

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

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila)	
Networks - MPS and Aquila Networks - L&P's)	Case No. EO-2003-0566
Application to Join the Midwest Independent)	
Transmission System Operator, Inc.)	

AUGUST STATUS REPORT

COME NOW Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks - MPS and Aquila Networks - L&P ("Aquila" or "Company") and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. ("MISO"), and The Empire District Electric Company, and state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. On July 9, 2004, Aquila and the Staff filed, on behalf of the other parties, a proposed schedule of events. Based on that filing, the Commission, in an Order issued on July 23, 2004, adopted the following procedural schedule:

August 3, 2004 -- Status report;

September 9, 2004 -- Technical conference;

October 15, 2004 -- Second status report; and,

November 16, 2004 -- Third status report and procedural schedule, if necessary.

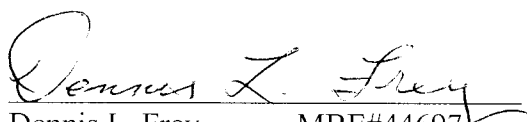
2. A key milestone in this case is the completion by the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") Regional State Committee ("RSC") of a cost/benefit study respecting the matter of SPP members participating in the SPP RTO. Since the filing of the proposed procedural schedule, two consultants -- Tabors Caramanis & Associates and Charles River Associates -- have been selected to jointly perform the study. It is the understanding of the parties to this pleading that work on this study is underway and that the target completion date of October 29, 2004, remains

unchanged.

3. Additionally, pursuant to the procedural schedule, on September 9, 2004, it is still expected that a technical conference concerning cost/benefit analysis scenarios and the production cost and power flow computer modeling methodologies used to analyze MISO and SPP operations will be held.

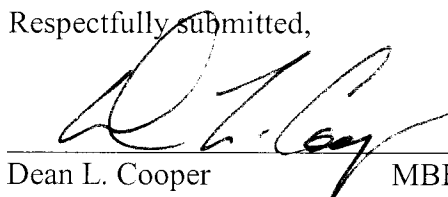
WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Commission consider this pleading to comply with the Commission's order requiring a Status Report.

Respectfully submitted,



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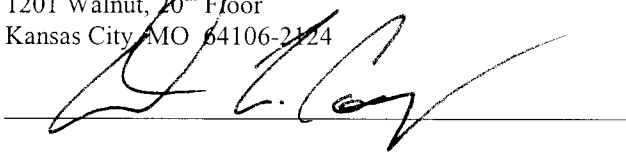
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