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P.O. Box 360
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**Re: UtiliCorp United Inc.
Investment in Electric Utility Distribution Business in Brazil
Case No. EM-2000-358**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of UtiliCorp United Inc., I deliver herewith fourteen (14) copies of UtiliCorp's Notice to the Commission. 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:


Paul A. Boudreau

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cc: The Office of the Public Counsel

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of the Application of)
UtiliCorp United Inc. for authority to)
acquire, indirectly, an ownership)
interest in Companhia Energetia De)
Pernambuco, an electric utility)
distribution business located in)
Brazil, and to take all other actions)
reasonably necessary to effectuate said)
transaction.)

Case No. EM-2000-358

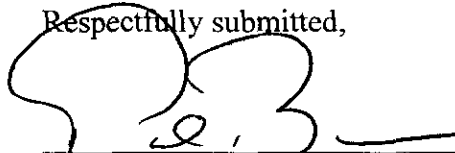
NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION

COMES NOW UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp"), Applicant in the captioned matter, and states to the Commission as follows:

1. On January 21, 2000, the Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation to the Commission that UtiliCorp's December 3, 1999, Application, as amended, be approved subject to six (6) conditions. UtiliCorp confirms Staff's representation that UtiliCorp will not be filing a reply to Staff's Recommendation.

2. UtiliCorp further confirms that counsel for Staff discussed with the undersigned the alternative dates for issuance of an order, and the effective date thereof, as set forth in paragraph 4 of Staff's January 21, 2000, Motion to Late File Recommendation and Staff Suggestions for Further Processing UtiliCorp's Application, and that said dates are acceptable to UtiliCorp.

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 25th day of January, 2000, to:

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