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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Case No. EO-2005-0156

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Attached hereto for filing in the referenced case, is a Joint Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule filed in accordance with the Commission's March 9, 2005 Order Rescheduling Prehearing Conference. The Joint Motion contains the signatures of all counsel of record with the exception of counsel for the City of Peculiar who the undersigned is given to understand is out of the office and unavailable until Monday, March 28, 2005. The undersigned will contact Mr. Douglas and request that he advise the Commission of his agreement with the joint proposal.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND, P.C.

Bv:

Paul A. Boudreau

PAB/ccp Enclosure

CC:

All parties of record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Aquila,)	
Inc., for Authority to Acquire, Sell and)	
Lease Back Three Natural Gas-Fired)	
Combustion Turbine Power Generation)	Case No. EO-2005-0156
Units and Related Improvements to be)	
Installed and Operated in the City of)	
Peculiar, Missouri.)	

JOINT MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW Aquila, Inc., ("Aquila"), Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), the County of Cass, Missouri ("Cass County") and the City of Peculiar (the "City") (hereinafter, collectively, the "Parties") and for their Joint Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule in the captioned matter, state to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. On December 6, 2004, Aquila filed with the Commission an Application for determination that the acquisition by its regulated Missouri electric utility operations of an affiliated entity of three (3) natural gas-fired combustion turbines does not provide a financial advantage to the unregulated affiliate, for authorization to enter into a sale and lease back arrangement with the City, to facilitate the issuance of tax-advantaged Chapter 100 revenue bonds to finance the construction and operation of a power generation station and to cause said electric power generation station to be subjected to the lien of an indenture of mortgage as security for the benefit of the holders of the revenue bonds.
- 2. On January 13, 2005, Aquila filed the prepared direct testimony of Dennis R. Williams in support of its Application.

- 3. By order dated March 3, 2005, the Commission scheduled a prehearing conference in this case. Thereafter, on March 9, 2005, the Commission issued an Order Rescheduling Prehearing Conference. By virtue of said orders, the Commission directed that the Parties jointly file a proposed procedural schedule setting forth suggested dates, including a list of issues and a statement of Parties' positions.
- 4. The prehearing conference was convened on March 17, 2005, at the Commission's office in Jefferson City, Missouri, at which time Staff, Public Counsel, Aquila and Cass County discussed the issues presented and a schedule of events for the Commission's consideration. Counsel for the City was excused and was not in attendance. The Parties propose the following procedural schedule:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rebuttal Testimony – Staff/OPC/Cass County/City of Peculiar	June 13, 2005
Surrebuttal Testimony – All Parties	June 27, 2005
List of Issues/Statements of Positions, etc.	July 7, 2005
Hearing	July 13 – 14, 2005

WHEREFORE, the Parties request that the Commission issue an order setting the procedural schedule proposed above in paragraph 4 and for such other orders and relief as are appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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