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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Aquila, Inc., please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Extension of Time to File Depreciation Study.

A copy of this filing will be provided to all parties of record in Case No. ER-2001-672.

Would you 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.

Very truly yours,

James C. Swearengen

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John Coffman

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All Parties of Record in Case No. ER-2001-672

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the depreciation study)	
of Aquila, Inc.)	Case No

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE DEPRECIATION STUDY

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila"), by counsel, and for its Motion For Extension of Time to File Depreciation Study states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. As a part of the Stipulation and Agreement in Case No. ER-2001-672, approved by the Commission on February 21, 2002, UtiliCorp United Inc. (now Aquila, Inc.) agreed to file with the Commission, on or before August 1, 2002, its next depreciation study for its MPS electric operating division, provide to the Commission Staff workpapers for that study and supply the underlying data to the Staff in Gannett Fleming format.
- 2. Aquila was unable to meet the August 1, 2002, deadline and will be unable to complete its depreciation study and make the required filing until September 30, 2002. The cause of delay can be attributed to a family medical emergency on the part of the primary consultant working on the Missouri study, and the fact that Aquila has depreciation studies on-going in five jurisdictions, including Missouri. The original time estimate to complete the depreciation study was at risk because preparing depreciation databases for each jurisdiction took longer than expected as information had to be taken from multiple accounting systems. Then, an unanticipated family illness of one of the consultants working on the Missouri study required that consultant to leave the country

for an extended period of time. Aquila utilizes the same outside consulting firm to perform depreciation studies for all regulated domestic operations. The use of a single consultant allows for consistency in depreciation matters.

- 3. Through inadvertency, Aquila failed to make these facts known to the Commission and request an extension of time prior to August 1, 2002.
- 4. In view of the foregoing, Aquila desires that this Commission grant to it an extension of time to and including September 30, 2002, for the filing of subject depreciation study.

WHEREFORE, Aquila moves this Commission to grant its Motion for Extension of Time to File Depreciation Study.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 3016 day of August, 2002, to all parties of record to Case No. ER-2001-672.