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Issues: Special Meter Reading

Charge

Temporary Meter Set

Charge

Witness: J. Matt Tracy

Sponsoring Party: Aquila Networks-MPS

Case No.: ER-2004-0034

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Surrebuttal Testimony

of

J. Matt Tracy

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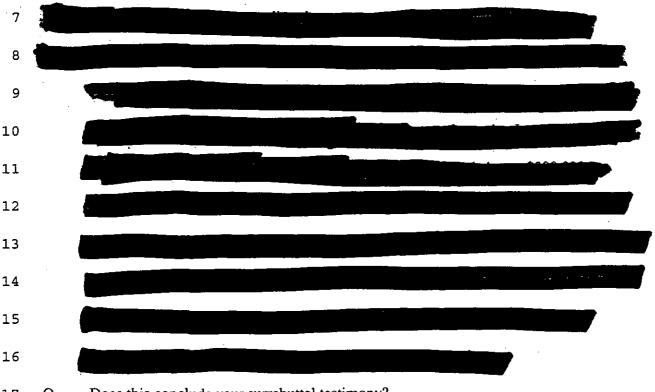
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF J. MATT TRACY ON BEHALF OF AQUILA, INC.

D/B/A AQUILA NETWORKS-MPS CASE NOS. ER-2004-0034

1	Ų.	Please state your name and business address.						
2	A.	My name is J. Matt Tracy and my business address is 10700 East 350 Highway, Kansas						
3		City, Missouri, 64138.						
4	Q.	Are you the same J. Matt Tracy who provided direct and rebuttal testimony in this case						
5		on behalf of Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila" or "Company")?						
6	A.	Yes.						
7	Q.	What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony in this case before the Missouri Public						
8		Service Commission ("Commission")?						
9	A.	I am responding to the rebuttal testimony of Commission Staff witness William L.						
10		McDuffey regarding the special meter reading charge, and the temporary meter set						
11		charge.						
12	Q.	What is your response regarding the special meter reading charge?						
13	A.	Mr. McDuffey testified that in response to Staff Data Request Number 190, the						
14		Company provided no support for these charges, and thus Staff cannot recommend the						
15		change. However, on a related request, Staff Data Request Number 182, the Company						
16		provided a detailed cost justification for the reconnect fee charge, a proposal that the						
17		"Staff supports." The only difference between the two costs is the time spent removing						
18		the seal and turning the meter on, versus reading the meter. The cost of the reconnect						

service, excluding the cost of removing the seal and turning on the meter, is \$22.81 during regular hours, and \$46.00 during the remaining hours. Adding in the cost of reading the meter would put both costs near, or over, the \$30 and \$50 charges we proposed. The additional benefit of simplified Company administration and customer understanding by having \$30 and \$50 being the same charges for a number of similar services also argues in favor of the Company's position.



- 17 Q. Does this conclude your surrebuttal testimony?
- 18 A. Yes it does.

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