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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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**Re: UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service
Case No. ER-2001-672**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

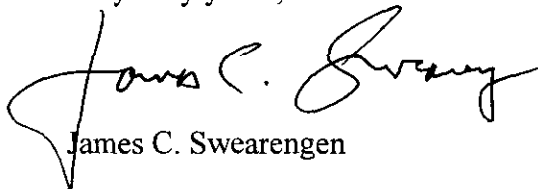
On behalf of UtiliCorp United Inc. d/b/a Missouri Public Service, I deliver herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission an original and eight (8) copies of UtiliCorp's Response to Staff's Motion to File Supplemental Direct Testimony.

Copies of the schedule will be provided to all parties of record.

Would you please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


James C. Swearngen

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the tariff filing of Missouri)
Public Service, 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.)

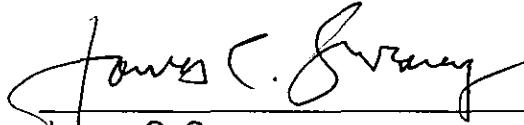
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**UTILICORP'S RESPONSE TO STAFF'S MOTION FOR
LEAVE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY**

COMES NOW UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp"), d/b/a Missouri Public Service ("MPS"), by counsel, and for its response to Staff's Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Direct Testimony filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") on or about January 15, 2002, respectfully states as follows:

1. UtiliCorp has no objection to the filing of the Staff's Supplemental Direct Testimony which is the subject of the Staff's Motion.
2. UtiliCorp will respond to this Supplemental Direct Testimony, if any response is deemed necessary, through its Surrebuttal Testimony to be filed with the Commission on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 in accordance with the procedural schedule previously ordered. As a consequence, it is not necessary for the Commission to establish any additional dates for the filing of any additional testimony in connection with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 18TH day of January, 2002, to all parties of record.

