

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: John Wine, Chair
 Cynthia L. Claus, Commissioner
 Brian J. Moline, Commissioner

In the Matter of the Filing of Written)
Documents and Gas Purchase Reports by)
UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Peoples Natural)
Gas Company and Kansas Public Service) Docket No. 02-UTCG-371-GPR
Company, as Prescribed by Commission)
Order dated June 21, 2001 in Docket No.)
106,850-U/75-GIMC-009-GIG.)

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION
TO CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD**

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds as follows:

I. BACKGROUND

1. On November 16, 2001, UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Peoples Natural Gas Company and Kansas Public Service Company (UtiliCorp) filed its Application requesting the Commission to open a utility-specific docket for UtiliCorp to utilize in filing its monthly contract summary filings and its annual written report relating to supply and transportation contracts and purchasing practices. UtiliCorp's Application was filed in accordance with the Order issued by the Commission in KCC Docket No. 106,850-U/75-GIMC-009-GIG on June 21, 2001.

2. On December 13, 2001, Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) filed with the Commission a Petition to Intervene seeking a Commission order granting CURB leave to

intervene as a party in this matter. There has been no objection to CURB's petition to intervene.

3. In support of its Petition to Intervene, CURB states the following:

a) CURB is composed of five volunteer consumer advocate members and is statutorily authorized to represent the interests of Kansas residential and small commercial ratepayers in utility proceedings;

b) CURB's Consumer Counsel has been given the discretion to intervene and represent the interests of Kansas residential and small commercial ratepayers in any utility proceeding before the Commission under K.S.A. 66-1223 *et seq.*;

c) CURB is requesting permission to intervene in this docket to represent the interests of the residential and small commercial ratepayers involved in this proceeding;

d) The service received by those customers whom CURB represents will or may be affected by the Commission's order or activity in this proceeding;

e) The representation of CURB's interests in this proceeding by existing parties is or may be inadequate;

f) The residential and small commercial ratepayers whose interests CURB represents will or may be bound by a Commission order or activity in this proceeding and will or may be adversely affected thereby.

II. DISCUSSION

4. The general criteria governing intervention is set by statute and in the Commission's rules and regulations, specifically K.S.A. 77-521 and K.A.R. 82-1-225. These authorities provide the Commission great discretion regarding intervention, essentially allowing the Commission to grant intervention if it is determined that the request was made in the interest

of justice and will not delay the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding. Further, K.S.A. 77-521 and K.A.R. 82-1-225 provide that: a) the intervenor's participation may be limited to designated issues in which the intervenor has a particular interest; b) the intervenor's use of discovery, cross-examination and other procedures may be limited so as to promote the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings; and c) two or more intervenors may be required to combine their presentations of evidence and argument, cross-examination, discovery and other participation in the proceedings.

5. The Commission finds that Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board, the agency statutorily authorized to represent the interests of residential and small commercial ratepayers in Kansas, properly filed its petition to intervene and states facts demonstrating that its legal interests may be substantially affected by this proceeding. Therefore, the Commission grants full intervention to CURB. CURB is reminded that the Commission may, at any time, limit their participation in this proceeding, including the use of discovery, cross-examination and other procedures so as to promote the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

(A) The petition to intervene filed by Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board is hereby granted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521 and K.A.R. 82-1-225 as set forth in this Order.

(B) Any party may file a petition for reconsideration of this Order within fifteen (15) days of the date this Order is served. If service is by mail, service is complete upon mailing and three days may be added to the above time frame.

(C) The Commission retains jurisdiction of the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order or orders as it may deem necessary.

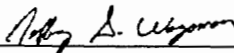
BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Wine, Chr.; Claus, Com.; Moline, Com.

Dated: JAN 04 2002

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Executive Director

Jeffrey S. Wagaman
Executive Director

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