

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
November 9, 2000

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

Uncertified Copies:
To county commissions in Utilicorp's service area

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 9th
day of November, 2000.

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

**ORDER ESTABLISHING CASE
AND DIRECTING NOTICE**

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 has considered Staff's motion, the original allegations contained in the anonymous letter, and UtiliCorp's response. The Commission concludes that an investigation of the allegations would serve the public interest and should be pursued.

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for leave to intervene. The Commission finds that notice of this order should be sent to all county commissions located in UtiliCorp's Missouri service area, to the members of

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the General Assembly who represent the residents of UtiliCorp's Missouri service area and to the media.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Establish Case filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission on October 16, 2000, is granted.

2. That Case No. GO-2001-249 is hereby established for the investigation, by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, of certain allegations contained in an anonymous letter received by the Chair of the Commission on September 9, 2000.

3. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice of this order to all county commissions of Missouri counties located within the Missouri service area of UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service.

4. That the Commission's Public Information Officer shall provide notice of this order to the media and to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing residents of the Missouri service area of UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service.

5. That any party wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application, no later than November 29, 2000, with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

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and to:

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6. That this order shall become effective on November 19, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray,
Schemenauer, and Simmons, CC., concur.

Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Att/Sec'y: Thompson / Pope

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SLP
Lampe, Chair

MLD
Draimer, Vice Chair

EW
Murray, Commissioner

AS
Schemenauer, Commissioner

KS
Simmons, Commissioner

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Agenda Date Nov. 12

Action taken: 5-0-AS

Must Vote Not Later Than _____

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 9th day of Nov. 2000.

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

