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) Aquila Networks—MPS and Aquila Networks—) L&P Missouri Service Areas.)

<u>Case No. ER-2007-0004</u> Tariff No. YE-2007-0001

STAFF'S SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and for its Wednesday, April 18, 2007 status report on the settlement conference taking place the week of April 16, 2007, states that interested parties are continuing to explore settlement of the issues that remain in this case, and states that the Staff will file a final status report by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 20, 2007, if no stipulation and agreement regarding any of the remaining issues is filed before then.

WHEREFORE the Staff submits this pleading for its Wednesday, April 18, 2007, status report on settlement negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 18th day of April 2007.

<u>/s/ Nathan Williams</u>