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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find an original and eight copies of Aquila's Response to Staff Recommendation.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

Gary W. Duffy

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FILED³ OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI JUL 2 4 2002

In the matter of the Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors of UtiliCorp United Inc.,)	Missouri Public Service Commission
d/b/a St. Joseph Light & Power Company to be Audited in its 2000-2001 Actual Cost) }	Case No. GR-2001-497
Adjustment.)	

Response to Staff Recommendation

Comes now Aquila, Inc., formerly known as UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a St.

Joseph Light & Power Company, and for its response to the Staff Recommendation filed on June 28, 2002, in this proceeding respectfully states as follows:

Aquila, Inc. has reviewed the Staff recommendations. Since the Staff made no adjustments in the filing submitted by the company and has correctly reproduced them, Aquila is in agreement with the Staff recommendation. Accordingly, Aquila recommends that the Commission issue an order establishing the balances as contained in the recommendation and, since there is nothing further to be considered in this case, issue an order closing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was hand-delivered on July 24, 2002 to the following:

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