

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

In the matter of the Joint Application of                    )  
Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks – MPS and            )  
Aquila Networks – L&P (“Aquila”), The Empire        )  
District Gas Company (“EDG”) and The                    )  
Empire District Electric Company (“EDE”)                )  
for an order authorizing the sale, transfer and         )  
assignment of certain assets and liabilities from)        )  
Aquila to EDG and in connection therewith,            )  
certain other related transactions.                        )

Case No. GO-2006-0205

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks – MPS, and Aquila Networks – L&P, (“Aquila”), The Empire District Gas Company (“EDG”), and The Empire District Electric Company (“EDE,” and together with EDG, “Empire”), and on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission; the Office of the Public Counsel; Pittsburgh Corning Corporation; and, Cornerstone Energy, Inc., states as follows as a proposed procedural schedule for this case:

1. At the prehearing conference of this matter on December 7, 2005, the regulatory law judge asked Aquila to file a status report by Friday, December 16, 2005, indicating whether or not a procedural schedule would be necessary. The parties have been able to discuss that issue, as well as several substantive issues.

2. As a result of those discussions, the parties have agreed that it would be advisable to set a procedural schedule for this case. This should not be viewed as an indication that the parties believe the case must necessarily be tried. Rather, it is an indication that the parties believe the timely processing of this case would be aided by such a schedule.

3. Accordingly, the parties propose the following procedural schedule:

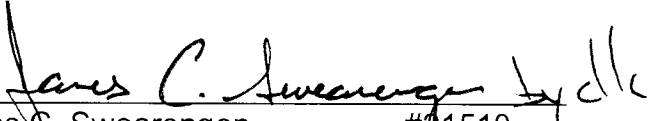
<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Exchange List of Conditions (non-Applicant parties provide their lists to all parties)	Jan. 17, 2006
Settlement Conference	Jan. 23 - 24, 2006
Rebuttal Testimony	Feb. 3, 2006
Surrebuttal Testimony	Feb. 17, 2006
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses and Order of Cross Examination	Feb. 24, 2006
Prehearing Briefs	Mar. 3, 2006
Hearing or On the Record Presentation	Mar. 15 - 16, 2006

4. Further, the parties have agreed to the following in regard to the discovery to be conducted in this case: 1) copies of data request questions will be forwarded to all counsel; 2) answers to data requests will be provided electronically, when available in electronic form; and 3) within ten (10) days after

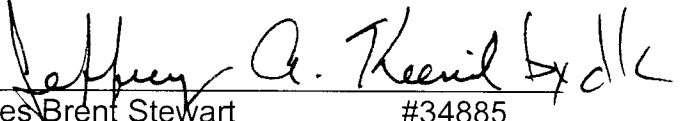
receipt of a data request, the recipient shall answer the data request, object to the data request, or assert an inability to answer the data request within ten (10) days, as appropriate.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request the Commission to establish the procedural schedule identified herein.

Respectfully submitted,

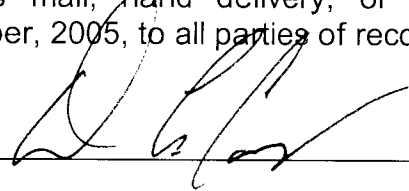
  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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 16 day of December, 2005, to all parties of record.



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