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

In the matter of the application of Aquila, Inc., for specific confirmation or, in the alternative, issuance of a certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain a combustion turbine electric generating station and associated substations in unincorporated areas of Cass County, near the town of Peculiar

**Case Number EA-2005-0248** 

## APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW STOPAQUILA.ORG, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and for its Application to Intervene respectfully states:

- 1. STOPAQUILA.ORG is an unincorporated association consisting of numerous residents of Peculiar, Missouri, and the area outside of Peculiar, Missouri, who a.) oppose the building of the proposed power plant by Aquila, Inc., in the residential area where Aquila has begun construction, and c.) oppose Aquila's efforts to emasculate county zoning requirements and other county requirements. This organization consists of over 350 adults, of which Nancy Manning, Gary Crabtree, Mark Andrews, Della January, Steve Vincent and Max January are representative members. The undersigned is attaching a list of the members of STOPAQUILA.ORG.
- 2. Correspondence, communications, orders and the decision in this matter should be addressed to:

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3. This case arose upon Aquila's filing of an application to obtain from the Commission a ruling that would indicate that Aquila does not need to comply with county zoning or in the alternative a specific certificate that would supposedly allow Aquila to build a power plant without county zoning approval. This application to intervene is timely.

- 4. Aquila is already in the process of constructing the plant(s) it refers to in its application in an area outside Peculiar, Missouri, which is an unincorporated area within Cass County, without zoning approval.
- 5. STOPAQUILA.ORG is a plaintiff in two suits now pending against Aquila, Inc. in the Circuit Court of Cass County, Case No. CV104-1355CC and CV104-1380CC. In the first case, STOPAQUILA.ORG has appealed a decision by the Circuit Court which purports to allow Peculiar to issue revenue bonds for construction of a power plant without the required vote of the electors. In the second case, STOPAQUILA.ORG filed a Petition against Aquila for Declaratory Judgment, and for Temporary Injunction, Preliminary and Permanent Injunctive Relief. Among other things, STOPAQUILA.ORG asked that the Court rule that all improvements constructed in an area in unincorporated Cass County be first approved by the County under its zoning authority. Aquila is constructing the plant in an area that is not zoned for such. Aquila has not acquired Cass County approval for construction of this plant. Aquila does not have a franchise that permit it to build said plant. The County of Cass sued Aquila, and the Circuit Court on

January 6, 2005, entered an injunction against Aquila and all others acting in concert with it, and

Aquila has appealed. An expedited appeals schedule has been sought.

6. The interest of STOPAQUILA.ORG's members is different than the interest of

the general public. Members live near the site of this proposed plant and will suffer from air

pollution, noise pollution, electric overhead lines, loss of property values, and other damage.

The harm to the people who live nearby will be substantial if Aquila is not stopped.

STOPAQUILA.ORG et al. desires to participate fully in this proceeding including any hearing

and the briefing of the issues. Its intervention would be in the public interest.

7. STOPAQUILA.ORG et al. is vehemently opposed to the relief requested by

Aquila in its application.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, STOPAQUILA.ORG, respectfully requests

that the Commission grant its Application to Intervene in this matter, and thereby entitle it to

have notice and to appear at the taking of testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses and

to be heard on the argument, and in all other respects fully participate in this proceeding.

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 sent via e-mail on this 1st<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005, to to the Office of General Counsel at <a href="mailto:gencounsel@psc.state.mo.us">gencounsel@psc.state.mo.us</a>; Office of Public Counsel at <a href="mailto:gencounsel@psc.state.mo.us">gencounsel@psc.state.mo.us</a>; Paul A. Boudreau at <a href="mailto:gencounsel@psc.state.mo.us">gencounsel@psc.gencounsel@psc.gencounsel@psc.gencounsel@psc.gencounsel@psc.gencounsel@psc.gencounsel@psc.gencounsel@psc.gencounsel@psc.gencounsel@psc.gencounsel@psc.gencounsel@psc.ge

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF MISSOURI	
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COUNTY OF CASS	)
and state that I am a reprabove captioned proceeding above and foregoing Applications.	, being first duly sworn, do hereby certify, depose resentative of STOPAQUILA.ORG, which seeks intervention in the g before the Missouri Public Service Commission; that I have read the cation to Intervene and the allegations therein contained are true and nowledge, information and belief.
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Subscribed and swo	rn to before me, a Notary Public, thisth day of December, 2004.
My Commission expires:	Notary Public, Cass County, Missouri