OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Aquila Network – MPS and L&P)
Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Filing) Case No. GR-2006-0297

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: January 31, 2008 Effective Date: January 31, 2008

On January 12, 2006, Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks – MPS and L&P filed a tariff sheet to change its Purchased Gas Adjustment factors. The Empire District Gas Company has since purchased Aquila's gas operations. Staff filed its Recommendation on December 17, 2007, in which Staff recommended several adjustments to Empire's accounts. Aquila and Empire responded, and objected to Staff's adjustments.

The Commission finds that a prehearing conference is now appropriate. The parties or their representatives shall appear in person, or by telephone, at the conference. They should be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct, the time necessary to complete discovery, and to prepare for hearing. The parties should also be prepared to name the witnesses each expects to call at hearing; the number and nature of any exhibits each expects to offer at hearing; and the anticipated length of the hearing. Also, the parties should be prepared to discuss the stipulation of facts not at issue. The parties will also be encouraged to discuss settlement.

If the parties do not resolve their dispute, they shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A prehearing conference shall be held on February 19, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This meeting will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

2. The parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than February 26, 2008.

3. This order shall become effective on January 31, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 31st day of January, 2008.