

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 ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: December 21, 2005

Effective Date: December 21, 2005

On December 16, 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 on behalf of the parties to this matter a Proposed Procedural Schedule.

In addition to proposing a procedural schedule, the parties agreed to the following conditions: (1) that copies of data request questions be forwarded to all counsel; (2) that answers to data requests be provided electronically, when available in electronic form; and (3) that within 10 days after receipt of a data request, the recipient shall either answer, object to or assert an inability to answer the request.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed procedural schedule and, finding it reasonable, will adopt it. The Commission will also direct the parties to follow the conditions agreed to by the parties and set out in the body of this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is adopted:

January 17, 2006

Exchange List of Conditions (non-applicant parties provide their lists to all parties)

January 23-24, 2006	Settlement Conference
February 3, 2006	Rebuttal Testimony
February 24, 2006	List of Issues, Order of Witnesses and Order of Cross Examination
March 3, 2006	Prehearing Briefs
March 15-16, 2006	Hearing or On-the-Record Presentation

The hearing or on-the-record presentation will be held in the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the proceedings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

2. That the parties to this matter shall abide by the conditions set out in the body of this order.
3. That this order shall become effective on December 21, 2005.

(S E A L)

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of December, 2005.