

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks L&P and Aquila Networks MPS, and Its Tariff Filing to Implement a General Rate Increase for Electric Service)

Case No. ER-2004-0034

AFFIDAVIT OF ANITA RANDOLPH

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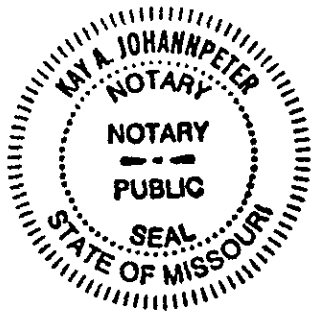
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Subscribed and sworn before me this 27th day of February 2004.



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RE: Aquila Networks Electric Rate Case, Case No. ER-2004-0034

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and 9 copies of Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Affidavit of Anita Randolph in the above-styled matter. Please stamp "filed" on the extra copy for my files. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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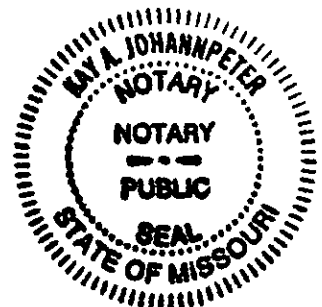
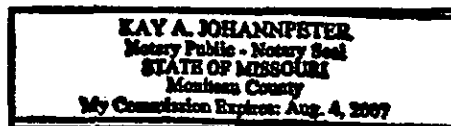
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Exhibit No.:
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Aquila Electric Low-Income Customers,
Energy Efficiency Services to
Residential and Commercial Customers
and Wind Energy Assessments.
Witness: Anita C. Randolph
Sponsoring Party: Missouri Department of Natural
Resources' Outreach and Assistance
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AQUILA NETWORKS ELECTRIC RATE CASE

SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

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1 Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Anita C. Randolph. My business address is Missouri Department of Natural
3 Resources, Energy Center, 1659 East Elm Street, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri
4 65102-0176.

5 Q. Have you previously filed testimony in this case?

6 A. Yes. On December 9, 2003, I filed direct testimony in this case on behalf of the Missouri
7 Department of Natural Resources (hereinafter "MDNR").

8 Q. On whose behalf are you presenting rebuttal testimony in this case?

9 A. Like my direct testimony, I am testifying on behalf of the MDNR.

10 Q. What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?

11 A. The purpose of my surrebuttal testimony is to respond to the rebuttal testimony of Matthew
12 Daunis on behalf of Aquila, Inc. which addresses low-income weatherization assistance and
13 other energy efficiency programs.

14 Mr. Daunis states that Aquila, Inc. is willing to discuss each of the recommendations and
15 programs with the MDNR, the City of Kansas City Department of Housing and Community
16 Development and other interested parties. The MDNR welcomes the opportunity to discuss
17 these programs with Aquila, Inc. and other interested parties to this case.

18 Q. Please briefly summarize Aquila, Inc.'s position regarding MDNR's proposed low-income
19 weatherization assistance and energy efficiency programs.

20 A. Mr. Daunis summarizes Aquila, Inc.'s position as follows:

- 1 • Some of these programs may be found to be duplicative of existing programs or to
2 establish new social programs that may or may not be in alignment with the view of this
3 Commission.
- 4 • Each of these programs bears a cost, some of which are substantial, and a clear
5 determination of cost recovery and cost assignment should be made. Aquila, Inc. does
6 not believe that these recommendations should be a part of this electric rate case, but
7 should await a dedicated review by the Commission.
- 8 • Aquila, Inc. is currently providing low cost or no cost weatherization assistance to low-
9 income residential customers and supports several programs that promote energy
10 efficiency in Missouri and that Aquila, Inc. plans to continue to support those programs
11 in the future.

12 Mr. Daunis provides a very brief summary of the energy efficiency programs currently
13 offered by Aquila, Inc. including:

- 14 • Customer Finance Program;
- 15 • Residential, commercial and industrial customer energy audits;
- 16 • Residential Lighting Program;
- 17 • Aquila, Inc.'s membership to the Heartland Utilities for Energy Efficiency; and,
- 18 • Low-cost or no-cost weatherization programs offered by Aquila, Inc.

19 Q. Do you agree with Mr. Daunis that the proposed programs by MDNR should not be a part of
20 this rate case, but should await a dedicated review by the Commission?

21 A. No.

22 The issues and the proposals offered by the MDNR clearly belong in this and future rate
23 cases. A rate case is an appropriate forum to present, discuss and implement energy

1 efficiency programs – the need for efficiency programs, the cost and benefits of efficiency
2 programs and the method of any cost recovery related to the implementation of these
3 programs.

