtiliCorp over such activities of MoPub as budgeting and planning. Staff states that, although Data Request 503 involves an electrical generating unit not used in the provision of gas

service by MoPub, it is relevant to the matters at issue in this case because it demonstrates the nature and extent of UtiliCorp's management of MoPub.

On July 6, 1988, MoPub filed its response to Staff's motion to compel stating that the 46 data requests referenced by Staff in their motion to compel have all been answered by July 6, 1988. In addition, MoPub reasserts its objection to Data Request 503 on the grounds that the request for a work order concerning an electrical generating station is not relevant in a natural gas rate case. MoPub further argues that the Commission should reject Staff's argument for the relevancy of Data Request 503. MoPub states that it has explained to Staff informally that there are natural gas work orders that follow the same approval process as associated with Data Request 503 and that if natural gas work orders and approvals are requested they will be provided to Staff.

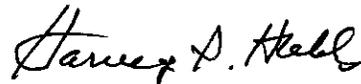
The Commission determines that there is no need to grant the motion to compel as to the 46 data requests which now have been answered. However, the Commission further determines that it should grant the motion to compel as to Data Request 503 on the basis that this data request may lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the motion to compel filed in this case by the Commission's Staff is granted hereby in part as set forth herein.

ORDERED: 2. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



Harvey G. Hubbs  
Secretary

(S E A L)

Steinmeier, Chm., Hendren and  
Fischer, CC., Concur.  
Musgrave, C., Dissents.  
Mueller, C., Absent.