## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the application of Trigen- )	
Kansas City Energy Corporation for a )	
Certificate of Public Convenience and )	
Necessity authorizing it to construct, install, )	Case No. HA-2006-0294
own, operate, control, manage and maintain)	
a steam heat distribution system to provide )	
steam heat service in Kansas City, Missouri,)	
as an expansion of its existing certified area.)	

## **STATUS REPORT**

COMES NOW Trigen-Kansas City Energy Corporation ("Trigen"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and respectfully submits the following Status Report:

- 1. On June 12, 2007, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Trigen-Kansas City Energy Corporation to File a Report and Recommendation* (the "Order"). In said Order, the Commission ordered Trigen to file, no later than October 1, 2007, either a report and recommendation concerning construction of and payment for its expansion to serve Truman Medical Center ("TMC") or a status report stating when it will file such report and recommendation. This Status Report is being filed pursuant to said Order.
- 2. In Trigen's Compliance Filing which led to issuance of the Order, Trigen provided the Commission with copies of two Highly Confidential agreements concerning the subject construction. After the issuance of the Order on June 12, 2007, and over the course of administration of the construction work in the ensuing months, the terms of these agreements have been followed. For example, Trigen has been billed by the contractor (JCI) based on construction progress to date. In turn, invoices for these progress payments have been forwarded to TMC and timely payment has been made by

TMC. Most of the pipeline is being buried in public streets in Trigen's franchised rights-of-way, though in three separate instances, it was necessary to secure rights-of-way across private property in order to accomplish construction.

3. The date of substantial completion, i.e. the operation date upon which steam service was to be commenced, was anticipated to be October 1, 2007. However, some construction issues have pushed this date back approximately one month, so that the pipeline is now expected to be energized by the end of October. As is sometimes the case, underground routings in urban centers can often be congested, and interference problems with other structures and utilities can arise. In some instances, even minor changes to routing can result in design changes or special orders of materials/equipment, as well as coordination with affected neighboring underground utilities. These aspects can be time-consuming and can postpone the anticipated completion date. Just such types of considerations have affected the final delivery date of this project. Even so, more than 85% of the lineal footage of the pipeline is in place to this point. As a result, Trigen is reasonably optimistic that substantial completion of the line will take place by October 31, 2007. Given this estimated substantial completion date, the need to compile and address the punchlist of outstanding work customary for construction projects of this nature, receive final payments from TMC, and the need to compile the report and recommendation, Trigen requests until December 31, 2007, to file the report and recommendation ordered in the Commission's June 12 Order.

WHEREFORE, Trigen respectfully requests that the Commission receive this Status Report pursuant to the Commission's June 12 Order and grant Trigen until December 31, 2007, to file its report and recommendation ordered in the Commission's June 12 Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing pleading was sent to counsel for parties of record by depositing same in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, by hand-delivery, or by electronic mail transmission, this 28th day of September, 2007.