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RE: Case No. EO-2001-477 – In the Matter of the Application of UtiliCorp United Inc. under Section 32(k) of the Public Utilities Holding Company Act of 1935 concerning Service Agreement No. 2 between MEP Pleasant Hill, L.L.C. and UtiliCorp United Inc. d/b/a Missouri Public Service.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF STATUS REPORT**.

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

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service)

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STAFF STATUS REPORT

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) in response to the Order Directing Filing issued on April 9, 2001 by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission). The Commission directed the Staff to file a status report no later than April 19, 2001 notifying the Commission when the Staff proposes to file its recommendation and memorandum regarding the Application of UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service for a Commission Order making Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA) Section 32(k) determinations respecting Service Agreement No. 2 (SA2) between UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service and MEP Pleasant Hill, L.L.C. (MEPPH).

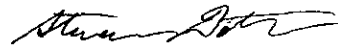
The Staff has concerns regarding whether the "Contract Price" specified in SA2 is in conformance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.015(2)(A)(1) respecting "Affiliate Transactions." Due to the press of other Commission proceedings and matters, the Staff has not yet communicated its concerns to UtiliCorp, but proposes to do so and discuss these concerns with UtiliCorp before the Staff files its recommendation. The Staff proposes to submit no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 27, 2001 its recommendation respecting UtiliCorp's request for PUHCA Section 32(k) determinations relating to SA2.

Wherefore the Staff submits the instant Status Report in response to the Commission's April 9, 2001 Order Directing Filing.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 19th day of April 2001.



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