BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aquila, Inc.,)	
to Implement a General Rate Increase for)	
Retail Electric Service Provided to Customers)	Case No. ER-2005-0436
in its MPS and L&P Missouri Service Areas)	

RESPONSE TO AQUILA, INC.'S MOTION

COMES NOW Calpine Central, L.P. ("Calpine") and submits its Response to Aquila, Inc.'s ("Aquila") Motion and states as follows:

- 1. On August 10, 2005, Aquila filed its Motion requesting the Commission to issue its Order imposing certain conditions with respect to Calpine's participation in this proceeding and limiting access to information concerning Aquila's business and operations. Aquila's Motion is wholly without merit and should be denied.
- 2. Aquila's Motion is based upon the premise that Calpine will breach the Commission's protective order and that counsel and outside experts will disclose and use classified information improperly. There is absolutely no reason to believe Aquila's premise has any validity and presents no facts to support its unfounded assumption.
- 3. Outside counsel for Calpine has appeared and represented a broad spectrum of clients in innumerable Commission proceedings over approximately twenty (20) years and there has never been a single incident where classified information has been disclosed or used in an inappropriate manner. There is no basis upon which this case can be distinguished.
- 4. Aquila also alleges without factual foundation that data requests propounded by various parties contain privileged and highly confidential information.

Such allegations assume that the parties are violating the Commission's protective order by disseminating such material without marking or otherwise properly protecting such disclosures. If data requests are sent to all parties without properly marking, classifying or redacting privileged or highly confidential information, such behavior should be immediately brought to the Commission's attention. Aquila has failed to identify a single incident where such disclosure has occurred.

- 5. Aquila has made these very arguments in prior filings including, but not limited to, its objection to Calpine's intervention. This Commission has already reached the conclusion that Calpine's intervention is, in fact, valid. Aquila is simply attempting a second bite at the same apple using unsupported allegations.
- 6. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.116, the Commission has the authority to dismiss any party who is in violation of any order, including protective orders. This Commission should not preemptively sanction Calpine by granting this Motion when the rules contemplate a proper remedy should any such violation in fact occur.
- 7. The Commission's standard protective order has been effectively utilized for many years and has successfully protected the interest of the parties in cases where even direct competitors exchanged highly confidential financial and customer information. By no stretch can Calpine's participation in this case be compared to that scenario.
- 8. Restricting Calpine's ability to conduct discovery on parties other than Aquila makes absolutely no sense. It is difficult, if not impossible, to imagine what information other intervenors could disclose to Calpine that would adversely affect any party's interest. Even if parties were in possession of privileged or highly confidential

Aguila data, they could not disclose such information without Aguila's prior approval

and even then disclosure would be done subject to the terms of the protective order.

9. Finally, Calpine's behavior in this case conclusively demonstrates that it is

not participating to gain any undue advantage but instead is interested in helping to

develop a full factual record upon which the Commission can base its decision. In fact,

to date, Calpine has not served a single data request upon Aquila or any other party to this

proceeding. Rather, Calpine has fully and timely answered all data requests served upon

it.

WHEREFORE, Calpine moves the Commission to deny Aquila's motion in its

entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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