BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of an Examination of |) | |
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| the Class Cost of Service and Rate |) | |
| Design in the Missouri Jurisdic- |) | EO-2002-384 |
| tional Electric Service Operations |) | [EO2002384xxx] |
| of Aquila, Inc. (f/k/a UtiliCorp |) | |
| United Inc.) |) | |

COMMENTS OF SEDALIA INDUSTRIAL ENERGY USERS' ASSOCIATION

Sedalia Industrial Energy Users' Association (SIEUA) offer these brief comments regarding Staff's latest objection to the proposed procedural schedule:

SIEUA concurs with Aquila's response filed on August 22, 2005 in this matter. We note only three brief points with respect to Staff's new objections:

First, Staff expresses concern regarding what it calls "proof of revenue," arguing that small numbers of customers could be eligible for two future rate categories and will rationally select the less costly category. More properly, this is called "migration analysis." Given that customers will move, if at all, to the less costly alternative, if Aquila doesn't perform this analysis, it is only Aquila who potentially stands to lose. Thought through, this argument is just another delaying tactic by Staff.

Second, Aquila correctly notes that Staff has presented a moving target. Staff clearly has "morphed" its requests to try to game this controversy. SIEUA cannot attach much credibility

to Staff's complaints when Staff had every opportunity to clarify its requests, well in advance, if they were of such great concern. What Staff originally requested, Aquila's August 19 submission more than satisfies.

Third , what Staff seems to forget is that the purpose of this case -- based on Staff's own filed statements -- is to evaluate class cost of service against the **existing settled** rates. And establish revenue-neutral changes. Rates proposed in the current rate case are essentially irrelevant in achieving that objective, which is, after all, the purpose of **this** case.

WHEREFORE the Order of the Commission is prayed accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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 $^{^{1}}$ Case No. ER-2004-0034 was settled, as to aggregate and class revenues, and even an IEC.

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