BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Aquila, Inc., for Authority to Acquire, Sell and Lease Back Three Natural Gas-Fired Combustion Turbine Power Generation Units and Related Improvements to be Installed and Operated in the City of Peculiar, Missouri

Case No. EO-2005-0156

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Comes now Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila" or "Company"), by and through counsel, pursuant to Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.085 and requests the Commission to issue its customary Protective Order to govern the exchange of information as between parties to the captioned proceeding. In support thereof, Aquila states as follows:

1. Contemporaneously with the filing of this Motion, Aquila has caused to be filed an Application with the Commission for a determination that an intra-corporate transfer of three (3) combustion turbines and associated transformers and breakers at fair market value does not provide a financial advantage to an unregulated affiliate and, also, a finding that a sale and leaseback arrangement to secure tax-advantaged financing under Chapter 100 RSMo is not detrimental to the public interest.

2. This case may involve, among other things, an examination of Aquila's resource plans and objectives. The resource plan contains extremely sensitive business information concerning Aquila's power supply options and needs which, if made generally and publicly available, would severely hamper and impair the Company's ability to meet its needs at the lowest possible cost.

3. More generally, the Commission's Protective Order in this case will facilitate the timely exchange of information relevant to the issues presented by Aquila's Application.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, Aquila requests that the Commission issue its customary Protective Order and for such further orders and relief as are appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was delivered by first class mail or by hand delivery, on this 6th day of December 2004 to the following:

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