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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Case No. EM-2000-369

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced case on behalf of UtiliCorp United Inc. and The Empire District Electric Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Notice.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

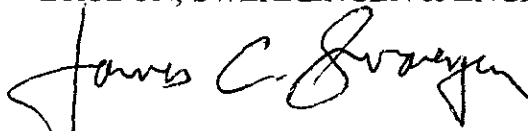
A copy of this filing is being provided to all parties of record.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:


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Enclosure

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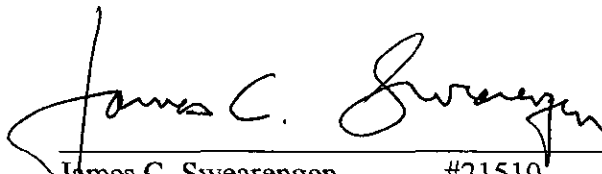
In the matter of the Joint Application of)
UtiliCorp United Inc. and The Empire)
District Electric Company for authority to)
merge The Empire District Electric)
Company with and into UtiliCorp United)
Inc. and, in connection therewith, certain)
other related transactions.)

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NOTICE

COME NOW UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp") and The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") and for their Notice state that on January 2, 2001, UtiliCorp notified Empire that it had terminated the merger agreement between the two companies, which merger is the subject of the captioned-matter. As a consequence, the merger has not been accomplished and UtiliCorp and Empire have no present intent to merge.

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 7TH day of February, 2001, to all parties of record.

James C. Swanson