

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc., to Implement)	
a General Rate Increase for Retail Electric)	<u>Case No. ER-2007-0004</u>
Service Provided to Customers in Its Aquila)	Tariff No. YE-2007-0001
Networks-L&P Missouri Service Areas.)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO LATE-FILE PREHEARING BRIEF

Issue Date: March 30, 2007

Effective Date: March 30, 2007

On August 22, 2006, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued an order establishing March 29, 2007, as the deadline for all parties to file prehearing briefs in this case. On March 30, the Office of the Public Counsel filed its prehearing brief one day out of time along with a Motion to Late File Prehearing Brief. In its motion, Public Counsel advised the Commission that it had been unable to timely file its prehearing brief due to being “engaged in the AmerenUE rate case hearing and in discussions with the parties in this instant case.”

In further support of its motion, Public Counsel stated that its delay in filing its prehearing brief was not designed to cause undue delay to the proceedings or to burden any party. Public Counsel further stated that the one day delay will not prejudice or harm any party.

The Commission finds Public Counsel’s request to be reasonable and it will be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Office of the Public Counsel's Motion to Late File its Prehearing Brief is granted.
2. This order will become effective on March 30, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of March, 2007.