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**Re: UtiliCorp United Inc.  
Case No. EM-2002-297**

**Missouri Public  
Service Commission**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of UtiliCorp United Inc., enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Notice to the Commission Concerning Staff's Recommendation. Copies have also been hand-delivered to the Office of the Public Counsel this date. A receipt copy is also enclosed, which I ask that you file stamp and return with the messenger delivering same.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND, P.C.

By:

  
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. David A. Meyer  
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of UtiliCorp                     )  
United Inc., a Delaware Corporation, for                     ) Case No. EM-2002-297  
Authority to Merge to Effect a Name Change.                     )

**NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION CONCERNING**  
**STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp"), by counsel, and with respect to the Staff Recommendation filed on February 4, 2002, states as follows:

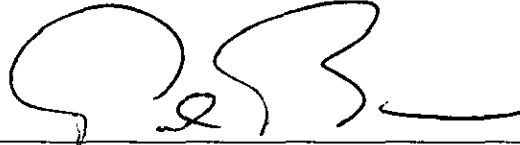
1. Staff has recommended the Commission approve UtiliCorp's Application in this case subject to four conditions enumerated and set forth in the accompanying Memorandum. Those four conditions are restated in ¶4 of the Staff Recommendation.

2. UtiliCorp has reviewed the proposed conditions. Based on that review, UtiliCorp states it has no objection to the Commission imposing the four conditions recommended by Staff in an order approving the Application.

3. UtiliCorp also wishes to take this opportunity to clarify a statement contained in its January 22, 2002, Motion for Reconsideration by the Commission. In ¶10, UtiliCorp indicated that it has no plans to cease using its divisional operating names, Missouri Public Service and St. Joseph Light & Power. While it is true that the name change merger which is the subject of this case does not provide for a change in divisional names, independent of this proceeding, UtiliCorp for some time has been considering plans that may result in a change of the names under which it does business in the State of Missouri. If and at such time any such plan is put into effect, UtiliCorp will notify the Commission following the customary practice for doing so.

WHEREFORE, having fully responded to the Staff Recommendation and other matters as aforesaid, UtiliCorp renews its request for approval of its Application in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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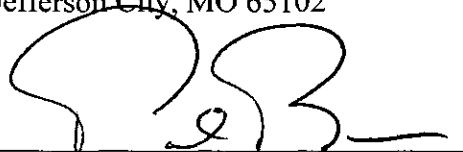
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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002, to:

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