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**RE: Case No. GR-2001-461(Consolidated)**

Missouri Public  
Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and eight copies of the Motion to Extend Filing Date filed on behalf of Aquila, Inc. Please file stamp the enclosed extra receipt copy and return to me for my records.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, then please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:

  
Dean L. Cooper

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Enclosures  
cc: Robert Franson  
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Aquila Networks - MPS' )  
Purchased Gas Adjustment factors to be reviewed )  
in its 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment. )

Case No. GR-2001-461  
(Consolidated)

**MOTION TO EXTEND FILING DATE**

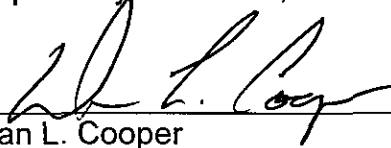
COMES NOW Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks - MPS ("MPS") and, as its  
Motion to Extend Filing Date, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service  
Commission's ("Commission"):

1. In accordance with Commission Order, the parties' surrebuttal testimony is currently scheduled to be filed on January 2, 2003. This case is scheduled to be heard by the Commission on February 4-5, 2003.
2. Filing testimony on January 2, 2003, immediately after the Christmas and New Year's day holidays, will be difficult considering the loss of business days due these holidays. As a result, MPS seeks to extend the date for the filing of surrebuttal testimony for seven (7) days, or until January 9, 2003.
3. As stated above, the hearing in this matter is scheduled for February 4-5, 2003. Extending the filing deadline as requested would still allow approximately 26 days between the filing of surrebuttal testimony and the start of the hearing. There are no other activities associated with this case which are scheduled during that intervening period. Thus, a grant of this motion would not require any other change to the procedural schedule.
4. Counsel for MPS has discussed this matter with counsel for the Commission Staff ("Staff") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and has been

informed that neither the Staff nor the OPC object to an extension of the date for filing surrebuttal testimony, as requested herein.

WHEREFORE, MPS prays for an order granting its Motion to Extend Filing Date.

Respectfully submitted,



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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was hand-delivered on December 18<sup>th</sup> 2002 to the following:

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