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August 12, 2002

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: **GT-2003-0038**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks - L&P, please find an original and eight (8) copies of Response of Aquila, Inc. to Order Directing Filing.

Copies of this filing are being provided to Office of the Public Counsel.

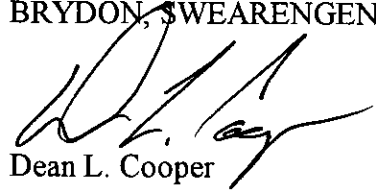
Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND, P.C.

By:


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Enclosure

cc: Doug Micheel
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the tariff filing of)	
Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila)	Case No. GT-2003-0038
Networks - L&P)	Tariff No. 200300096
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In the matter of the tariff filing of)	Case No. GT-2003-0039
Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila)	Tariff No. 200300095
Networks - MPS)	

**RESPONSE OF AQUILA, INC. TO
ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Comes now, Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks - L&P and Aquila Networks - MPS ("Aquila"), and for its response to the order directing filing issued by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the caption-matters on August 8, 2002, respectfully states as follows:

1. By letter dated July 30, 2002, and received by the Commission on July 31, 2002, Aquila transmitted to the Commission for filing, pursuant to Section 393.190.1, RSMo, Aquila Networks - MPS gas tariff sheets 17-32 and 32.1 through 32.24 and Aquila Networks - L&P gas tariff sheets 7.1 through 7.4. All of said tariff sheets bore a date of issue of July 31, 2002, and an effective date of October 1, 2002, consistent with its prior discussions with the Commission Staff ("Staff"). Attached hereto as Appendix 1 is a copy of the transmittal letter accompanying said filing. Attached hereto as Appendix 2, is a copy of FedEx USA Airbill with Tracking No. 834224950620 indicating that said letter and filing was delivered to the Commission on July 31, 2002, and received by R. Doerhoff at 9:30 a.m. on that date.

2. Prior to this submission, Aquila's Robert Amdor spoke with Staff members

Warren Wood and Tom Imhoff on July 17, 22 and 29, 2002. During the first conversation, Mr. Amdor generally described Aquila's proposed tariff and sent an electronic copy to the Staff for review. The electronic copy had not yet been inserted into tariff page format, so no titles or pages were show.

3. Thereafter, on July 22, 2002, Mr. Amdor and said Staff members reviewed the document by paragraph and discussed it in detail again on July 29, 2002. The July 29, 2002 version of the tariff was in final form, and showed the title as "Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P." During that last call, Mr. Amdor inquired as to whether the Staff had any concerns about an effective date of September 1, 2002, since Aquila's existing experimental aggregation tariff expired on August 31, 2002. Mr. Amdor was told by the Staff that it would be better to request an effective date of October 1, 2002, because that date would provide for a 60 day review period and an opportunity for changes before the November 1, 2002, date required by the aggregation statute. Mr. Amdor also asked whether there was any concern about filing the aggregation changes at the same time that Aquila filed changes designed to address Williams Pipeline's change to daily balancing, a major tariff re-write. Both Mr. Wood and Mr. Imhoff said they would prefer to handle all of the changes in one filing.

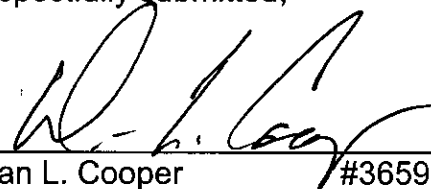
4. As stated previously, the involved tariff sheets were received by the Commission for filing on July 31, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. Thereafter, at approximately 4:00 p.m. on July 31, 2002, Mr. Amdor received a phone call from Mr. Imhoff and a Records Center member, at which time Mr. Amdor was advised, for the first time, that the Staff

wanted separate tariff sheets to be filed for MPS and L&P.¹ Said separate tariffs were completed and a new cover letter to be used in substituting/correcting the previously filed tariff sheets was faxed to the Staff for review on July 31, 2002. Attached hereto as Appendix 3 is a copy of said new cover letter.

5. Thereafter, on August 1, 2002, Mr. Amdor received a phone call from Mr. Imhoff at which time Mr. Imhoff indicated that the tariff changes should be refiled and not sent as a substitution/correction. A new cover letter and tariff sheets were then mailed to the Commission via FedEx for refile as instructed and were received by the Commission on August 2, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. Attached hereto as Appendix 4 is a copy of said new cover letter.

WHEREFORE, Aquila respectfully requests that the Commission consider the foregoing explanation concerning the filing of the subject tariff sheets as having addressed its Order Directing Filing.

Respectfully submitted,

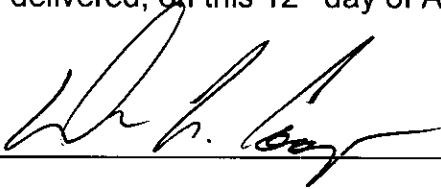


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¹ It is not clear at this time if and/or why the initial tariff sheets may have been "rejected" on July 31, 2002. Aquila has not received any formal rejection notice from the Commission. Additionally, Aquila is not aware of authority for the Commission to "reject" the filing of facially lawful tariff sheets.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 12th day of August, 2002 to the parties of record.





Aquila

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July 30, 2002

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary, Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing are an original and three copies of Aquila Networks-MPS gas tariff sheets 17-32 and 32.1 - 32.24, and Aquila Networks-L&P gas tariff sheets 7.1-7.4.

These changes address the following issues:

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2. The recent statutory requirement for an aggregation program for schools.
3. The proposed September 1, 2002 adoption of daily scheduling and balancing by Williams Pipeline-Central. If the FERC approves these provisions, the Company will need tariff provisions to address possible penalties and charges that could be caused by end user imbalances.

If you have questions about this filing, please feel free to contact me at 402-221-2227.

Very truly yours,


Robert J. Amdor
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