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Secretary  
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P. O. Box 360  
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**RE: Case No. GR-2003-0271**

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Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and eight copies of Aquila's Response to Order Granting Continuance. 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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Enclosures  
cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In re: Application of Union Electric Company            )  
for Authority to Participate in the Midwest            )  
ISO through a Contractual Relationship                )  
with GridAmerica.    )  
Case No. GR-2003-0271

**AQUILA'S RESPONSE TO ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE**

Comes now Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks - MPS and Aquila Networks - L&P ("Aquila"), and, in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Order Granting Continuance, states as follows:

1. On June 19, 2003, the Commission issued its Order Granting Continuance wherein, among other things, it ordered that "the Staff of the Commission, Union electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall, and the other parties may, file pleadings as discussed herein no later than June 26, 2003." Such pleadings were to provide information concerning the impacts a "delay in this case may have on the operations of the Midwest Independent System Operator" and "Missouri customers of Ameren and other electric utilities."

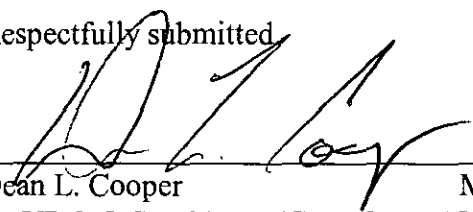
2. This case, whether delayed or not, has a very practical impact on Aquila. At this time, Aquila's only possible connection to the Midwest Independent System Operator ("MISO") is through AmerenUE. Thus, AmerenUE's membership, or nonmembership, and the timing of such decisions directly impacts Aquila's ability to join the MISO and turn over operational control of its transmission system to MISO.

3. On June 20, 2003, Aquila filed an application with the Commission seeking permission to join the MISO (Case No. EO-2003-0566). Because Aquila's connection to the MISO is dependant on AmerenUE, Aquila's MISO application will need to be delayed pending resolution

of this case.

WHEREFORE, Aquila respectfully requests that the Commission give consideration to the above information.

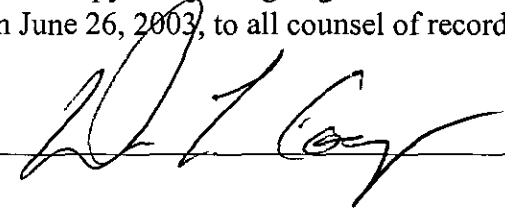
Respectfully submitted

  
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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was hand-delivered on sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on June 26, 2003, to all counsel of record.

  
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