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Amended and Restated November 20, 2008

Mr. Michael Earnest Summit Utilities, Inc. 7810 Shaffer Pkwy, Suite 120 Littleton, CO 80127

Re: **Obligations**: \$4,670,000 Summit Utilities, Inc. Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds

(Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. Project) Series 2008B Due: April 1, 2038

Credit Support Provided by: U.S. Bank National Association

Dear Mr. Earnest:

Pursuant to your request for a Standard & Poor's rating on the above-referenced bonds, we have reviewed the information submitted to us and, subject to the enclosed *Terms and Conditions*, have assigned both a long-term and a short-term rating of "AA+/A-1+". The payment of principal and interest on the above-referenced obligations is unconditionally supported by a letter of credit issued by U.S. Bank National Association. The long-term rating reflects our assessment of the likelihood of repayment of principal and interest to maturity based primarily on the credit support of the bank providing the letter of credit. The short-term rating reflects the likelihood of repayment based on the availability of the letter of credit for optional and mandatory tenders. The rating, which is applicable to the Weekly and Monthly Modes, will expire on November 24, 2011.

The rating is not investment, financial, or other advice and you should not and cannot rely upon the rating as such. The rating is based on information supplied to us by you or by your agents but does not represent an audit. We undertake no duty of due diligence or independent verification of any information. The assignment of a rating does not create a fiduciary relationship between us and you or between us and other recipients of the rating. We have not consented to and will not consent to being named an "expert" under the applicable securities laws, including without limitation, Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933. The rating is not a "market rating" nor is it a recommendation to buy, hold, or sell the obligations.

This letter constitutes Standard & Poor's permission to you to disseminate the above-assigned rating to interested parties. Standard & Poor's reserves the right to inform its own clients, subscribers, and the public of the rating.

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<u>Binding Effect</u>. This Agreement shall be binding on, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.

<u>Severability</u>. In the event that any term or provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, then the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected, impaired, or invalidated, and each such term and provision shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

<u>Complete Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the complete agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter. This Agreement may not be modified except in a writing signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

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