

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

**In the matter of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a)
Aquila Networks L&P and Aquila)
Networks MPS to implement a general) GR-2004-0072
rate increase in natural gas rates)**

**MOTION TO ADJUST STARTING TIME FOR
EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

COMES NOW SEDALIA INDUSTRIAL ENERGY USERS' ASSOCIATION (hereinafter SIEUA), by its attorneys, and requests that the early prehearing conference in this matter, presently set to begin on September 10, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. be adjusted so as to start at no earlier than 11:00 a.m. the same day and in support states:

1. Undersigned counsel is set to argue a case before the Missouri Supreme Court on September 10, 2003.

2. This case also involves attorneys from the Commission and from the law firm representing Aquila and concerns the putative merger between UtiliCorp United, Inc. and St. Joseph Light & Power Company.

3. The case is the initial case on the docket of the Supreme Court. It is expected that the argument will begin shortly after 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 10:00 a.m.

4. Deferring the starting time for the early prehearing conference in this matter will permit all involved counsel to complete the earlier matter and appear for the early

prehearing on the date originally scheduled thereby avoiding delay in the Commission's schedule.

WHEREFORE SIEUA requests that the starting time for the September 10, 2003 early prehearing conference in this matter be deferred by one hour to accomodate prior engagements of counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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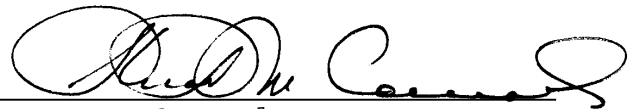
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing Application to Intervene by electronic means or by U.S. mail, postage prepaid addressed to all parties by their attorneys of record as provided by the Secretary of the Commission.



Stuart W. Conrad

Dated: August 28, 2003