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NOTIFICATION OF FOREIGN UTILITY COMPANY STATUS

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Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended

AES Minas PCH Ltda.

(Name of foreign utility company)

THE AES CORPORATION

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(Name of filing company, if filed on behalf of foreign utility company)

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ITEM 1

Foreign utility status is claimed by AES Minas PCH Ltda. ("Minas"), a company incorporated under the laws of Brazil, with its business address at Avenida do Contorno, 8000, sala 1.108, Santo Agostinho Belo Horizonte MG 30.170-001.

Minas is an approximately 6.3 MW generation company which sells all its output in Brazil.

The AES Corporation ("AES") indirectly owns 50% plus one share of the total voting stock and 46.14% of the total capital stock of Tours Holdings S.A. ("Tours Holdings"), a holding company incorporated under the laws of Brazil, which owns indirectly 71.27% of the voting stock and 42.67% of the total capital stock of AES Tietê SA ("Tietê"). The remaining voting and capital stock of Tours Holdings is indirectly owned by Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Economico e Social ("BNDES") and the remaining voting and capital stock of Tietê is publicly held. Tietê owns 99.99% of the voting stock of Minas and AES Américas Participações Ltda. owns the remaining 0.01% voting stock.

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AES, a Delaware corporation, is a public utility holding company exempt from registration under section 3(a)(5) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (the "Act"). The AES Corp., Holding Company Act Release No. 27363 (Mar. 23, 2001). BNDES is the National Development Bank of Brazil, a Brazilian government-owned corporation.

ITEM 2

Minas has one domestic associate public utility company, Indianapolis Power and Light Company ("IPL"). IPL's common equity is wholly owned by IPALCO Enterprises Inc., which, in turn, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AES. IPL has not made any investment in, nor has any contractual relationship with, Minas, nor are any such investments or contractual relationships contemplated.

EXHIBIT A

By letter dated September 28, 2000, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission certified to the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to IPL that (1) it has the authority and resources to protect ratepayers subject to its jurisdiction, and (2) it intends to exercise that authority as required under section 33(a)(2) of the Act in connection with AES' acquisition of foreign utility companies. AES hereby incorporates this letter, filed October 27, 2000, in file number 070-09779, by reference.

The undersigned company has duly caused this statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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