

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

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc.'s Application)	
for a Variance from the Provisions of 4)	
CSR 240-10.030(19).)	Case No. GE-2006-0330

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri, and for its recommendation in this case states:

1. On February 17, 2006, Aquila, Inc. filed its application for a variance from the provisions of Commission rule 4 CSR 240-10.030(19). That rule requires natural gas utilities, including Aquila, to be removed and inspected for accuracy at least every 120 months. The variance asks the Commission to permit Aquila to insure the accuracy of its meters by means of a statistical sampling program.

2. Staff has reviewed the waiver application, and discussed the application and meter sampling program with Aquila. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the waiver, as more fully described in the Staff memorandum attached as Attachment A to this pleading.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the waiver sought by Aquila.

Respectfully submitted,

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