STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY December 21, 2000

CASE NO: HO-2000-20

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Uncertified Copy:

To all parties in case 00-99-44

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Trigen of Kansas)	
City Making a Timely Request for)	Case No. HO-2000-20
Rehearing of the Assessment Order))

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On July 9, 1999, Trigen-Kansas City Energy Corporation (Trigen) filed a pleading entitled "Application for Rehearing and Stay and Request for Hearing" in Case No. 11,110. This application was filed pursuant to Section 386.500 RSMo. and 4 CSR 240-2.160. Trigen seeks rehearing of the Commission's Supplemental Order No. 53 in Case No. 11,110 (the assessment order) issued on June 24, 1999.

The Commission previously heard a rehearing of the prior year's assessment order in Commission Case No. 00-99-44 and for that reason Trigen's pleading was initially filed under that case number. However, on July 15, 1999, Trigen's application was recognized as establishing a distinct cause of action and for that reason was docketed under the new Case No. HO-2000-20, with the case caption "In the Matter of Trigen of Kansas City Making a Timely Request for Rehearing of the Assessment Order."

Staff filed no response to the pleading either in Case No. 00-99-44 or in Case No. HO-2000-20. Similarly, no other party has filed any response to Trigen's application. Trigen, itself, has filed no further pleadings in this matter and did not, until recently, indicate

an interest in pursuing its application. However, during a recent telephone conversation regarding other matters, Trigen's attorney indicated an interest in seeing this matter addressed and either resolved or closed.

Therefore, the Commission will order a prehearing conference so that the applicant may state on the record whether any further action is desired in this matter, and, if so, the prehearing conference will facilitate formal discussions leading to the final disposition of this matter.

A copy of this order is being provided to each party in Case No. 00-99-44. Any party to Case No. 00-99-44 that wishes to become a party to this case may do so by attending the prehearing conference and entering an appearance; no formal application to intervene will be required.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall provide a copy of this order to each party to Case No. 00-99-44.
- That a prehearing conference shall be convened at 10:00
 a.m. on January 2, 2000, in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building,
 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.
- 3. That Staff shall appear at the prehearing conference along with its subject matter experts who have knowledge of the assessment process as it affects Trigen-Kansas City Energy Corporation.
- 4. Anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the

following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

5. That this order shall be effective on December 21, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Dale Hardy Roberts, Chief Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 21st day of December, 2000.

STATE OF MISSOURI OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this <u>21st</u> day of December 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge