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**Mr. Gene Fee
Chief Hearing Examiner
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102**

**Re: Case No. HA-90-5, Trigen-Kansas City District Energy
Corporation steam heat service application.**

Dear Mr. Fee:

Through this letter, the City of Kansas City, Missouri wishes to express its support of the application of the Trigen-Kansas City District Energy Corporation ("Trigen") for the acquisition, ownership, operation, management, and maintenance of a steam heat distribution system in downtown Kansas City, Missouri. This system is an important asset to the downtown business and government community. It provides a viable alternative for current and potential users of steam heat.

In particular, the City supports Trigen's fuel price pass-along request for two reasons. First, we believe that operation of the steam system makes no economic sense for Trigen without approval of the fuel pass-along provision. Second, it is sound economic sense to have price reflecting supply and demand for fuel.

In an age of escalating energy costs and usage, cities such as Kansas City must constantly seek additional forms of cost-competitive energy. Kansas City, Missouri views the steam system as an excellent example of that kind of alternative. The Trigen application represents an important step in the continuing development efforts of Kansas City.

Thank you for your consideration of Kansas City, Missouri's expression of support for the Trigen application.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Berkley

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