

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

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila)	
Networks - MPS and Aquila Networks - L&P's)	Case No. EO-2003-0566
Application to Join the Midwest Independent)	
Transmission System Operator, Inc.)	

OCTOBER STATUS REPORT

COME NOW Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila" or "Company") and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and also on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel, the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. ("MISO"), Kansas City Power & Light Company, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, the City of Kansas City, and The Empire District Electric Company, and state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. On July 23, 2004, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule calling for a Status Report to be filed on October 15, 2004.

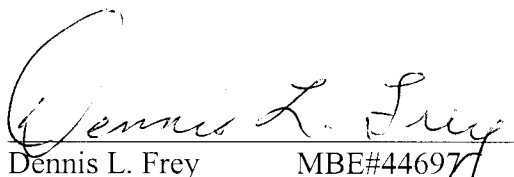
2. Since the filing of the August Status Report in this case, the Parties held a Technical Conference on September 23, 2004. The purpose of this Technical Conference was to compare and contrast the cost/benefit study being performed on behalf of the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") Regional State Committee ("RSC") with cost/benefit studies that have been performed by the MISO. This discussion included discussions about analysis scenarios and the production cost and power flow computer modeling methodologies used to analyze the RTO operations. Representatives of both SPP and MISO attended and participated in the Technical Conference.

3. The Parties have scheduled a follow-up telephone conference on October 18, 2004, to discuss SPP RSC and MISO analysis "deliverables" (i.e., what will be produced by the

analyses to be performed) and the progress of the SPP RSC cost/benefit analysis, to include the expected completion date.

4. It is expected that the next status report will be provided by the Parties on November 16, 2004.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Commission consider this pleading to comply with the Commission's order requiring a Status Report.


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