

**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)	Case No. ER-2005-0436
Retail Electric Service Provided to Customers in)	
Its MPS and L&P Missouri Service Areas.)	

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aquila, Inc.)	
To Implement a General Rate Increase for)	Case No. HR-2005-0450
Retail Steam Heat Service Provided to Customers)	
In its L&P Missouri Service Area.)	

**STATUS REPORT AND
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila"), by counsel, and for its Status Report and Motion for Continuance in the captioned-matters states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. In its Motion for Continuance filed with the Commission in these cases on January 18, 2006, Aquila represented that it anticipated that stipulations to dispose of these cases would be ready for filing by the close of business on January 25, 2006.

That has not occurred, and Aquila is apprising the Commission of the current circumstances in accordance with its representation in said Motion.

2. Since January 18, 2006, the parties have continued to engage in settlement discussions in both cases. In connection with the electric case, Case No. ER-2005-0436, without revealing any privileged information, Aquila believes that it is fair

to say that only one issue remains to be resolved - - that is an issue concerning the commercial operation dates for the South Harper generating station and prospective Aquila generating units. Aquila has no reason to believe that this remaining issue will not be settled. In addition, the tariff sheets which will implement the pending settlement and will be made a part of any stipulation have been prepared and are now being reviewed by the other parties. It is Aquila's understanding that this review process may not be completed until the end of business Monday, January 30, 2006.

3. With respect to the steam case, Case No. HR-2005-0450, settlement negotiations have also continued and Aquila believes it likely that an agreement resolving same will be reduced to writing and filed with the Commission on or before Monday, January 30, 2006.

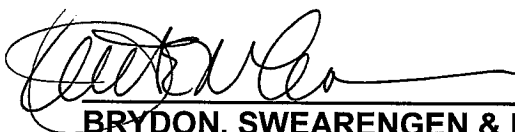
4. It should be understood that with respect to both cases it is likely that Nonunanimous Stipulations and Agreements will be filed. However, none of the potential nonsignatory parties at this point have indicated that they will oppose the Nonunanimous Stipulations and Agreements and/or request a hearing involving same.

5. In view of the foregoing, Aquila believes it would be appropriate to continue the hearings in these cases.

6. Aquila will provide a copy of this pleading to all parties and recognizes that they have the opportunity to make their views on these topics known to the Commission if any such party deems that to be appropriate.

WHEREFORE, Aquila respectfully moves the Commission to continue the hearings in the reference matters indefinitely, or at least until Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,



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