

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

**In the matter of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a     )  
Aquila Networks L&P and Aquila     )  
Networks MPS to implement a general     )  
rate increase in natural gas rates     )**

**GR-2004-0072**

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER AND RESCHEDULE HEARING DATE**

COMES NOW SEDALIA INDUSTRIAL ENERGY USERS' ASSOCIATION (hereinafter SIEUA), by its attorneys, and requests that the present setting of the hearing in this matter be adjusted roughly two months later and in support states:

1. The August 20, 2003 Suspension Order sets a hearing in this matter starting on January 20, 2004.

2. Working backward from that hearing date for the customary and not unduly generous time periods for surrebuttal testimony, statements of position (as directed by the Suspension Order), simultaneous filing of a reconciliation and joint statements of issues, witness order and cross-examination order, rebuttal testimony and direct testimony in cost of service and rate design segments results in initial direct testimony being due roughly 3 weeks following the early prehearing in this matter (presently set for September 10), roughly 3 weeks following the recommendation of the parties as to test year (September 11), and roughly 2 weeks after the proposed procedural schedule would be submitted by the parties (September 15, 2003).

3. It is not believed that the present hearing schedule will afford the parties sufficient time to do discovery on the utility's direct case (20-day turnaround under Commission rule), nor permit effective investigation or examination of the contentions of the utility thereby depriving opposing parties of a reasonable opportunity for an effective hearing on their positions and thus depriving them of due process of law by failing to provide them with a fair hearing process.

4. Scheduling a hearing that begins in late March appears to provide the necessary preparatory time for the other parties to prepare and file their respective cases.

5. SIEUA does not request an immediate ruling on this Motion; rather we expect this Motion to be discussed among the parties at the early prehearing conference on September 10, 2003. By filing this Motion at this time SIEUA hopes to focus the attention of the parties as well as the Commission on this scheduling problem.

6. The intervention period for this matter is still open.

7. Company has not yet indicated whether it will request a true-up or other post-hearing process.

WHEREFORE SIEUA requests reconsideration and rescheduling of the hearing in this matter and requests that ruling on this Motion be deferred for discussion at the early prehearing conference among the interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, CONRAD & PETERSON, L.C.



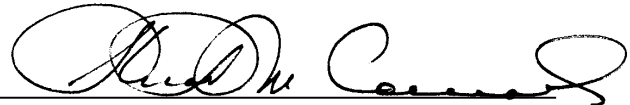
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing Application to Intervene by electronic means or by U.S. mail, postage prepaid addressed to all parties by their attorneys of record as provided by the Secretary of the Commission.



Stuart W. Conrad

Dated: August 28, 2003