

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

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aquila,)
Inc., to Implement a General Rate Increase for)
Retail Electric Service Provided to Customers)
in its Aquila Networks—MPS and Aquila)
Networks—L&P Missouri Service Areas.)

Case No. ER-2007-0004
Tariff No. YE-2007-0001

STAFF’S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE-FILE PREHEARING BRIEF

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and hereby requests leave to late-file its prehearing brief. In support thereof, the Staff respectfully states:

Pursuant to the ordered procedural schedule in this proceeding, the parties were to file prehearing briefs on March 29, 2007. The press of other business, and particularly the protracted and just recently concluded AmerenUE hearing, has placed a great strain on Staff resources. As a consequence, the Staff was unable to file its brief until March 30, 2007, one day later. The Staff apologizes for the slight delay in filing, but believes that no party will be unduly burdened as a result.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests leave to late-file its prehearing brief in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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