

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
UTILICORP UNITED INC. FOR A STATEMENT)
TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE)
COMMISSION REGARDING INVESTMENT IN A)
FOREIGN UTILITY)

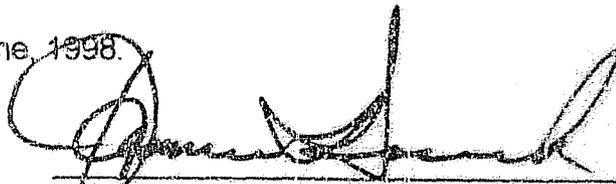
STAFF
RECOMMENDATIONS

NG98-005

Commission Staff recommends granting a letter of certification with the following conditions:

1. This certification is limited to the proposed UtiliCorp foreign utility company investments in the filing with a maximum amount to be spent thereon being five hundred million United States dollars.
2. In the event UtiliCorp acquires interests in foreign utility companies and the sum total of these acquisitions exceed the amount of five hundred million United States dollars upon which this certification is premised, UtiliCorp shall provide advance notification to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission of its intent to acquire those interests in foreign utility companies and it shall obtain separate certification for any such additional investment.
3. UtiliCorp will not encumber any South Dakota property because of these foreign investments.
4. Neither UtiliCorp nor any of its current or future subsidiaries or affiliates will ever seek to recover, either directly or indirectly, from South Dakota ratepayers through any regulated utility rates of any costs, expenses or losses of any nature whatsoever which may result from this or any other investment in foreign utility companies.
5. This certification is conditioned on and subject to being removed or withdrawn at any time by the Commission as to any future foreign utility company investments if the Commission deems such action is warranted.

Dated this 8th day of June, 1998.

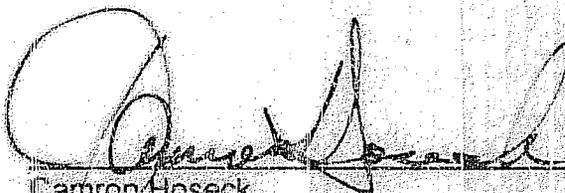


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of Staff Recommendations was served on the following by facsimile and by mailing the same to him by United States Post Office First Class Mail, postage thereon prepaid, at the address shown below on this the 8th day of June, 1999.

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