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RE: Case No. GR-99-315

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Pursuant to the First Amended Partial Stipulation and Agreement (the agreement) to Case No. GR-99-315 filed on September 3, 1999, Laclede Gas Company and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (the parties) wish to report to the Commission the status of the weather normalization project. The agreement specified that representatives of the parties, along with Office of Public Counsel and other interested Missouri utilities and entities, should initially meet no later than October 31, 1999 to begin work on the project.

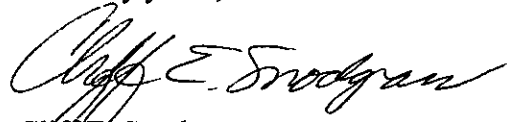
On October 27, 1999, the parties and other participants met at the offices of Laclede Gas Company in St. Louis. St. Louis area participants included Ameren UE and St. Louis County Water Company. Also in attendance were representatives from Office of Public Counsel and Kansas City Power & Light Company. The parties and participants agreed that Professor Thomas McKee, PH.D., from the Colorado Climate Center of Colorado State University, should be contacted regarding the possibility of contracting his services to consult or provide other investigative functions.

On behalf of the participants, Dennis Patterson of the Staff sent a letter to Dr. McKee on November 9, 1999 explaining the project and issues. In December 1999, Dr. McKee indicated that he was interested in the project, but would need additional time to evaluate this project along with other work he was currently performing. Subsequently, in January 2000, Dr. McKee indicated that he was willing to undertake consultation for the project. The parties currently

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anticipate meeting with Dr. McKee in mid-April to discuss the issues and his proposal to address them.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cliff E. Snodgrass".

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