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RE: Case No. GR-99-435

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of **STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF REPORT FILING DATE**.

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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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of Missouri Public Services')	
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be Audited)	Case No. GR-99-435
In its 1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment)	

STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF REPORT FILING DATE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Staff") and states:

1. UtiliCorp United Incorporated ("UtiliCorp") is a Missouri regulated electrical and gas corporation, doing business as a Missouri Public Service Company. §386.250, §393.140, RSMo 2000.

2. On June 6, 2001, the Staff filed a status Report regarding its review of the 1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment filing of Missouri Public Service Company.

3. On June 11, 2001, the Commission issued its Notice Acknowledging Filing of Status Report. The Commission noted Staff's intent to file its final recommendation on August 31, 2001.

4. On August 8, 2001, the Staff filed a request for a partial extension of its Report due date of August 31, 2001, in GO-2002-49. GO-2002-49 is an investigation into certain aspects of the operations of the Gas Supply Services Department of UtiliCorp in Missouri.

5. As a result of its investigation case, Staff has recently become aware of matters that compel Staff to seek an extension of the extension of the August 31, 2001, filing date of Staff's final recommendation in this case. Staff has recently received information regarding events occurring in Minnesota's concurrent investigation that may have some significant bearing on the

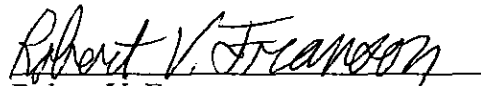
subject of puts and calls that will be an integral part of Staff's Report in GO-2002-49 and in this case. Staff has just, during the week of August 6-10, 2001, arranged to see certain documents that had to be viewed on the premises of UtiliCorp. Staff has also returned to Omaha on two separate occasions since June 14, 2001. Staff also believes that this new information may have some impact on its Staff Recommendation in GR-99-435.

6. The Office of the Public Counsel supports this Request.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting Staff's Request for Extension of Time to file its final Staff Recommendation until September 30, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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