

**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 FOR CONTINUANCE OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE REQUEST FOR
PERMISSION TO APPEAR BY TELEPHONE**

The undersigned just received notice that he is to appear at a prehearing conference on February 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. The undersigned called the telephone number given on the order and the recording said the PSC offices were closed today, February 11.

The undersigned has not received reasonable notice of this prehearing conference. Notice received five days before, with the PSC office closed for one of those business days, is not reasonable notice.

The undersigned is engaged in trial the week of February 14. The undersigned does not know if the trial will be conducted or whether it will be continued or settled. He is to show up in Jackson County the morning of February 14, and if the trial goes, it could take a few days. The undersigned may be in trial on February 16.

The undersigned was calling to inquire if he could attend by telephone. If the trial is conducted beginning on February 14, the undersigned may be difficult to reach before February 16 to set something up. Therefore, the undersigned files this motion.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned requests a continuance of the prehearing conference set for February 16, or, if that relief is not granted, that he be permitted to attend by telephone.

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 11th day of February, 2005, to to the Office of General Counsel at gencounsel@psc.state.mo.us; Office of Public Counsel at opcservice@ded.state.mo.us; Paul A. Boudreau at paulb@brydonloaw.com, Mark Comley at comley@ncrpc.com , Debra Moore at dmoore@casscounty.com and by US Mail to:

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