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September 11, 2003

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Chief Judge Dale Roberts Public Service Commission Room 909 Governor Office Building Jefferson City, MO 65101 OCT 1 7 2003

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Missouri Public Service Commission

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed is a letter and petition signed by concerned citizens of my 5<sup>th</sup> District to oppose any proposed rate increases by Aquila, Inc. The signers of this petition are honest and hard working citizens who want services provided in a cost efficient manner. For many years these citizens have paid for their service and should not have excessive rate increases passed on to them due to past management mistakes.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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Sincerely.

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5<sup>th</sup> District State Representative

cc: Jim Clough

Lathrop Reporter

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To Whom It May Concern,

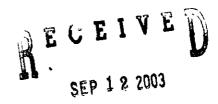
We wish to protest the filing by Aquila, Inc., for any increase in costs to the customers who are forced to purchase Aquila products.

An official of Aquila stated the increases were "necessary because of higher costs in the past decade for <u>improvements</u> in its <u>system</u> and <u>other</u> overhead expenses such as <u>pensions and salaries</u>".

Our contention is that the improvements to the "system" SHOULD – under prudent management- have been provided for by set-asides or reserve from past revenues. The people involved in the operation of this company, through their personal greed, are directly responsible for Aquila's financial problems. Their raises and pensions and bonuses should ONLY have been provided to them for <u>performance excellence</u>, not financial failure. We do not feel their mismanagement needs rewarding by raises, pension enhancements, and bonuses.

Better management – possibly changes in the Board of Directors, CEO, President, etc... - would probably keep our rates lower and in the future bring profits that would genuinely lead to Aquila's stock increasing in value, rewarding customers and shareholders alike.

No increases for Aquila!



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