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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:

Based upon a review of the suggestions filed on August 24, 2001 by (1) the Office of the Public Counsel, (2) the County of Jackson and (3) UtiliCorp United Inc., the Staff does not believe it need burden the record with a response to those pleadings. The Staff would only note that the Commission case underlying *State ex rel. McKittrick v. Public Serv. Comm'n*, 175 S.W.2d 857 (Mo.banc 1943), which was cited in the Additional Staff Response filed on August 24, 2001, can be found at *Re Laclede Power & Light Co. et al.*, Case No. 10,263, Report And Order, 26 Mo.P.S.C. 266 (1943).

An original and eight (8) conformed copies of this letter are being submitted for filing with the Commission.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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