## 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

## MOTION TO MODIFY 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., state as follows as their Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule:

- 1. On December 21, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule in this case. In that order, the Commission a procedural schedule that had been proposed by the parties.
- 2. The parties have since exchanged proposed conditions on January 17, 2006, and conducted a settlement conference on January 23 and 24, 2006, in accordance with the ordered schedule. As a result of their discussions, the parties believe that a modification of the previously adopted procedural schedule is necessary to provide time for the parties to continue and hopefully complete their negotiations. This proposed modification adjusts the events between now

and the scheduled hearing. It does not change the hearing dates established in the Commission's prior order.

3. Accordingly, the parties move the Commission to modify the procedural schedule as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rebuttal Testimony	Feb. 17, 2006
Surrebuttal Testimony	Feb. 28, 2006
List of Issues, Order of	Mar. 3, 2006
Witnesses and Order of Cross Examination Prehearing Briefs	Mar. 10, 2006
Hearing or On the Record	Mar. 15 - 16, 2006
Presentation	

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request the Commission modify the procedural schedule as indicated 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006, to all parties of record.