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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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.

Case No. ER-2001-672 Tariff No. 200101173

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION ORDER

On June 8, 2001, Missouri Public Service, a division of UtiliCorp United Inc., submitted to the Commission proposed tariff sheets intended to implement a general rate increase for electric service provided to retail customers in its Missouri service area. The proposed tariff sheets bore a requested effective date of July 9, 2001. The proposed electric service tariff sheets were designed to produce an annual increase of \$49,352,769 in the Company's revenues, exclusive of franchise and occupational taxes, a 16.86 percent increase. On June 21, the Commission suspended Company's proposed tariff sheets for 120 days plus six months, until May 6, 2002.

On December 6, 2001, the Staff of the Commission filed its motion for leave to file an excess earnings complaint against UtiliCorp. On December 21, Staff filed its complaint, asserting Staff's position that UtiliCorp had excess earnings amounting to about \$20 million annually. Also on December 21, Staff filed its Motion to Consolidate Case Nos. ER-2001-672 and EC-2002-265. In its motion, Staff explained that Case No. EC-2002-265 arose out of its preparation for trial in Case No. ER-2001-672. The

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Commission by its order on January 18, 2002, authorized Staff to pursue its overearnings complaint and consolidated the two cases.

On January 25, 2002, the Commission convened an evidentiary hearing. At that time, the parties advised the Commission that a settlement was imminent. The Commission canceled the schedule evidentiary hearing. On February 5, the Commission's Staff moved for leave to file the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement of the parties; accompanying Staff's motion was the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, duly executed by all parties of record or their representatives. The Commission approved the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on February 21, 2002. That order also rejected UtiliCorp's proposed electric service tariff sheets, File No. 200101173, submitted on June 8, 2001.

On February 28, UtiliCorp filed proposed electric service tariffs, File No. 200200712, in conformance with the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement. As agreed, these sheets were filed on less than 30 days' notice and bear an effective date of March 21, 2002. On March 8, Staff filed its Memorandum and Recommendation advising the Commission to approve the proposed tariff sheets. Staff states that the "Energy Department Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets UtiliCorp filed, and is of the opinion that they were filed in a timely manner and are in compliance with the Commission's Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement issued February 21, 2002, in Case No. ER-2001-672." The effect of the proposed tariff sheets will be a revenue reduction of \$4.25 million annually.

Having considered the proposed tariff sheets, the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation, the Commission determines that the proposed sheets comply with the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the proposed electric service tariff sheets filed by UtiliCorp United Inc., doing business as Missouri Public Service, on February 28, 2002, File No. 200200712, are approved for service rendered on and after March 21, 2002. The specific tariff sheets approved are:

PSC Mo. No. 2, Electric Rates 12th Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling 11th Revised Sheet No. 1 4th Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 2 4th Revised Sheet No. 3, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 3 4th Revised Sheet No. 4, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 4 4th Revised Sheet No. 6, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 6 4th Revised Sheet No. 9, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 9 4th Revised Sheet No. 10, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 10 4th Revised Sheet No. 12, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 12 4th Revised Sheet No. 13, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 13 3rd Revised Sheet No. 15, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 15 4th Revised Sheet No. 19, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 19 4th Revised Sheet No. 21, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 21 4th Revised Sheet No. 22, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 22 4th Revised Sheet No. 23, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 23 4th Revised Sheet No. 26, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 26 3rd Revised Sheet No. 27, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 27 3rd Revised Sheet No. 28, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 28 3rd Revised Sheet No. 29, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 29 4th Revised Sheet No. 30, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 30 4th Revised Sheet No. 31, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 31 3rd Revised Sheet No. 32, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 32 3rd Revised Sheet No. 33.1, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 33.1 4th Revised Sheet No. 34, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 34 5th Revised Sheet No. 37, Canceling 4th Revised Sheet No. 37 3rd Revised Sheet No. 37.1, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 37.1 3rd Revised Sheet No. 40, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 40 3rd Revised Sheet No. 41, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 41 2nd Revised Sheet No. 48, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 48 4th Revised Sheet No. 49, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 49 2nd Revised Sheet No. 50, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 50 3rd Revised Sheet No. 62, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 62 3rd Revised Sheet No. 63, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 63 1st Revised Sheet No. 66, Canceling Original Sheet No. 66 2nd Revised Sheet No. 68, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 68 1st Revised Sheet No. 70, Canceling Original Sheet No. 70 1st Revised Sheet No. 73, Canceling Original Sheet No. 73 1st Revised Sheet No. 74, Canceling Original Sheet No. 74

PSC Mo. No. 2, Electric Rules and Regulations

4th Revised Sheet No. R-2, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. R-2
2nd Revised Sheet No. R-15, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. R-15
2nd Revised Sheet No. R-28, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. R-28
3rd Revised Sheet No. R-35, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. R-35
3rd Revised Sheet No. R-36, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. R-36
3rd Revised Sheet No. R-37, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. R-37
1st Revised Sheet No. R-37.4, Canceling Original Sheet No. R-37.4
1st Revised Sheet No. R-37.6, Canceling Original Sheet R-37.6
2nd Revised Sheet No. R-39, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. R-39
4th Revised Sheet No. R-40, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. R-40
3rd Revised Sheet No. R-41, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. R-41

- 2. That this order shall become effective on March 21, 2002.
- 3. That this case may be closed on March 22, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant Section 386.240, RSMo Supp. 2001.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 11th day of March, 2002.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 11th day of March 2002.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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