

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

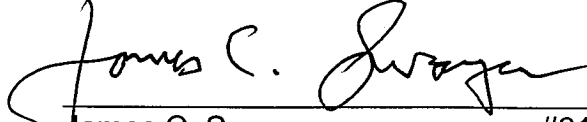
The Office of the Public Counsel)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	Case No. EC-2006-0171
)	
Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks)	
– MPS and Aquila Networks – L&P)	
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Respondent.)	

**AQUILA'S RESPONSE TO STAFF'S INITIAL
RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT AND MOTION FOR
EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks – MPS and Aquila Networks – L&P (“Aquila”), by counsel, and for its Response to Staff’s Initial Response to Complaint and Motion for Expedited Treatment respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) as follows:

1. As Aquila understands the Staff’s pleading, the Staff believes that a prompt prehearing should be set which would allow the parties to discuss the Complaint which is the subject of this case and possibly resolve it.
2. Notwithstanding the fact that Aquila’s answer to the Complaint, or its notice of satisfaction thereof, is not due until on or about November 16, 2005, and without waiving any of its defenses to the Complaint or any of its rights, Aquila has no objection to the suggested prehearing conference.

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, hand delivery, or electronic transmission, on this 25th day of October, 2005, to:

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