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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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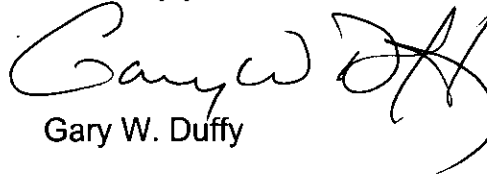
RE: Application for AAO by Aquila, Inc.
Case No. EU-2002-1053

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding on behalf of Aquila, Inc.
please find an original and eight copies of a Response to OPC Pleading.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,


Gary W. Duffy

Enclosures

cc w/encl:

Office of Public Counsel
Office of the General Counsel
Dennis Williams

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

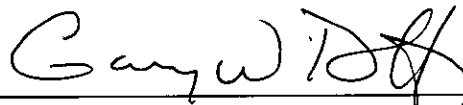
In the Matter of Aquila Inc.'s application for the)
issuance of an Accounting Authority Order relating)
to its electrical operations in the Aquila Networks -) Case No. EU-2002-1053__
MPS division as a result of a severe ice storm.)

RESPONSE TO OPC PLEADING

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila") by and through its counsel, and for its
Response to the "Public Counsel Recommendation and Request for Hearing" filed on
June 6, 2002, respectfully states as follows:

1. Aquila has reviewed the pleading filed by the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and supports the granting of an order which provides the relief Aquila requested, conditioned upon the six numbered provisions in OPC's pleading.
2. Aquila understands OPC's pleading to request an evidentiary hearing only as an "alternative" if there are disputed issues.
3. Aquila does not know at this time whether there will be any disputed issues because Aquila has not seen a Staff recommendation in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



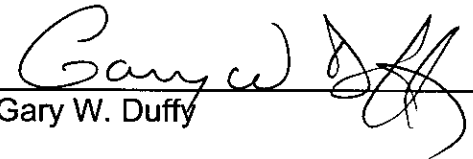
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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was hand delivered this 17th day of June 2002, to the Office of the Public Counsel and the Office of the General Counsel.



Gary W. Duffy

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