

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application by Aquila, Inc. for)	
Authority to Assign, Transfer, Mortgage or Encumber)	Case No. EF-2003-0465
Its Franchise, Works or System.)	

JOINTLY PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Aquila, Inc., Sedalia Industrial Energy Users' Association, AG Processing Inc., the State of Missouri and the Office of the Public Counsel, and for their Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule state to the Commission:

On June 12, 2003 the Commission issued an order that, among other things, set an early prehearing conference for 10:00 a.m. on July 1, 2003 for purposes of the parties discussing discovery issues, the number of witnesses each anticipates calling at hearing, the nature and number of hearing exhibits and the anticipated length of the hearing. In addition, the Commission directed the parties to jointly file by July 9, 2003 a proposed procedural schedule establishing dates for the filing of a list of the issues to be determined by the Commission, the parties position statements on the issues, a list of the witnesses to be called on each day of the hearing, the order of witnesses, the order in which the parties are to cross-examine the witnesses and proposed hearing dates.

2. As ordered by the Commission the parties attended the prehearing conference on July 1, 2003. Through discussions at that conference and subsequently, the parties, if and only if, the proposed hearing dates do not conflict with the hearing dates set in Case No. WR-2003-0500 (presently they do, but the parties in that case have jointly requested that the hearing in Case No. WR-2003-0500 be moved to later dates) and the informal interviews addressed below are concluded by July 18, 2003 have reached consensus on hearing dates, filing dates and related issues, and jointly

propose, without waiving their rights to engage in any form of discovery permitted by the Commission's rules, the following:

Friday, July 18, 2003

Completion date of informal interviews of Aquila, Inc. covering at least the topics provided by the Staff to Aquila, Inc. on June 9, 2003. All parties may attend and participate in the interviews in person or by telephone. Corrections to and designations of information as proprietary or highly confidential in the interview transcripts shall be provided to the parties within twenty (20) calendar days of the date each expedited transcript is provided to Aquila, Inc. Information disclosed during the informal interviews and not otherwise publicly available shall be treated as highly confidential in whole until thirty (30) days after receipt of an uncorrected copy of the interview transcript or Aquila, Inc. has designated which portions are highly confidential or proprietary, whichever is earlier. In the event the interviews are not completed by this date, the parties agree that the procedural schedule they jointly propose requires revision.

as well as the procedural schedule following:

Tuesday, July 1, 2003

Responses to all data requests submitted after this date shall be made within fifteen (15) days rather than the default twenty (20) days provided by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090(2).

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Rebuttal Testimony filing date, and workpapers supporting rebuttal testimony contemporaneously provided to other parties.

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

Prehearing Conference to address the list of the issues to be determined by the Commission, the witnesses to be called on

each day of the hearing, the order of witnesses, the order in which the parties are to cross-examine the witnesses and any other pending matters.

Monday, September 22, 2003

Statement of Issues, list of witnesses to be called on each day of the hearing, order of witnesses, order of examination filing date.

Friday, September 26, 2003

Surrebuttal and cross-surrebuttal testimony filing date, and workpapers supporting surrebuttal and cross-surrebuttal testimony contemporaneously provided to other parties.

Friday, September 26, 2003

Responses to all data requests submitted after this date shall be made within ten (10) days and all objections shall be made within five (5) days.

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Statement of Positions filing date.

Tuesday, October 14, 2003 to
Friday, October 17, 2003 and
Monday, October 20 to
Tuesday, October 21

Evidentiary hearing.

3. Although the issue of the exchange of information available in electronic format by means of e-mail was raised and discussed, not all the parties would agree that such information must be sent by e-mail, rather Aquila, Inc. takes the position that the use of e-mail for delivery of such information should be at the option of the party providing the information.

4. In the event the proposed evidentiary hearing dates are unavailable, with the exception of Aquila, Inc. which supports a different alternative schedule, the parties support the Staff's alternative proposal, to wit:

INFORMATION EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS

When practicable, information, such as testimony, workpapers, data request responses, etc., that is available in electronic format and that is being provided to a party, or parties, shall be transmitted by e-mail.

Friday, July 18, 2003

Without waiving their rights to engage in any form of discovery permitted by the Commission's rules, by this date informal interviews of Aquila, Inc. covering at least the topics provided by the Staff to Aquila, Inc. on June 9, 2003 shall be completed. All parties may attend and participate in the interviews in person or by telephone. Corrections to and designations of information as proprietary or highly confidential in the interview transcripts shall be provided to the parties within twenty (20) calendar days of the date each expedited transcript is provided to Aquila, Inc. Information disclosed during the informal interviews and not otherwise publicly available shall be treated as highly confidential in whole until thirty (30) days after receipt of an uncorrected copy of the interview transcript or Aquila, Inc. has designated which portions are highly confidential or proprietary, whichever is earlier. In the event the interviews are not completed by this date, the alternative procedural schedule the Staff proposes requires revision.

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Monday, September 15, 2003

Rebuttal Testimony filing date, and workpapers supporting rebuttal testimony contemporaneously provided to other parties.

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

Prehearing Conference to address the list of the issues to be determined by the Commission, the witnesses to be called on each day of the hearing, the order of witnesses, the order in which the parties are to cross-examine the witnesses and any other pending matters.

Friday, September 26, 2003

Statement of Issues, list of witnesses to be called on each day of the hearing, order of witnesses, order of examination filing date.

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

Statement of Positions filing date.

Friday, October 10, 2003

Surrebuttal and cross-surrebuttal testimony filing date, and workpapers supporting surrebuttal and cross-surrebuttal testimony contemporaneously provided to other parties.

Friday, October 10, 2003

Responses and objections to all data requests submitted after this date shall be made within five (5) days.

Monday, October 27, 2003 to
Friday, October 31, 2003 and
Monday, November 3 to
Tuesday, November 4.

Evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned parties jointly propose to the Commission the schedule herein, and, if the hearing dates in that schedule are unavailable then, with the exception of Aquila, Inc., the parties propose the Staff's alternative procedural schedule stated herein.


Respectfully submitted,

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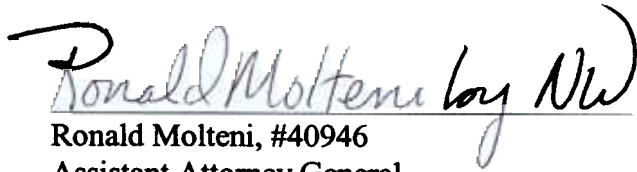
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or emailed to all counsel of record this 9th day of July 2003.

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