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RE: Case No. EM-2000-369 – 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

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original non-proprietary and eight highly confidential (8) conformed copies of **REPLACEMENT PAGES FOR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF STAFF WITNESS DAVID W. ELLIOTT and MOTION TO STRIKE CERTAIN EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC RATE CASE DIRECT, SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT AND SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY AND ESTABLISH A SEPARATE CASE IN-SERVICE CRITERIA, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PERMIT SUBSTITUTION OF STAFF REPLACEMENT PAGES ON THE ISSUE OF INSERVICE CRITERIA.**

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure  
cc: Counsel of Record