

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 DELAY START OF HEARING

Issue Date: March 30, 2007

Effective Date: March 30, 2007

On August 22, 2006, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued an order scheduling an evidentiary hearing in this case to begin on Monday, April 2, 2007, and conclude on Friday, April 13, 2007. On March 30, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Motion to Delay Start of Hearing by One Day. In its motion, Staff advised the Commission that the parties to this case have been attempting to engage in settlement negotiations, but many parties have been unable to participate due to their involvement in the evidentiary hearing in Case No. ER-2007-0002.

Staff indicated that the parties wish to continue settlement negotiations, and believe many pending issues might be resolved through such negotiations. However, many of the parties to this case do not have sufficient resources to both pursue settlement and litigate this case before the Commission at the same time. To afford all parties an opportunity to fully participate in meaningful settlement negotiations, Staff requests that the start of the hearing be delayed by one day. Staff also asked that the issues currently scheduled for

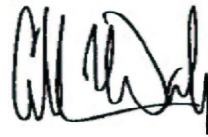
Monday, April 2, 2007, be moved to first open day in the hearing schedule, or Wednesday, April 11, 2007, to allow flexibility for any witness availability concerns.

The Commission finds Staff's request to be reasonable and it will be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Staff's Motion to Delay Start of Hearing by One Day filed is granted.
2. The issues scheduled to be addressed on Monday, April 2, 2007, will be moved to Wednesday, April 11, 2007.
3. This order shall become effective on March 30, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION



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.