

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aquila, Inc.,     )  
to Implement a General Rate Increase for     )  
Retail Electric Service Provided to Customers     )  
in Its MPS and L&P Missouri Service Areas.     )

**Case No. ER-2005-0436**

Tariff No. YE-2005-1045

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aquila, Inc.,     )  
to Implement a General Rate Increase for     )  
Retail Steam Heat Service Provided to     )  
Customers in Its L&P Missouri Service Area.     )

**Case No. HR-2005-0450**

Tariff No. YH-2005-1066

### **ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Issue Date: September 7, 2005

Effective Date: September 7, 2005

On May 24, 2005, Aquila, Inc., which does business as Aquila Networks – MPS and as Aquila Networks – L&P, submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission certain proposed tariff sheets, Tariff File No. YE-2005-1045. The purpose of the filing, according to Aquila, is to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service provided by the Company in its MPS and L&P service areas. Aquila states that the new retail electric service rates are designed to produce an additional \$69.2 million in gross annual electric revenues excluding gross receipts, sales, franchise, and occupational taxes in its MPS service area, a 20.3% increase over existing revenues, and \$9.4 million in additional gross annual electric revenues in its L&P service area, exclusive of gross receipts, sales, franchise, and occupational taxes, a 9.6% increase.

Thereafter, on May 27, 2005, Aquila submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission certain other proposed tariff sheets, Tariff File No. YH-2005-1066, intended to implement a general rate increase for retail steam heat service provided by the Company in

its L&P service area. Aquila states that the new retail steam heat service rates are designed to produce an additional \$5 million in gross annual steam heat revenues excluding gross receipts, sales, franchise, and occupational taxes in its L&P service area, a 44.3% increase.

On May 31, the Commission suspended the proposed electric service tariff sheets until April 21, 2006; likewise, on June 1, the Commission suspended the proposed steam heat service tariffs until April 24, 2006.

Because of developments in a related case, Case No. EO-2002-384, the local public hearing dates to which the parties had previously agreed had to be changed. On August 30, the Commission directed Aquila to make all necessary arrangements for the reset local public hearings. On September 2, Aquila filed its Corrected Status Report, advising that local public hearings had been scheduled in Raytown and in St. Joseph on the evening of November 17.

The Commission finds that the proposed date is appropriate for one of the hearings, but not for the other. Consequently, the Commission has reset the Raytown hearing to November 29.

For these reasons, the Commission will set the local public hearings in this case as noted below.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the following schedule of local public hearings is adopted:

City Council Chamber  
1100 Frederick Avenue  
St. Joseph, Missouri

November 17, 2005  
6:00 p.m.

City Council Chamber  
10000 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
Raytown, Missouri

November 29, 2005  
6:00 p.m.

Each local public hearing shall commence promptly at 6:00 p.m. and shall continue until every member of the public in attendance has had an opportunity to testify, but in no case later than 9:00 p.m. The local public hearings shall be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in a hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

2. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall be available at each hearing site during the half-hour preceding each local public hearing scheduled herein to answer questions from members of the public.

3. That the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in Aquila, Inc.'s Missouri electric and steam heat service areas.

4. That the Commission's Public Information Office shall make this order or the information contained in this order available to the media serving each county in Aquila, Inc.'s Missouri electric and steam heat service areas and to the members of the General Assembly representing the residents of Aquila, Inc.'s Missouri electric and steam heat service areas.

5. That Aquila, Inc., shall provide notice of the above local public hearings to each affected ratepayer by billing insert.

6. That the Commission shall make arrangements for court reporters at each hearing. Video conferencing will not be available at either location.

7. That this order shall become effective on September 7, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation  
of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.