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Mr. Don Lininger
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 Service Commission**

Subject: Lexington Former Manufactured Gas Plant #2 Site
 Docket No. CERCLA-7-2000-0020
 Paragraph 27 - Work to be Performed

Dear Mr. Lininger:

UtiliCorp United, Inc., completed the purchase of the former Lexington MGP property in late December 2000. With this transaction, we have successfully obtained access to the two properties that historically contained the MGP facilities.

Section 7.0 of the approved workplan outlines the proposed schedule for the RSE project. The initial activity includes a detailed site survey beginning 30 days after obtaining site access. A recent site visit was not very useful, as the site remained snow-covered. Our consultant, Burns and McDonnell, is currently in the process of retaining a qualified surveyor to begin the work in early to mid-February, weather permitting. We will continue to provide detailed updates on the project schedule, and will resume monthly progress reports in February 2001.

Please direct any comments or questions to my attention. If you have any questions concerning this submittal or the project in general, do not hesitate to contact me at (816) 737-7408.

Sincerely,

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