BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service Area of the Company.

Case No. ER-2006-0315

<u>AQUILA'S RESPONSE TO</u> ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc. (hereinafter, "Aquila"), by counsel, and respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission"):

1. By the Commission's Order Requiring Additional Information or Supplemental

Filing, dated June 20, 2006, effective June 30, 2006, five questions were put to the parties to this case.

2. Aquila moved to intervene in this matter because it appeared that Empire would be seeking to implement a fuel adjustment clause which, if approved by the Commission and instituted by Empire, would be the first of its kind since the passage of Senate Bill 179.

3. At this time, due to Aquila's limited involvement with this case and pursuant to the July 14th *Notice Clarifying Order Requiring Additional Information or Supplemental Filing*, Aquila takes no position on the issues presented in the Commission's *Order Requiring Additional Information or Supplemental Filing*.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was hand-delivered, mailed by U.S. mail, or electronically transmitted on this 20th day of July, 2006, to all parties of record.

____/s/ Diana C. Carter_____