STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY December 31, 2001

CASE NO: EC-2002-277

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Enclosed find certified copy of an NOTICE in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Koberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Coalition for Fair Compe	tition,)
V	Complainant,))) <u>Case No. EC-2002-277</u>
Missouri Public Service, a Division UtiliCorp United Inc.	n of	
	Respondent.)

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

Legal Department
Missouri Public Service, a Division of
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and

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CERTIFIED MAIL

On December 12, 2001, the Missouri Coalition for Fair Competition filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Missouri Public Service (MPS), a division of UtiliCorp United Inc., a copy of which is enclosed. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.070, Respondent MPS shall have 30 days from the date of this notice to file an answer or to file notice that the complaint has been satisfied.

In the alternative, the Respondent may file a written request that the complaint be referred to a neutral third-party mediator for **voluntary mediation** of the complaint. Upon receipt of a request for mediation, the 30-day time period shall be tolled while the Commission ascertains whether or not the Complainant is also willing to submit to voluntary mediation. If the Complainant agrees to mediation, the time period



submit to voluntary mediation. If the Complainant agrees to mediation, the time period within which an answer shall is due shall be suspended pending the resolution of the mediation process. Additional information regarding the mediation process is enclosed.

If the Complainant declines the opportunity to seek mediation, the Respondent will be notified in writing that the tolling has ceased and will also be notified of the date by which an answer or notice of satisfaction must be filed. That period will usually be the remainder of the original 30-day period.

All pleadings (the answer, the notice of satisfaction of complaint or request for mediation) shall be mailed to:

Secretary of the Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

A copy shall be served upon the Complainant at the Complainant's address as listed within the enclosed complaint. A copy of this notice has been mailed to the Complainant.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 31st day of December, 2001.

Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge

Copy to:

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