

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 ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: November 10, 2005

Effective Date: November 10, 2005

On November 8, 2005, Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks – MPS and Aquila Networks – L&P, The Empire District Gas Company and The Empire District Electric Company filed a joint application seeking authority to sell, transfer and assign certain assets and liabilities from Aquila to The Empire District Gas Company. With the application, joint applicants also filed a motion for the issuance of the Commission’s standard protective order.

Upon review of the joint motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, a protective order should be established.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks – MPS and Aquila Networks – L&P, The Empire District Gas Company and The Empire District Electric Company, is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 10, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of November, 2005.