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Mr. Harvey G. Hubbs, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Missouri Public Service
Gas Depreciation Studies

Dear Mr. Hubbs:

I deliver herewith for filing fourteen (14) conformed copies of the Application of Missouri Public Service for Authority to Implement Revised Depreciation Rates for its Gas Properties. Please be advised that an originally executed application will be provided as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

HAWKINS, BRYDON & SWEARENGEN P.C.

By: *James C. Swearingen*
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cc: Office of Public Counsel
Mr. James Franklin
Mr. John R. Summers

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OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the application)
of UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a)
Missouri Public Service, for)
authority to implement revised)
depreciation rates for its gas)
and common properties.)

Case No. GR-88-171

APPLICATION

Comes now UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service (hereinafter "the Company"), and for its application to the Missouri Public Service Commission (hereinafter "the Commission") pursuant to Section 393.240 RSMo 1986 and 4 CSR 240-2.060, respectfully states:

1. That the Company is a Delaware corporation, duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri through its division Missouri Public Service; that the Company's principal office and place of business is at 10700 East 350 Highway, Kansas City, Missouri 64138; that there is on file with the Commission in Docket No. EM-87-26 a certified copy of the Company's certification of incorporation as well as its certificate of authority to conduct business in the State of Missouri.

2. That the Company, through its Missouri Public Service division, is engaged in the generating, purchasing, transmitting, distributing and selling of electric energy in portions of western and north central Missouri, including a portion of metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri, as well as supplying natural gas in

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portions of the Missouri service areas in which it operates subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission;

3. That all communications, notices, orders and decisions provided with respect to this application should be addressed to:

William I. Owen, President
Missouri Public Service
P.O. Box 11739
Kansas City, Missouri 64138

James C. Swearngen
Hawkins, Brydon & Swearngen P.C.
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4. That in the context of Case No. ER-83-40, a rate case involving Missouri Public Service Company, the parties agreed that a review of the Company's depreciation rates was needed and the Company agreed to perform a depreciation study; that said study was performed in conformance with said agreement;

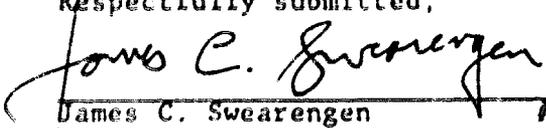
5. That thereafter, the Company caused said depreciation study to be revised and updated; that marked Schedule JSF-2 attached hereto and made a part hereto for all purposes is a depreciation study performed by Deloitte Haskins & Sells on behalf of the Company; that said study demonstrates, in detail, the need for the revision in the Company's depreciation rates for its gas and common properties;

6. That the accounts and subaccounts for the depreciation rates proposed to be revised are set out in Column 9 of the document marked Schedule 3 of Schedule JSF-2; that the prepared direct testimony and schedules of Company's witness Mr. John S. Ferguson are also attached hereto;

7. That the Company desires that this Commission issue its order authorizing and approving the proposed depreciation rates for the Company's gas and common properties, said depreciation rates to be implemented and become effective on the effective date of tariffs filed pursuant to the Commission's report and order in the Company's next general gas rate case proceeding;

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests the Commission to issue its order approving revisions in the Company's depreciation rates for its gas and common properties as proposed in paragraph 7. Supra, and for such other orders as are necessary and reasonable in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,


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UTILICORP UNITED INC., d/b/a
MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states upon his oath that he is the Executive Vice President of Missouri Public Service, that he has read the foregoing application and the facts presented therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; and that Hawkins, Bryden & Swearingen P.C. is authorized to represent UtiliCorp United Inc., d/b/a Missouri Public Service, herein.

James E. Franklin

James E. Franklin,
Executive Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July, 1987.

Mary J. Hammel

Notary Public

MARY J. HAMMEL
Notary Public, State of Missouri
Commission Expires July 7, 1990