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**RE: Case No. GR-99-315**

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 the representatives of the parties inform the Commission semi-annually on the status of the project.

As reported to the Commission in its March 3, 2000 status report, the parties and the participants contacted Professor Thomas McKee, Ph D. from the Colorado Climate Center of Colorado State University, regarding consultation on the project, and Dr. McKee agreed to contribute to the project. On April 13, 2000, the parties and participants met with Dr. McKee at the Offices of Laclede Gas Company in St. Louis. St. Louis area participants included AmerenUE and St. Louis County Water Company. Representatives from the Office of Public Counsel and Kansas City Power & Light Company were also in attendance.

At this meeting, Dr. McKee explained the focus of projects he is currently engaged in for other parties, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). As part of that work, Dr. McKee plans to study the effects of the 1996 instrumentation change (the installation of the ASOS thermometer) at the St. Louis International Airport. He described some of the investigative methodologies he planned to utilize in this study. He stated that this part of his work fit very well with the goal of the weather normalization project to resolve appropriate temperature data. Other goals of the project were discussed with him such as the need to determine the appropriate methodology, period, or other criteria necessary for weather normalization, as well as the need to address the effects of urbanization and seasonal differences.

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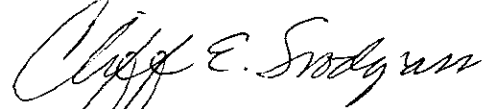
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Dr. McKee is currently working on the study and has agreed to address as many issues as possible in his study. He will provide a report on his findings upon completion of his project. At this writing, the parties are awaiting his report.

Sincerely yours,



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