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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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**Re: UtiliCorp United Inc.
Investment in AlintaGas Limited
Case No. GM-2000-637**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of UtiliCorp United Inc., I deliver herewith and original and fourteen (14) copies of UtiliCorp's Motion for Expedited Consideration. I would appreciate it if you would see that copies are distributed to the appropriate Commission personnel. Service copies have been mailed or hand-delivered this date.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of the document which I request that you stamp "Filed" and return to the person delivering it to you.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:


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cc: The Office of the Public Counsel

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION APR 13 2000
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of UtiliCorp)
United Inc. for Authority to Acquire, Indirectly,)
an Ownership Interest in AlintaGas Limited,)
and to Take All Other Actions Reasonably)
Necessary to Effectuate said Transaction.)

Case No. GM-2000-637

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

COMES NOW UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp"), and for its Motion for Expedited Consideration of its Application for approval to acquire, indirectly, up to and including 45% of the capital stock of AlintaGas Limited ("AlintaGas"), states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On April 11, 2000, UtiliCorp caused to be filed with the Commission an Application in the captioned matter. The Application seeks an Order authorizing UtiliCorp to acquire, indirectly, up to and including 45% of the capital stock of AlintaGas, an Australian natural gas distribution, retail and marketing business being privatized by the West Australian Government. In its Application, UtiliCorp has requested an Order authorizing the described transaction, said Order bearing an effective date of no later than June 8, 2000.

2. The reason for having an order by that date is to enable UtiliCorp, through a subsidiary or subsidiaries, to place an unqualified final bid in accordance with the timetable for bids set forth in paragraphs 7 and 10 of the Application.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, UtiliCorp requests that the Commission direct that this matter be given expedited consideration such that an Order by the Commission approving Southern Union's Application may issue no later than May 26, 2000, bearing an effective date of no later than June 8, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

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 13th day of April, 2000, to:

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