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Secretary **Public Service Commission** P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Aquila, Inc.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and eight copies of Response to Motion to Adjust Starting Time for Early Prehearing Conference and Objection to the Application to Intervene of the City of Kansas City filed on behalf of Aquila, Inc. Please file stamp the enclosed extra receipt copy and return to me for my records.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, then please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:

Dean L. Cooper

DLC/IIv **Enclosures**

CC:

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a)	
Aquila Networks - L&P and Aquila)	Case No. GR-2004-0072
Networks - MPS to Implement a)	
General Rate Increase in Natural Gas Rates)	

OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks - MPS and Aquila Networks - L&P ("Aquila" or "Company") and, as its objection to the Application to Intervene filed by the City of Kansas City, Missouri ("Kansas City"), states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. On August 26, 2003, Kansas City filed its Application to Intervene wherein it stated that "Kansas City is itself a large consumer of energy supplied by Aquila. Kansas City is interested in the impact of any decisions in this proceeding on behalf of itself and its residents and businesses."
- 2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) states that "the commission may on application permit any person to intervene on a showing that
 - (A) The proposed intervenor has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case; or
 - (B) Granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest."
- 3. Aquila objects to Kansas City's Application to Intervene based on two factors. First, Aquila does not supply natural gas to Kansas City. Thus, Kansas cannot be "affected by a final order arising from this case" as Aquila's regulated cost of natural gas does not impact Kansas City.
 - 4. Second, Aquila's natural gas service territory does not enter into the city limits of

Kansas City. Therefore, Kansas City's residents and businesses would likewise not be impacted by the cost of natural gas resulting from this case and no "public interest" would be served by Kansas City's intervention.

WHEREFORE, Aquila respectfully requests the Commission issue its order denying Kansas City's Application to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

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