

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In the Matter of the tariff filing of Missouri )  
Public Service ("MPS") a division of )  
UtiliCorp United Inc., ("UtiliCorp") to )  
implement a general rate increase for ) Case No. ER-2001-672  
retail electric service provided to customers )  
in the Missouri service area of MPS )

TEST YEAR RECOMMENDATION

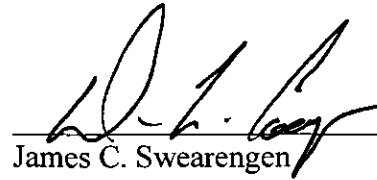
Comes now UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp"), d/b/a Missouri Public Service ("MPS"), by counsel, and for its test year recommendation respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. In its Suspension Order and Notice issued in this case June 21, 2001, the Commission ordered MPS to file, on or before July 11, 2001, a pleading stating its *recommendation concerning the proper test year for use in this case.*
2. As reflected at page 5 of the prepared direct testimony of MPS witness Gary L. Clemens filed on June 8, 2001, MPS recommends as the test year in this case the twelve months ended December 31, 2000.
3. In addition, because of the significant increases in MPS's fuel and purchased power costs, (a portion of which costs relate to the purchased power agreement with MEP Pleasant Hill, L.L.C., and began to be incurred on June 1, 2001 and an additional portion of which costs will begin in January 2002), MPS now recommends that the "test year as updated" in this case should be through and including June 30, 2001, except for the costs associated with those items listed in MPS's separate pleading regarding true-up.

4. Although the direct testimony of Mr. Clemens suggested a "test year as updated" through September 2001, the hearing schedule proposed by the Commission calls for evidentiary hearings to commence in January, 2002. These hearing dates may not allow the Staff adequate time for its audit. Therefore, the June 30, 2001, "test year as updated" as now proposed by MPS will allow sufficient time for audit and will meet the proposed hearing schedule.

WHEREFORE, MPS submits its test year recommendation as ordered.

Respectfully submitted,



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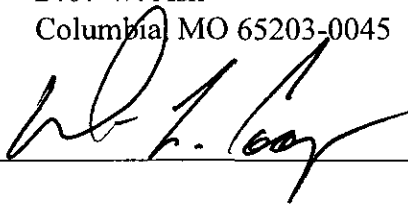
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