

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Aquila Networks')
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing) **Case No. GR-2005-0271**

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: December 21, 2005

Effective Date: December 21, 2005

This order grants the request for the Commission's standard protective order.

On October 25, 2005, Aquila Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks – MPS and L&P filed tariffs that increased the Purchased Gas Adjustment factor. The Commission approved those interim rates, subject to refund, on November 3. On December 19, Aquila filed a Motion for Protective Order.

Aquila stated that it may provide in testimony, and has been asked by the Commission's Staff, to provide competitive pricing information and technical, financial and business information of a confidential or proprietary nature. Aquila asked for a Protective Order under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.085. Aquila alleged that the requested information contains highly confidential and proprietary information that cannot be otherwise found in a public document.

Upon review of the motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information, and

protective orders have helped minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, the Commission concludes that a protective order should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by Aquila, Inc., is granted, and the protective order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted.
2. That this order shall become effective on December 21, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of December, 2005.