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**RE: Case No. ER-2001-672 – In the matter of the Tariff Filing of Missouri Public Service (MPS), a Division of UtiliCorp United, Inc., to Implement a General Rate Increase for Retail Electric Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service Area of MPS.**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the **JOINTLY PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND JOINT MOTION TO CHANGE EVIDENTIARY HEARING DATES.**

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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**JOINTLY PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND  
JOINT MOTION TO CHANGE EVIDENTIARY HEARING DATES**

**COME NOW** UtiliCorp United, Inc. d/b/a Missouri Public Service, Sedalia Industrial Energy Users Association, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission, The City of Kansas City, Missouri, and the County of Jackson, Missouri, and for their Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule and Motion to Change Evidentiary Hearing Dates state to the Commission:

1. In its Suspension Order and Notice, the Commission set an early prehearing conference for August 1, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.; set the evidentiary hearing for January 7-11, 16-19 and 22-25, 2002; and ordered the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule by August 8, 2001 that includes filing dates for testimony, a second prehearing conference, local public hearings, the statement of issues and position papers of the parties, and the reconciliation.

2. As ordered by the Commission the parties attended the prehearing conference on August 1, 2001 and through discussions that began at that conference have reached a consensus on filing dates, and jointly propose the following schedule:

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

Local Public Hearings

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Direct Testimony  
(excluding class cost-of-service and rate design issues)

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Direct Testimony  
(class cost-of-service and rate design issues)

Week of December 3-7, 2001

Prehearing Conference

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Rebuttal Testimony

Thursday, January 10, 2002

Surrebuttal Testimony

Friday, January 11, 2002

Statement of Issues

Tuesday, January 15, 2002

Position Statements

Tuesday, January 15, 2002

Reconciliation

Tuesday, January 22 to Friday, January 25 and  
Week of January 28 to February 1 and  
Monday, February 4 to Wednesday, February 6, 2002

Evidentiary Hearing

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

True-up Direct

Monday, March 18, 2002

True-up Rebuttal

Friday, 12:00 Noon, March 22, 2002

True-up Surrebuttal

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 26-27, 2002

True-up Hearing  
(with expedited transcript)

Wednesday, April 3, 2002

Initial True-up Brief

Monday, April 8, 2002

Reply True-up Brief

3. The signatories propose that the Commission schedule two local public hearings within Utilicorp's service territory on November 7, 2001; one for the afternoon and one for the evening. These two local hearings should be held at different locations to allow maximum customer attendance.

4. The proposed evidentiary hearing dates—January 22-25, 28-31, February 1, 4-6, 2002—differ from those the Commission ordered—January 7-11, 16-19 and 22-25, 2002; therefore, the motion to change evidentiary hearing dates is included in this pleading. Although later than the original hearing dates, there still remain 89 days from the last day of these proposed hearings and the operation of law date in this case.

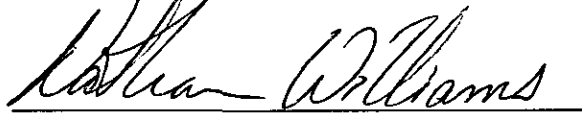
5. Public Counsel continues to assert that the filing initiating this case is unlawful and that the relief requested by UtiliCorp in that filing cannot lawfully be granted by the Commission and, thus, Public Counsel continues to object to this case proceeding any further. By agreeing to the proposed procedural schedule, no party is waiving any arguments made in relation to the issues raised in Public Counsel's June 15, 2001 Motion to Reject Tariff Filing.

6. By supporting the proposed procedural schedule, the City of Kansas City does not waive any arguments or positions it may have with respect to the Office of Public Counsel's Motion to Reject Tariff Filing.

**WHEREFORE**, the undersigned parties move the Commission to change the evidentiary dates set for this case and otherwise adopt the schedule proposed herein.

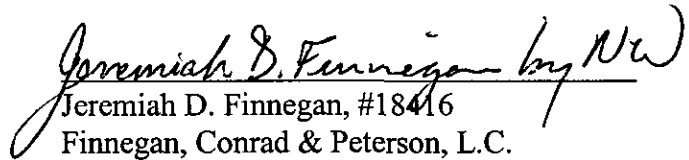
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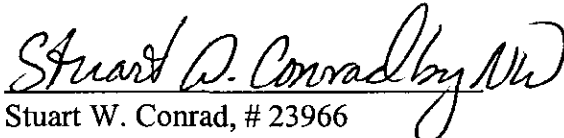
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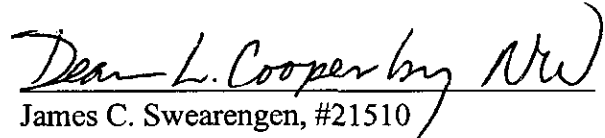
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2001.

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