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Mr. Dale H. Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: **Missouri Public Service division of UtiliCorp United**
Case No. ER-2001-294

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed are the original and eight (8) conformed copies of a pleading, which please file in the above matter and call to the attention of the Commission.

An additional copy of the material to be filed is enclosed, which kindly mark as received and return to me in the enclosed envelope as proof of filing.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely yours,

FINNEGAN, CONRAD & PETERSON, L.C.

By: 

Stuart W. Conrad

SWC:s
Enclosures
cc: All Parties

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the Tariff Filing)
of UtiliCorp United Inc. d/b/a)
Missouri Public Service Company for)
an automatic natural gas adjustment)
clause)

ER-2001-294

RESPONSE BY JOINT INTERVENORS
SEDALIA INDUSTRIAL ENERGY USERS' ASSOCIATION,
WIRE ROPE CORPORATION OF AMERICA, INC. AND
TRANSWORLD AIRLINES, INC.
TO
STAFF PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW Joint Intervenor SEDALIA INDUSTRIAL ENERGY
USERS' ASSOCIATION ("SIEUA"), WIRE ROPE CORPORATION OF AMERICA,
INC, ("Wire Rope") and TRANSWORLD AIRLINES, INC. ("TWA") and
respond to the procedural schedule proposed by Staff in its
January 4, 2001 filing as follows:

1. These Intervenor timely submitted their proposed
procedural schedule and responded to the schedule earlier pro-
posed by Missouri Public Service division of UtiliCorp United,
Inc. ("MoPub") in compliance with earlier Commission orders on
January 4, 2001.

2. As stated in Paragraph I.6 of these Intervenor
January 4, 2001 pleading, the recommended dates for hearing had
not been finalized. Subsequent to the filing of this pleading,
we were advised by Staff counsel that the original dates were not
available and that certain other dates needed to be shifted
slightly to accommodate the available hearing dates. Those


shifted dates were recommended by Staff in its January 4, 2001 pleading. They remain consistent with the overall objectives that are of concern to these Intervenor.

3. These Intervenor have no objection to the procedural schedule proposed by Staff (and joined in by Public Counsel). Although differing from the schedule we recommended, the shifts in dates were needed to accommodate the change in available hearing dates as was indicated in our January 4, 2001 pleading and to avoid dates falling on weekends or holidays.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, these Intervenor concur in Staff's recommended procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSOCIATION, WIRE ROPE CORPORATION
OF AMERICA, INC. and TRANSWORLD
AIRLINES, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by U.S. mail, postage prepaid addressed to all parties by their attorneys of record as provided by the Secretary of the Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart W. Conrad", written over a horizontal line.

Stuart W. Conrad

Dated: January 5, 2001