

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	
Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE,)	
Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS)	
And Aquila Networks-L&P for an Order)	
Authorizing Sale and Transfer of Certain)	
Assets of Aquila, Inc. Located in Missouri)	Case No. GM-2004-0244
To AmerenUE and Either Authorizing the)	
Transfer of Existing Certificates of Public)	
Convenience and Necessity, or Granting)	
A New Certificate of Public Convenience)	
And Necessity to AmerenUE in)	
Conjunction with Same.)	

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (“AmerenUE”) and for its Motion for Expedited Treatment, states as follows:

1. On December 3, 2003 AmerenUE, Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P (“Aquila”) filed an application for authority to transfer Aquila’s Eastern System, which provides natural gas service to customers in and around Rolla, Salem and Owensville, Missouri, from Aquila to AmerenUE.

2. On March 30, 2004, the parties to this proceeding submitted a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement (“Stipulation”) recommending that the Commission authorize the proposed transaction, subject to conditions specified in the Stipulation. The Stipulation contemplated a closing date for the transaction on or about May 1, 2004. The parties attached pro forma tariff sheets to the Stipulation that were necessary to effectuate the settlement.

3. On April 20, 2004 the Commission issued its Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement in which it approved the Stipulation and authorized AmerenUE to file tariffs in conformance with the illustrative tariffs attached to the Stipulation.

4. AmerenUE is herewith filing the tariffs necessary to implement the Stipulation. These tariffs are identical in all respects to the illustrative tariffs attached to the Stipulation, except that the word “non-residential” has been added to the Availability sections of the Small and Large Volume Transportation Service tariff sheets, Sheet Nos. 20.15 and 20.18. This word was inadvertently omitted from the specimen tariff sheets attached to the Stipulation.

5. AmerenUE requests expedited approval of the tariffs filed herewith, so that those tariff sheets can take effect on May 1, 2004. AmerenUE submits that such an effective date is necessary so that the tariff sheets will take effect upon the closing of the transaction. There will be no negative effect on AmerenUE’s or Aquila’s customers or the general public if the Commission grants this request. Moreover, by granting this request the Commission will avoid the harm of having a gap in time, in which no AmerenUE tariff sheets applicable to the Eastern System customers are in effect.

6. This pleading was filed as soon as it reasonably could have been given the fact that the Commission’s order approving this transaction was issued on April 20, 2004.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, AmerenUE respectfully requests that the Commission permit the tariff sheets filed herewith to take effect on May 1, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been e-mailed or mailed, via first-class United States Mail, postage pre-paid, to the service list of record this 23rd day of April, 2004.

/s/ Thomas M. Byrne

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