4 Q. Do you agree that programs proposed by the MDNR duplicate energy efficiency programs
5 offered by Aquila, Inc.?

6 A. No. The energy programs proposed by the MDNR are not duplicative of Aquila's programs.
7 MDNR proposes program changes to make them more effective in achieving energy savings
8 benefits for their customers and to improve participation levels.

9 As presented in direct testimony, the MDNR proposes specific energy programs designed to
10 reduce energy use by residential and commercial customers and to assess the potential for
11 wind energy resource development in Missouri. These proposals included:

- 12 • The implementation of a low-income residential weatherization assistance program
13 designed and implemented with the assistance of community assistance agencies in
14 Aquila, Inc.'s service territory and consistent with the federal Weatherization Assistance
15 Program administered in Missouri by the MDNR;
- 16 • An on-line residential energy audit for electric and natural gas customers served by
17 Aquila Networks – MPS [REDACTED];
- 18 • Aquila, Inc.'s participation in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S.
19 Department of Energy's Energy Star program – Change A Light, Change the World
20 campaign. Aquila, Inc. is a utility member of the Energy Star program;
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22 adopting energy-efficiency recommendations presented by the audit for electric and

1 natural gas customers served by Aquila Networks – MPS [REDACTED];

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- 3 • A wind energy assessment to facilitate the development of alternative electric generation
4 by Aquila, Inc. in Missouri.

5 Q. Please briefly summarize Aquila, Inc.'s low-income weatherization assistance program.

6 A. Mr. Daunis summarizes Aquila, Inc.'s low-cost or no cost weatherization program as
7 follows:

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9 fluorescent lights, home insulation, devices to reduce domestic hot water consumption
10 and other cost effective end use equipment;
- 11 • Aquila's Low Income Program was developed and implemented as a result of a Joint
12 Agreement in 1998 between Aquila, Staff and Public Counsel with regards to Aquila's
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14 customers of Aquila in Missouri. Any changes to the Joint Agreement should be done
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1 A. No. Aquila's low-income program is restricted to residential electric customers served by
2 Aquila Networks – MPS. [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]

5 The energy efficiency measures offered by the Aquila Networks – MPS low-income
6 residential program provides limited improvements in low-income energy use but does not
7 provide a comprehensive approach to improving energy use by low-income residential
8 customers. As such, the current program does not achieve the potential level of benefits that
9 other low-income residential customers receive through the federal Low-Income
10 Weatherization Assistance Program, a proven low-income weatherization assistance
11 program.

12 Q. Would the adoption of a low-income residential weatherization program for Aquila, Inc.
13 result in changes to the Joint Agreement referenced by Mr. Daunis?

14 A. No. The low-income program was wholly designed by Aquila, Inc. and would not
15 necessarily require any changes to the Joint Agreement set forth by PSC Case No. EC-98-
16 316.

17 Pursuant to The UtiliCorp United Inc.'s Electric Resource Plan Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22.,
18 Section C. Reports and Briefings During the Transition, noted that "In Missouri, the next
19 several years is being viewed by many as a transition period during which the electric
20 industry's focus will be on issues surrounding retail competition. To accommodate what is
21 believed to be a workable transition for those resources involved in the electric resource
22 planning filings and reviews, the Joint Agreement proposes periodic reports and twice-a-year
23 briefings by MPS on its resource implementation plans."

1 "The supply-side emphasis of these meetings will be on the emerging market structures for
2 wholesale generation resources. The demand-side will focus on the least-cost provision of
3 electric services for low-income customers". The Joint Agreement did not present any
4 requirement that low-income programs were to be expressly approved by the Commission.
5 The entire text of the Joint Agreement as well as the Commission's Order Regarding the
6 UtiliCorp United Inc.'s Integrated Resource Plan and Joint Agreement appear in the Rebuttal
7 Testimony of Frank A. Debacker filed on behalf of Aquila Networks – MPS – Investor
8 (Electric) in Schedule FAD-6 in this case.

9 Q. Please identify an electric investor-owned utility subject to the Integrated Resource Planning
10 rule that has implemented a low-income weatherization assistance program that did not
11 require a change to this Joint Agreement.

12 A. Union Electric Company (AmerenUE) has implemented a low-income weatherization
13 assistance program consistent with federal low-income Weatherization Assistance Program
14 guidelines.

15 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

16 A. Yes. Thank you.