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& L&P Purchased Gas Adjustment)GR-2006-0297
(PGA) Filing)

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SENIOR REGULATORY JUDGE

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning. We're on the
3 record. This is the prehearing conference in Case No.
4 GR-2006-0297 in the matter of Aquila Network MPS and L&P
5 Purchase Gas Adjustment Filing.

6 I'm Ron Pridgin. I'm the Regulatory Law Judge
7 assigned to preside over this prehearing conference. It's
8 being held on February 19th, 2008, in the Governor Office
9 Building in Jefferson City, Missouri. The time is about
10 three minutes after ten in the morning.

11 I'd like to get entries of appearance from
12 counsel, beginning with General Counsel's office, please.

13 MS. SHEMWELL: Good morning and thank you. Lera
14 Shemwell representing the Staff of the Missouri Public
15 Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City,
16 Missouri, 65102.

17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Shemwell, thank you. On
18 behalf of Aquila, please?

19 MR. COOPER: Dean L. Cooper from the law office
20 of Brydon, Swearngen & England, PC, P.O. Box 456,
21 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102, appearing on behalf of
22 Aquila, Inc.

23 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Cooper, thank you. On
24 behalf of Empire, please.

25 MR. KEEVIL: Yes. Appearing on behalf of the

1 Empire District Gas Company, Jeffrey A. Keevil of the law
2 firm Stewart & Keevil, LLC. Our address is 4603 John
3 Garry Drive, Suite 11, Columbia, Missouri, 65203.

4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Keevil, thank you. On
5 behalf of the office of the Public Counsel, please.

6 MR. POSTON: Marc Poston appearing for the
7 Office of Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City,
8 Missouri, 65102.

9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Poston, thank you. I don't
10 recall any other parties. Are there any other counsel who
11 wish to enter an appearance? All right.

12 Hearing none, I guess I'd just let the parties
13 know the main reason I convened this prehearing conference
14 is because this case, I guess, had a -- an interruption,
15 if you will, in the middle, and that is Empire buying
16 Aquila's gas properties.

17 And so instead of having pleadings maybe
18 continuing to go back and forth, since we have two
19 companies instead of one that -- that may have opposition
20 to Staff's recommendation, I thought it would be better
21 for all the parties to sit down once and to see what
22 common ground, if any, you could find and hopefully
23 resolve this short of a hearing.

24 But, obviously, if not, I will order a proposed
25 procedural schedule be filed in about a week. Obviously,

1 if you need more time, please let me know. And as you all
2 well know, we have a hearing calendar up on the 9th floor.
3 And I'm up on the 9th floor if you have any scheduling
4 questions.

5 And I don't recall any other pending motions or
6 anything that needs my attention. Is there anything that
7 counsel needs to bring to my attention?

8 MR. KEEVIL: I don't think so, Judge.

9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay.

10 MS. SHEMWELL: I don't think so.

11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: If there's nothing else, you
12 certainly have access to this room the rest of the day.
13 And you've got the phone there. If somebody needs to call
14 in and you need to confer with someone else, that's fine.
15 And you should know where my office is. Is there anything
16 else from counsel?

17 MS. SHEMWELL: No. Thank you.

18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Hearing nothing
19 further, we will go off the record. And that concludes
20 this prehearing conference in Case No. GR-2006-0297.
21 Thank you very much. We're off the record.

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4 COUNTY OF OSAGE)

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6 I, Monnie S. VanZant, Certified Shorthand Reporter,
7 Certified Court Reporter #0538, and Registered
8 Professional Reporter, and Notary Public, within and for
9 the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that I was
10 personally present at the proceedings as set forth in the
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12 stenotype the proceedings had at said time and was
13 thereafter transcribed by me, and is fully and accurately
14 set forth in the preceding pages.

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16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
17 seal on February 28, 2008.

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