

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

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aquila, Inc., to     )  
Implement a General Rate Increase for Retail             )  
Electric Service Provided to Customers in its MPS        )  
and L&P Missouri Service Areas.                             )

Case No. ER-2005-0436

**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO AQUILA, INC.'S TEST YEAR RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), in accordance with the Commission's May 31, 2005 order that, inter alia, suspended tariffs filed by Aquila, Inc., and states:

1. In its May 31, 2005 order the Commission ordered Aquila, Inc. to file by Tuesday, June 14, 2005, in a separate pleading, its test year recommendation.
2. In that same order the Commission ordered the Staff and other parties to respond by June 28, 2005 to Aquila, Inc.'s test year proposal.
3. On June 7, 2005 Aquila, Inc. filed a pleading recommending an "historical test year ending December 31, 2004 adjusted and updated for any known and measurable changes through June 30, 2005."
4. The Staff concurs in the test year Aquila, Inc. recommends.

**WHEREFORE** the Staff submits its concurrence in Aquila, Inc.'s recommendation of a test year of the "historical test year ending December 31, 2004 adjusted and updated for any known and measurable changes through June 30, 2005."

Respectfully submitted,

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