

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Aquila Networks - MPS)	
and L&P's Purchased Gas Adjustment)	
(PGA) Factors to be Reviewed in its)	Case No. GR-2005-0271
Actual Cost Adjustment.)	

STAFF'S MARCH 23, 2007 STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the above-captioned matter, and respectfully states as follows:

1. On January 5, 2007, Aquila Inc. ("Aquila") filed its Response to the Staff's December 6, 2006 Recommendation. Although not a party to this Aquila ACA case, The Empire District Gas Company ("EDG"), which acquired the gas properties from Aquila on June 1, 2006, attached its own verified response to the Aquila filing.

2. As part of its Recommendation, the Staff recommended that the Commission hold the instant case open until EDG obtained Commission approval of its Ad Valorem refund plan, which is the subject of Case No. GT-2007-0207. On February 15, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Approving Tariff Regarding Refunds in that case.

3. On February 16, 2007, the Staff filed its Third Status Report indicating its view that there are no contested issues in this case, but that one matter, requiring the drafting of some tariff language, had yet to be concluded with EDG. The Staff also expressed its desire to review the above-reference Commission Order in Case No. GT-2007-0207.

4. The Staff continues to believe that there are no contested issues in this case. As requested by EDG, Staff has drafted some proposed tariff language, which is currently in what appears to be the final review process. In addition, the Commission's Order in case No. GT-2007-0207 has served to eliminate any further connection between that case and the instant proceeding. Accordingly, the Commission will be able to close the instant case after the anticipated filing of a final Staff recommendation herein.

5. The Staff expects to be able to file a final recommendation in the instant proceeding no later than April 30, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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