## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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 Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P Missouri Service Areas.

Case No. ER-2007-0004 Tariff No. YE-2007-0001

## **ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DELAY START OF HEARING**

Issue Date: April 13, 2007

Effective Date: April 13, 2007

On April 13, 2007, the Staff of Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Motion for Order Setting Settlement Conference in this case. In that motion Staff asked the Commission to schedule a settlement conference the week of April 16, 2007, for the parties to explore settlement of the issues that remain in this case. Staff also asked that the Commission direct the parties to file a status report of the progress of their discussions by Wednesday, April 18, 2007, and file a final status report or stipulation and agreement by 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2007.

The Commission finds Staff's request to be reasonable and it will be granted. Participation in the conference is voluntary. Further, the parties are advised that, due to the rapidly approaching operation-of-law date in this case, the due date for post hearing briefs will not be extended.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Staff's Motion for Order Setting Settlement Conference is granted.

2. Staff will file a status report of the progress of the settlement discussions on Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

3. Staff will file either a final status report or stipulation and agreement on or before 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2007.

4. This order shall become effective on April 13, 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 13th day of April, 2007.