Serving Growth

This project will put the needed energy resources where they're needed most:

A growing population means... +12% Belton +11% Peculiar +11% Raymore Projected percentage of increase in the population by 2009.*



Aquila is proposing to build an electric peaking facility near Peculiar in northern Cass County, Missouri. The facility is needed to meet the growing electricity needs of residents and businesses in the area. The facility would generate power when you need it the most – during peak use in the summer months.

At Aquila, we realize that construction of any power facility is a controversial issue, regardless of its size, shape or other attributes. We face this same situation whenever we need to put up power lines, build a substation or even place a pole near someone's yard.

At the same time, power companies must build power plants to provide the power people need to live -- the power they need to heat and cool their homes, the power they need to cook their meals and refrigerate their food, the power they need to operate their computers, and the power they need to turn on the TV to watch their favorite show.

Frequently asked questions:

Where will the plant be located?

It will be on a 74-acre site adjacent to South Harper Road, which already has the needed infrastructure. Two Southern Star interstate natural gas pipelines and a compressor station, Water District 7 water lines and an electric transmission line are on the property.





Will this adversely affect property values?

Homeowners near other similar facilities in the Kansas City area have not seen a decline in home values. In fact, the homes closest to Aquila's facility in Greenwood continue to increase in value. And, a golf course with upscale homes has been developed around an existing peaking facility in Independence.

Other information about the proposed facility in Cass County is available at www.aquila.com. Questions can be emailed to partner@aquila.com or mailed to Community Relations, Aquila, Inc., P.O. Box 11739, Kansas City, MO 64138.

* Decision Data Resources ** Aquila



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Neighborhood Impact

Many area citizens have asked how our proposed peaking facility will affect the neighborhood near the proposed site that is adjacent to South Harper Road.

We know residents enjoy the rural setting, so we are working to make the facility as unobtrusive as possible through landscaping, planting trees and leasing the surrounding area for cattle grazing.

Frequently asked questions:

Won't this facility be an eyesore?

We are designing the site to minimize the visibility of the facility. It will be set back about 200 feet from South Harper Road. Landscaping, including berms and additional trees, will help hide it from sight. The tallest structures will look more like grain silos than industrial towers. Their base will be 10 feet below the nearby road level, so will appear shorter than 70 feet. Lighting will be limited to downward-reflecting security lamps.

Will the facility adversely affect our country environment?

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Nearby existing structures will rise above the facility





Facility operating sound at the nearest residence



The facility will be fueled by clean-burning natural gas. Your air quality is protected by rules and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). We are required get an operating permit for the facility from the MDNR and regularly test and report air quality data to the agency.

Isn't the facility going to make a lot of noise when it is running?

Most of the year this facility will not be running. It is a peaking facility that is used only when you need it, such as in the summer when your air conditioner is running. When the facility does operate, noise levels will depend on how far you are from the facility. At one-eighth mile away, the sound may be comparable to being 100 feet from your air conditioner. At half a mile away, all you may hear is a low hum.

We will conduct an on-site test to simulate the sound of the facility for residents who live nearby. If you'd like us to test at your home, please e-mail us at partner@aquila.com.

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Community Benefits

Helping Communities: Chapter 100 bonds are designed to keep tax dollars in the communities that help businesses meet their customers' needs. The bonds are a payment in lieu of taxes, called a PILOT, and keep more of those dollars in the local community. Here's how a few Peculiar area services will benefit:*

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Aquila's proposed peaking facility will provide benefits to our customers, as well as to other residents of Peculiar and northern Cass County.

Peculiar, Raymore and Belton are growing. New housing starts are up more than 88 percent since 2001. The peaking facility will help meet the growing electricity needs of residents and businesses in the area during peak use in the summer months – when you need it the most.

Frequently asked questions:

Does this plant bring any real significant benefits to our community? The real benefit of the peaking facility is to strengthen the electrical system.

A strong, reliable electric system is one of the most important factors that businesses look for when selecting new locations. And new businesses bring new jobs to your community. The facility will add approximately 230 jobs at the peak of construction, and during construction other services and products will be bought from local businesses.

How would Chapter 100 bonds help the community?

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Chapter 100 bonds allow a payment in lieu of taxes, called a PILOT that keeps more dollars in the local community. Otherwise, tax dollars paid are spread throughout the Missouri communities where Aquila provides electrical service. As a result, Chapter 100 bonds would add an estimated \$5.7 million over the next 30 years to the budgets of the local community taxing authorities, such as the school and fire district, ambulance and hospital services and the library.

Information about the proposed facility in Cass County is available at www.aquila.com

* Estimates

15,000

10,000

5.000

\$4,149

Without PILOT With PILOT



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We're Still Building For You

A few weeks ago the Cass County Circuit Court granted Cass County's request for an order requiring Aquila to stop construction on the power plant near the intersection of South Harper Road and 243rd Street. Yet construction is continuing. There is a legal reason this work continues.

In issuing the order to stop construction, the Cass County Circuit Court also said that the work could continue pending the outcome of an appeal by Aquila, if Aquila posted a bond to protect Cass County against damage it might suffer if the order is affirmed on appeal. Aquila has posted the required bond, and so work continues. Aquila has filed its notice of appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Western District of Missouri and is working with the county to speed up that process as much as possible.

There is another reason construction continues. In fact, it underscores the very reason Aquila decided to build a plant in Cass County in the first place. As an electric utility we have an obligation to deliver power to every customer in our service area, which means we must anticipate growth in our service territory in order to meet the needs of customers.

It is clear growth is not only coming to Cass County, it has already arrived. Residential subdivisions are being built where once there was farmland. New businesses are opening their doors in neighborhoods that didn't exist several years ago. And, new churches and other community facilities have already been built or are being planned.

As with any other business, a utility must be ready for growth. In fact, we have an obligation to be ready! Continuing to build during this appeal process will enable us to be ready when you need us.

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