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Witness: Glenn P, Keefe

Sponsoring Party: Aquila Networks-L&P

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Rebuttal Testimony

of

Glenn P. Keefe

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF GLENN P. KEEFE ON BEHALF OF AQUILA, INC. D/B/A AQUILA NETWORKS-L&P CASE NO. HR-2005-0450

	1	Q.	Please state your name and business address.
	2	A.	My name is Glenn P. Keefe. My business address is 10700 East 350 Highway, Kansas
	3		City, Missouri 64138.
	4	Q.	By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
	5	A.	I am employed by Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila") as Operating Vice President - Missouri
	6	·	Electric. I have responsibilities for the operation of the Aquila's regulated electric utility
	7		in Missouri. In Missouri, Aquila currently conducts its regulated utility business though
-	8,		its Missouri Public Service ("MPS") and its St. Joseph Light & Power ("L&P") operating
	9		divisions.
	10	Q.	Briefly describe your education and work experience.
	11	A.	In 1973 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the
	12		University of Missouri - Rolla. After receiving my degree, I joined the Missouri Public
	13		Service Company, which later became UtiliCorp and recently Aquila, as Staff Engineer a
	14		the Sibley Generating Station. In 1974, I was promoted to Station Superintendent at the
	15		Ralph Green Generation Station in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. In 1976, I returned to the
	16		Sibley Generating Station as Operating Engineer. From 1979 through 1989, I served as
	17		Assistant Station Superintendent at the Sibley Generating Station and in 1989 was
	18		promoted to Station Superintendent. From 1997 through 2002, I have served as Vice
' ر	19		President, Generation. As Vice President, Generation, I supervised the operation and

	1		maintenance of 41 generating units at 15 different locations in Missouri, Kansas and
	2		Colorado. Since April of 2003, I have served in my present capacity as Operating Vice
	3		President - Missouri Electric. The 2002 re-organization of Aquila Networks from a
	4	,	function based focus to a State based focus eliminated my responsibilities of the
	5		Colorado and Kansas generating units. I retained the responsibility of the twenty-two
	6		Missouri generating units including our 18% ownership of the latan station operated by
	7	•	Kansas City Power & Light Company and Missouri's 8% share of the Jeffrey Energy
	8		Center operated by Westar Energy. My new duties also include the leadership of the
	9		Substation and Distribution function in Missouri. My operating group is referenced as
	10		Missouri Electric ("MOE") and includes MPS and L&P (merger of L&P 12/31/00).
	11		Recently, MOE added three additional units at the South Harper Peaking Facility.
	12	Q.	What is the purpose of the rebuttal testimony you now are submitting?
	13 ⁻	A.	The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to address the direct testimony filed by Sharon
	14		Hennings on behalf of the Federal Executive Agencies, Sedalia Industrial Energy Users'
٠.	15	•	Association and St. Joseph Industrial Group involving the use of petroleum coke as a
	16		method to reduce fuel cost at our generating facilities. The assumptions made by Sharon
	17		Hennings in her testimony makes me question the merit of the testimony from an
	18		engineering point of view.
	19	Q.	Why do you question the merit of the testimony?
	20	A.	It appears that Ms. Hennings does not understand the combustion processes in a coal
	21		fired utility plant.
	22	Q.	Why do you say this?

1	A.	Her testimony on page 5 states "No calculations for the additional cost of the sulfur
2		credits have been made for my analysis because the sulfur dioxide credits are based on
3		plant emissions, not on the content of the fuel. The precipitators and other emission
4		control equipment can modify the emissions." It appears from this statement that the she
5		does not understand basic chemical engineering and how sulfur dioxide is formed in the
6		combustion process. It also appears that the Ms. Hennings does not understand the
7		functions of an electrostatic precipitator. She implies that the electrostatic precipitator
8		removes sulfur dioxide. She also states that there is no correlation between sulfur in the
9		fuel and sulfur dioxide produced by the combustion process. This is wrong. There is a
10		direct relationship to sulfur in the fuel and sulfur dioxide produced as measured by the
11		continuous emission monitors at our plants.
12	Q.	What is the relationship of sulfur in the fuel and sulfur dioxide?
13	A.	In the combustion process, the sulfur in the fuel (S) is introduced to oxygen (O2) and
14		forms sulfur dioxide (SO ₂) in a gaseous form. In general terms, a pound of sulfur in the
15		combustion process generates approximately two pounds of gaseous sulfur dioxide.
16		There is a direct correlation between the sulfur in the fuel and sulfur dioxide produced.
17	Q.	Do Aquila's coal-fired units have electrostatic precipitators to control emissions?
18	A.	Yes
19	Q.	Do the electrostatic precipitators remove sulfur dioxide as Sharon Hennings implies in
20		her direct testimony?
21	A.	No. The electrostatic precipitator removes particulate matter or dust in the gas stream
22		and would not remove gaseous SO ₂ . Actually, the electrostatic precipitator performance

- is enhanced with sulfur in its function of removing particulate matter by increasing the resistivity of the ash. The device does not remove gaseous sulfur dioxide.
- Q. If there is a direct correlation between sulfur in the fuel and sulfur dioxide generated,
 should there be a cost assigned based on increased sulfur dioxide generated?
- 5 A. Yes. The sulfur content of petroleum coke (5.72% as received) is more than 15 times 6 higher than the content of our predominant fuel source, PRB coal (0.31% as received). 7 The November SO₂ allowance market closure cost is \$1,300 per allowance. With this 8 cost used, the \$\text{ton delivered price of petroleum coke from our calculation is \$184.08 per ton or \$6.02 per million Btu. This compares to Sharon Hennings direct testimony of a 10 petroleum coke cost of \$0.88 per million Btu (page 5 line 15) – but she assumes no 11 additional cost in SO₂ allowances. As allowance prices decrease, the overall cost of 12 utilizing petroleum coke decreases. For example, at \$700 per SO₂ allowance, the \$/ton 13 delivered price of petroleum coke would decrease to \$115.50 per ton or \$3.77 per million

Btu delivered cost. Petroleum coke is not a low cost alternative fuel when allowance

- 16 Q. Did Aquila you burn petroleum coke in the past?
- 17 A. Yes.

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Q. Were there any operational difficulties while experimenting with the use of petroleumcoke to decrease fuel cost?

costs are added to the equation and considering other operating risk.

- A. We did experience difficulties unloading and handling the fuel to the boiler. Any errors in blending could cause overheating of tube metal in the cyclone burner. This introduced the risk of forced outages.
- 23 Q. What was the main reason for ceasing use of petroleum coke as a fuel source?

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- 1 A. The increased problems of handling the fuel, increased risk of forced outages, and the
- 2 increased cost due to cost of SO₂ allowances.
- 3 Q. Why didn't the cost of SO₂ allowances originally stop you from burning petroleum coke?
- 4 A. The price of SO₂ allowances have increased from approximately \$200/allowance when
- Aquila last burned petroleum coke to a current price of approximately \$1,300/allowance.
- 6 Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?
- 7 A. Yes it does.

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