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> RE: Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks – MPS Case No. GR-2003-0311

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed are the original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Protective Order for filing in the above-referenced matter. A copy of the foregoing Motion has been served on all parties in this matter.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:

Dean L. Cooper

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MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks - MPS ("Aquila" or the "Company"), in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.085, and, for its motion for issuance of the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") standard-form protective order, states as follows:

1. The Company may seek to provide in testimony, and anticipates being asked through data requests, to provide competitive pricing information and technical, financial and business information of a confidential or proprietary nature. Additionally, it is anticipated that other information which may be requested or utilized in testimony by other parties may contain customer-specific information, competitive pricing information, trade secrets and confidential, technical, financial and business information, or other material of a confidential or proprietary nature. Public disclosure of the referenced material which the Staff, OPC, or others may seek in discovery may tend to harm the interests of the Company, its employees and its customers. None of the information for which a claim or confidentiality will be made can be found in any format in a public document.

2. Therefore, because there is a potential for public disclosure of confidential or proprietary information without a protective order in place, the Company moves the Commission to issue in this case its standard-form protective order containing classifications of "highly confidential" and "proprietary."

WHEREFORE, the Company, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.085, respectfully requests that the Commission:

- (a) issue the Commission's standard-form protective order containing classifications of "highly confidential" and "proprietary" to guide the parties' conduct in this case; and,
 - (b) grant such further relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was handdelivered on January 2004, to the following:

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