OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Empire District)
Gas Company's Purchased Gas) <u>Case No. GR-2006-0297</u>
Adjustment Tariff Filing)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

Issue Date: February 13, 2007 Effective Date: February 13, 2007

On January 12, 2006, Aquila Inc. filed revised tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission regarding its purchased gas adjustment (PGA). On April 18, 2006, the Commission approved the sale, transfer and assignment of the assets and liabilities involved in Aquila's gas distribution operations in Missouri to The Empire District Gas Company in Case No. GO-2006-0205. On November 3, 2006, Empire filed its tariff reflecting a change in the PGA and Actual Cost Adjustment and reconciliations for refund factors. On January 31, 2007, Aquila filed its Application to Intervene. No objections have been filed.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 governs intervention before the Commission. That rule states that the Commission may allow a party to intervene if the proposed intervenor has an interest that is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, or granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest. Upon review of the application, and considering no objections have been made to Aquila's Application to Intervene, the

Commission finds that the proposed intervenor has an interest which is different from that of the general public and that may be adversely affected by a final order arising form the case, and that granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest. Therefore, the Commission will grant Aquila's application to intervene.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The application to intervene filed by Aquila, Inc., is granted.
- 2. This order shall become effective on February 13, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 13th day of February, 2007.