

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila)	
Networks-MPS's Purchased Gas)	
Adjustment Factors to be Reviewed in its)	Case No. GR-2004-0539
2003-2004 Actual Cost Adjustment)	

**STAFF MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSIVE
PLEADING**

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) in the above-captioned matter and for its recommendation states as follows:

1. On December 22, 2005, Aquila filed its Response to Staff's Recommendation in this case.
2. On December 28, 2005, Aquila filed its First Amended Response to Staff's Recommendation.
3. Staff is currently reviewing these filings and expects additional information and conversations during the week January 2-6, 2006. Staff requests an extension of time to prepare a response until January 13, 2006. Public Counsel and Aquila have no objection to this request.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests an extension until January 13, 2006 to file a responsive pleading in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 29th day of December 2005.

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