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1 Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Frank A. DeBacker and my business address is 10700 East 350 Highway,
3 Kansas City, Missouri 64138.

4 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

5 A. I am employed by UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp") as Vice President, Fuel and Purchased
6 Power, in its domestic regulated electric utility operations.

7 Q. Please describe your responsibilities in that position.

8 A. Within its domestic regulated electric utility operations, UtiliCorp has functionally separated
9 the supply of electric energy from the transmission and distribution of that energy. I am
10 employed within the energy supply operation. My major responsibility is the procurement
11 of additional supplies of capacity and energy through intermediate and long term Purchased
12 Power Agreements. In addition, I am responsible for the supply side planning function for
13 UtiliCorp's electric utility operations. Finally, I am also responsible for the procurement of
14 coal fuel supplies for UtiliCorp's coal fired generation facilities in Missouri and Colorado.

15 Q. What are your educational qualifications, training, and experience?

16 A. I hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Wichita State University
17 and have twenty-seven years of experience in regulated utility operations. I began my electric
18 utility career in 1972 with the Central Kansas Power Company (now Midwest Energy) in

1 Hayes, Kansas. In 1985, I joined CENTEL Corporation's Colorado electric operations as
2 engineering manager. The CENTEL electric operations in Colorado and Kansas were
3 purchased by UtiliCorp in 1991 and are now the West Plains Energy Division of UtiliCorp.
4 Since 1991, I have held various positions within UtiliCorp in the areas of engineering,
5 system operations, system planning, new plant development and fuel procurement for
6 UtiliCorp's U.S. regulated electric operations. I have been in my current position since 1997.

7 Q. What is the purpose of this testimony?

8 A. Mr. Robert W. Holzwarth, who filed direct in this case on October 19, 1999, has been
9 transferred to a new work location in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Consequently, he will no
10 longer be available to participate in this proceeding. Therefore, I propose to adopt Mr.
11 Holzwarth's testimony as my own and have prepared this testimony to be substituted for all
12 of page one and lines 1 through 11 of page two of Mr. Holzwarth's direct testimony. I am
13 prepared to undergo cross examination and answer questions the parties and the Missouri
14 Public Service Commission may have regarding the subject matter of said direct testimony.

15 Q. Does that complete your testimony?

16 A. Yes.