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) Aquila Networks—MPS and Aquila Networks—) L&P Missouri Service Areas.)

Case No. ER-2007-0004 Tariff No. YE-2007-0001

STAFF'S LATE-FILING OF DIRECT TESTIMONY

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and late files the direct testimony of Staff witness Phillip K. Williams and, in connection therewith, states:

1. On January 19, 2007, the Commission entered its *Order Granting Motion to Latefile Testimony* in which it granted the Staff leave to late-file the direct testimony of Staff witness Phillip K. Williams that was due to be filed on January 18, 2007.

2. The Staff notes Staff witness Phillip K. Williams' direct testimony does not include two schedules referenced therein and that it does not include two references to Staff adjustments shown on Staff Accounting Schedules. The schedules not included are Schedule PKW-2 and Schedule PKW-3. The references to Staff Accounting Schedule adjustments not included appear on page 14 at line 11 of Staff witness Williams' direct testimony. Staff witness Phillip K. Williams' mother was removed from life support January 16, 2007. She is alive, but her life expectancy is short. Staff witness Williams remains with her. Rather than delaying further the filing of his direct testimony, the Staff is filing it now. The Staff intends to file the schedules and references to Staff adjustments noted as soon as Staff witness Williams is available to do so. Further, because Staff witness Williams is unavailable, the Staff does not have access to his workpapers; therefore, the Staff has not distributed Staff witness Williams'

workpapers to the other parties in this case, as it was to do so under the procedural schedule in this case. As soon as Staff witness Williams is available, the Staff intends for him to provide his workpapers to the parties in this case.

WHEREFORE the Staff late-files the direct testimony of Staff witness Phillip K. Williams that was due for filing on January 18, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 24th day of January 2007.

<u>/s/ Nathan Williams</u>