

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 2nd day of
August, 2007.

In the Matter of Aquila Networks' Purchased)	<u>Case No. GR-2005-0271</u>
Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing)	Tariff No. YG-2008-0014

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: August 2, 2007

Effective Date: August 8, 2007

Syllabus: This order approves the tariff sheets filed by The Empire District Gas Company and closes the case.

On February 14, 2005, Aquila Networks – MPS and L&P filed tariff sheets to reflect scheduled changes in Aquila's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors for its Southern and Northern systems, due to rising wholesale natural gas prices. The Commission approved interim PGA rates on March 1, 2005 and November 3, 2005.

On June 21, 2007, after several status reports, Staff filed a Recommendation. Initially, Staff pointed out that Empire acquired Aquila's gas properties on June 1, 2006, and recommended that the Commission add Empire as a party. Furthermore, Staff stated that it and Empire had agreed to language that would eliminate one of two conflicting methods for calculating interest on Empire's Refund account.

Staff stated that it and Empire had no contested issues remaining, and recommended that the Commission order Empire to file tariff sheets consistent with the

illustrative tariff sheets affixed to the Staff Recommendation. Staff stated that Aquila, Empire and the Office of the Public Counsel did not object to Staff's Recommendation.

On July 6, the Commission added Empire as a party, and ordered Empire to file tariffs as requested by Staff. Empire responded on July 9 with tariff sheets bearing an effective date of August 8, 2007. To correct typographical errors, Empire filed substitute tariff sheets on July 10.

Staff filed its Recommendation on July 27, in which it stated that Empire's proposed changes are to revise the language regarding calculation of refund interest in Empire's PGA clause. Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order approving the tariff sheets as substituted on July 10.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and the parties' verified pleadings, which are admitted into evidence. The Commission finds that the tariff sheets conform to the company's Commission-approved PGA clause and are, therefore, reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of August 8, 2007.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on July 9, 2007, by The Empire District Gas Company, are approved, as substituted on July 10, 2007, for service rendered on and after August 8, 2007. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

1st Revised SHEET No. 56, Canceling Original SHEET No. 56
1st Revised SHEET No. 57, Canceling Original SHEET No. 57

2. This order shall become effective on August 8, 2007.
3. This case shall be closed on August 9, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton,
and Appling, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge