BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Aquila, Inc., for Authority to Acquire, Sell and Lease Back Three Natural Gas-Fired Combustion Turbine Power Generation Units and Related Improvements to be Installed and Operated in the City of Peculiar, Missouri.

Case No. EO-2005-0156

PRELIMINARY COMMENT REGARDING STOPAQUILA.ORG'S MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEEDINGS

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila"), Applicant in the captioned matter and provides the following comment regarding a Motion to Suspend Proceedings filed by STOPAQUILA.ORG:

1. On January 21, 2005, STOPAQUILA.ORG, <u>a non-party</u> to this case, filed a Motion to Suspend Proceedings (hereinafter, the "Motion"). As a non-party, STOPAQUILA.ORG has no standing to request any affirmative relief in this case. Accordingly, the Motion is improperly made and Aquila should not have any obligation to respond. Moreover, the Motion should not be considered by the Commission at this time.

2. If and at such time as the Commission grants STOPAQUILA.ORG's Motion to Intervene in this case, Aquila reserves the right to file its response addressing the Motion on its merits.

WHEREFORE, Aquila requests that the Commission take no action with respect to STOPAQUILA.ORG's Motion for the reasons aforesaid. Aquila further requests that only if and at such time as STOPAQUILA.ORG is authorized to intervene in this proceeding, Aquila be given no less than the customary ten (10) days from that date to file its response to the Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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