

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Aquila, Inc.,)
d/b/a Aquila Networks – MPS and Aquila Networks –)
L&P (“Aquila”), The Empire District Gas Company)
 (“EDG”) and The Empire District Electric Company)
 (“EDE”) for an Order Authorizing the Sale, Transfer)
 and Assignment of Certain Assets and Liabilities from)
 Aquila to EDG and in Connection Therewith Certain)
 Other Related Transactions.)

Case No. GO-2006-0205

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO APPEAR AND ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION

Issue Date: December 21, 2005

Effective Date: December 21, 2005

On December 20, 2005, James P. Zakoura filed a petition asking leave to appear on behalf of Crane Plumbing. Mr. Zakoura is a member in good standing of the State bar of Kansas, U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, the U.S. Court of Appeals – Tenth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is not admitted to practice in Missouri. The motion designates Neil S. Sader, a member of the Missouri bar, as associate counsel. A receipt indicating payment of the fees required by Missouri Supreme Court Rule 6.01(m) was attached to the motion.

The request for leave to appear complies with the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.040(3)(C), and Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(m) and 9.03. Mr. Zakoura will be allowed to appear on behalf of Crane Plumbing.

Additionally, Crane Plumbing filed an application to intervene in this matter. During the prehearing conference held on December 7, 2005, the parties to this matter did not

oppose Crane Plumbing's application. The Commission will therefore grant the company's application to intervene.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Petition for Admission Pro Hac Vice of James Zakoura is granted.
2. That Crane Plumbing's application to intervene is granted.
3. That this order shall become effective on December 21, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of December, 2005.

Jones, Regulatory Law Judge