# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 21st day of November, 2006.

In the Matter of the Tariffs of Aquila, Inc., d/b/a	)	
Aquila Networks – MPS and Aquila Networks – L&P	)	
Increasing Electric Rates for the Services Provided	)	Case No. ER-2007-0004
to Customers in the Aquila Networks – MPS and	)	Tariff No. YE-2007-0001
Aguila Networks – L&P Service Areas	)	

## ORDER SETTING ADDITIONAL LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Issue Date: November 21, 2006 Effective Date: November 21, 2006

On November 16, 2006, the Commission issued an order scheduling local public hearings in Lee's Summit and St. Joseph, Missouri. After further considering this matter, the Commission has decided that two additional local public hearings are appropriate to better reach Aquila, Inc.'s customers throughout its service territory. For that reason, the Commission will schedule additional local public hearings in Sedalia and Nevada, Missouri. Aquila shall amend the notice sent to its customers to include notice of these additional hearings.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at State Fair Community College, Multi-Purpose Building #219, 3201 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Sedalia, Missouri.

- 2. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at Nevada Telecenter/University of Missouri Extension, 2015 N. West Street, Nevada, Missouri.
- 3. No later than ten days before the local public hearings, Aquila, Inc., shall provide individual notice to each of its electric service customers including the notice as set out below.

#### NOTICE

Aquila, Inc., doing business as Aquila Networks – MPS and as Aquila Networks – L&P, has filed revised electric tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) that would increase the company's Missouri jurisdictional annual gross revenues in its MPS service area by approximately \$94.5 million and in its L&P service area by approximately \$24.4 million. For the average MPS residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, the proposed increase would be approximately \$21.19 each month. For the average L&P residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, the proposed increase would be approximately \$16.09 each month. The proposed increase is approximately 22% in each of the company's service territories.

Aquila, Inc.'s rate filing includes a request to implement a fuel adjustment clause. A fuel adjustment clause, if approved by the Commission, would allow increases or decreases in fuel and purchased power costs occurring after base electric rates are set by the pending electric rate case to be passed through to customers as a separate line on customer's bills. Increases in fuel and purchased power costs above base electric rates would be applied to customer bills via a separate and additional charge and decreases would be applied to customer bills via a credit.

Public comment hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:

- Monday, January 22, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Lee's Summit North High School, Performing Arts Center, 901 Northeast Douglas, Lee's Summit, Missouri.
- Tuesday, January 23, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at State Fair Community College, Multi-Purpose Building #219, 3201 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Sedalia, Missouri.

- Tuesday, January 23, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Nevada Telecenter/University of Missouri Extension, 2015 N. West Street, Nevada, Missouri.
- Wednesday, January 24, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Hillyard Technical Center, ITV Room, 3434 Faraon, St. Joseph, Missouri.

### \*A question-and-answer session will be held one-half hour before the beginning of each hearing.

If you are unable to attend a live public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857, email <a href="mailto:opcservice@ded.mo.gov">opcservice@ded.mo.gov</a> or the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211,email <a href="mailto:pscinfo@psc.mo.gov">pscinfo@psc.mo.gov</a>.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City during the weeks of April 2 through 6, and April 9 through 13, 2007, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The hearings and local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

- 4. The local public hearings shall be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearings.
- 5. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in Aquila, Inc.'s service area.
- 6. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly and to the media that serve Aguila, Inc.'s service area.

7. Aquila, Inc., shall place advertisements in the newspapers serving its service territory. The advertisements shall contain the information from the customer notice relevant to the customers in the newspaper's circulation area.

8. This order shall become effective on November 21, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Davis, Chm., Gaw, Clayton and Appling, CC., concur Murray, C., dissents

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge