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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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**RE: UtiliCorp United Inc.,
Case No. GA-2002-285**

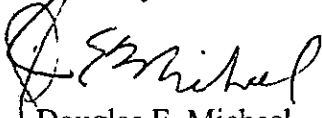
Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced case, please find the original and 8 copies of **Office of the Public Counsel's Response to Staff Memorandum and Recommendations**. Please "file stamp" the extra-enclosed copy and return it to this office. I have on this date mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered the appropriate number of copies to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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cc: Counsel of record

Enclosure

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of UtiliCorp)
United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service and)
St. Joseph Light & Power Company for an) Case No. GA-2002-285
accounting authority order relating to Commission)
Rule 4 CSR 240-13.055(13).)

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S
RESPONSE TO STAFF MEMORANDUM AND RECOMMENDATION**

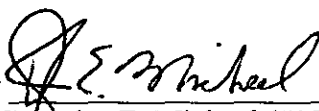
COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") and for its Response to Staff Memorandum and Recommendation states as follows:

1. Public Counsel supports the Staff Memorandum and Recommendation.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests the Commission adopt Staff's recommendation as set out in Staff Memorandum and Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to the following counsel of record on this 8th day of January, 2002.

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