

**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 in its MPS and)
L&P Missouri Service Areas.)

Case No. ER-2005-0436

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila"), by counsel, and for its Status Report respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission") as follows:

1. By Order dated August 23, 2005, Aquila was directed by the Commission to establish and schedule two local public hearings in its electric rate case, Case No. ER-2005-0436. These hearings were to be scheduled in St. Joseph, Missouri and Raytown, Missouri and held during the evening hours on dates between November 17th through November 23rd. There was a preference stated to avoid Tuesday and Thursday dates and to establish locations that had video conferencing capabilities. Thereafter, by Order issued August 30, 2005, Aquila was directed to file a status report on September 2, 2005, showing regarding progress made in making arrangements for these local public hearings.

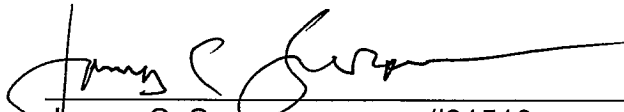
2. A local hearing location has been booked for Monday, November 21, 2005, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the City Hall in St. Joseph, Missouri. Video conferencing capabilities are available at that site at a cost of approximately \$2,000. Aquila has been in contact with Commission Staff personnel regarding information technology requirements at this location.

3. Tentative arrangements have been made for a local hearing Thursday, November 17, 2005, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Raytown South High School in Raytown, Missouri. Video conferencing capabilities are available at that site at a cost of approximately \$2,000. Aquila has been in contact with Commission Staff personnel regarding information technology requirements at this location. Aquila notes that this public hearing date is on a Thursday and therefore does not comply with the Commission's stated preference.

4. As an alternative to the date proposed in paragraph 3 above, at this time it is likely that a public hearing could be scheduled at the Raytown South High School in Raytown, Missouri on Friday, November 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Aquila notes, however, that Friday evenings may not be viewed by the public as the most opportune time for conducting a public hearing. Likewise, Aquila has made no attempt to schedule any public hearing on Wednesday, November 23, 2005, as that is the day before Thanksgiving and is not deemed to be viewed by the public as a convenient date for attendance.

5. No court reporter has yet been contracted, but Aquila will arrange for a court reporter to be in attendance once the public meeting dates are finalized.

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 delivered by first class mail, hand delivery, or electronic transmission, on this 2nd day of September, 2005, to all counsel of record.

