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Missouri Public Service Commission

RE: UtiliCorp United Inc.

Case No. ER-2001-672, EC-2002-265

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find the original and eight copies of the Joint Motion for Expedited Treatment of Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement by Missouri Office of the Public Counsel, County of Jackson, Missouri, United States Executive Agencies, City of Kansas City, Missouri and Sedalia Industrial Energy Users' Association. Please "file" stamp the extra-enclosed copy and return it to this office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John B. Coffman

**Acting Public Counsel** 

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cc: Counsel of Record

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI



In the matter of the Tariff Filing	)	Service Commission
of Missouri Public Service Com-	)	Commission
pany, a division of UtiliCorp	)	
United, Inc., to implement a	)	ER-2001-672
general rate increase for retail	)	
electric service provided to	)	
customers in its Missouri service	)	
area		
Staff of the Missouri Public Ser-	)	
vice Commission,	)	
Petitioner	)	
	)	
vs	)	EC-2002-265
	)	(consolidated)
Missouri Public Service, a	)	
Division of UtiliCorp United,	)	
Inc.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.		

JOINT MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT OF

UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

BY MISSOURI OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL,

COUNTY OF JACKSON, MISSOURI, UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE AGENCIES,

CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI and

SEDALIA INDUSTRIAL ENERGY USERS' ASSOCIATION

COME NOW the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel
(Public Counsel) and Intervenors County of Jackson, Missouri,
United States Executive Agencies, City of Kansas City, Missouri and
the Sedalia Industrial Energy Users' Association under 4 CSR 240-

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2.80(17) and respectfully request that the Commission expeditiously take up and approve the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement that was submitted herein on February 5, 2002 and state in support:

- 1. On February 5, 2002 a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement (S&A) was submitted for Commission consideration. The S&A settles all the issues in these consolidated cases. This request is submitted upon the filing of that S&A.
- 2. The S&A also provides for a \$4.25 million annual reduction of the electric rates of Missouri Public Service Company division of UtiliCorp United, Inc.
- 3. Each day that the existing rates are permitted to continue represents costs and expenses to the customers of the utility that could be mitigated or avoided by the Commission's prompt approval of the S&A.
- 4. These parties urge the Commission to expeditiously take up, consider and approve the S&A so that the utility's electric rates, and all ratepayers' costs, may be reduced at the earliest possible date.

WHEREFORE the Public Counsel, Intervenors County of Jackson, Missouri, United States Executive Agencies, City of Kansas City, Missouri and the Sedalia Industrial Energy Users' Association

pray that the Commission expeditiously take up, consider and approve the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement submitted herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by facsimile upon counsel for UtiliCorp and, in addition, by electronic or First Class Mail to him and by electronic or First Class Mail to the remaining attorneys of record for all parties as provided on the records of the Commission.

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Dated: February 11, 2002