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Missouri Public Service Commission

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RE: Aquila, Inc.

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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

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Case No. GR-2004-0072

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In the Matter of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a)
Aquila Networks - L&P and Aquila)
Networks - MPS to Implement a)
General Rate Increase in Natural Gas Rates)

RESPONSE TO MOTION TO ADJUST STARTING TIME FOR EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks - MPS and Aquila Networks - L&P ("Aquila" or "Company") and, in response to the Sedalia Industrial Users' Association's ("SIEUA") Motion to Adjust Starting Time for Early Prehearing Conference, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. On August 28, 2003, the SIEUA filed its motion asking that "the early preheairing conference in this matter, presently set to begin on September 10, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. be adjusted so as to start at no earlier than 11:00 a.m. the same day." The SIEUA's motion was based upon a conflict resulting from an oral argument before the Missouri Supreme Court.
- 2. Aquila does not object to this request and, in fact, asks that the prehearing conference be set to start at 1:00 p.m. on September 10, 2003. This later start time would facilitate travel arrangements being made by Aquila employees.
- 3. Attorneys for the Commission Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, the City of Kansas City and the SIEUA have affirmatively indicated that they do not object to starting the early prehearing conference at 1:00 p.m. on September 10, 2003.

WHEREFORE, Company respectfully requests the Commission to issue its order directing that the September 10, 2003 early prehearing conference start at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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