

**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	)	Case No. ER-2005-0436
Retail Electric Service Provided to Customers in	)	
Its MPS and L&P Missouri Service Areas.	)	

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aquila, Inc.	)	
To Implement a General Rate Increase for	)	Case No. HR-2005-0450
Retail Steam Heat Service Provided to Customers	)	
In its L&P Missouri Service Areas.	)	

**MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

COMES NOW, Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila" or Company"), by and through counsel, and hereby requests a continuance in the above noted cases for the evidentiary hearings scheduled to resume on Thursday, January 19, 2006, in that the parties to these proceedings have been engaged in settlement negotiations and the Company believes that an opportunity for settlement exists provided the parties are given additional time in which to formalize their agreements in principle.

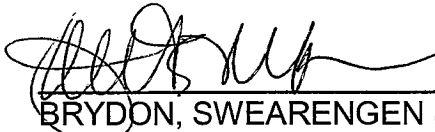
The Company has conferred with the following parties regarding this motion; Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), the City of Kansas City, the Federal Executive Agencies ("FEA"), AARP, Sedalia Industrial Energy Users Association ("SIEUA"), AG Processing, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources ("MDNR"), the City of St. Joseph, and the Company is not aware of any opposition to this request.

At this point, the Company anticipates that final stipulation and settlement agreements to dispose of these cases would be ready for filing with the Commission by the close of business January 25, 2006. However, should any issue or situation arise

which would change this anticipated filing date, the Company will apprise the Commission as soon as possible.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing reasons, the Company respectfully requests that the evidentiary hearing currently scheduled to resume on January 19, 2006 be postponed indefinitely or at least until January 26, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,



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