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Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
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**Re: Case No. HR-2004-0024**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Provided herewith for filing on behalf of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks - L&P, please find in electric format a Motion for Protective Order.

A copy of this filing is being provided to the General Counsel and Office of the Public Counsel.

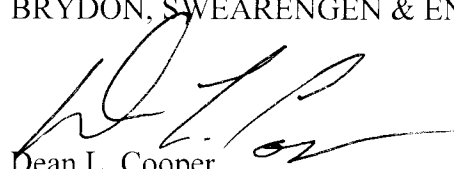
Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND, P.C.

By:

  
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Enclosure

cc: General Counsel  
Office of the Public Counsel  
Stuart Conrad

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

In the Matter of the Request of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a     )  
Aquila Networks - L&P to Implement a             )     Case No. HR-2004-0024  
General Rate Increase in Steam Rates.             )

**MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks - L&P (“Aquila” or the “Company”), in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.085, and, for its motion for issuance of the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) standard-form protective order, states as follows:

1.     The Company has filed with the Commission tariffs designed to increase its rates for steam service.

2.     The Company may seek to provide in testimony, and anticipates being asked through data requests, to provide competitive pricing information and technical, financial and business information of a confidential or proprietary nature.  Additionally, it is anticipated that other information which may be requested or utilized in testimony by other parties may contain customer-specific information, competitive pricing information, trade secrets and confidential, technical, financial and business information, or other material of a confidential or proprietary nature.  Additionally, requests may ask for information that is not considered public under the rules of the Securities Exchange Commission.  Public disclosure of the referenced material which the Staff, OPC, or others may seek in discovery may tend to harm the interests of the Company, its employees and its customers.  None of the information for which a claim or confidentiality will be made can be found in any format in a public document.

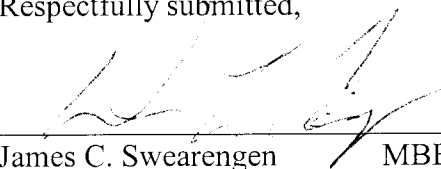
3.     Therefore, because there is a potential for public disclosure of confidential or proprietary information without a protective order in place, the Company moves the Commission to issue in this case its standard-form protective order containing classifications of “highly

confidential” and “proprietary.” The Commission has historically issued protective orders in general rate cases.

WHEREFORE, the Company, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.085, respectfully requests that the Commission:

- (a) issue the Commission’s standard-form protective order containing classifications of “highly confidential” and “proprietary” to guide the parties’ conduct in this case; and,
- (b) grant such further relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was hand-delivered on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, to the following:

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