

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority to)	
File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric)	Case No. ER-2006-0315
Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri)	
Service Area of the Company.)	

AQUILA’S STATEMENT REGARDING TRUE-UP

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc. (hereinafter “Aquila” or “Company”), by counsel, and respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”):

1. On February 1, 2006, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) submitted to the Commission proposed tariff sheets, Tariff File No. YE-2006-0597, intended to implement a general rate increase for retail electrical service provided by Empire in its Missouri service area.

2. By the Commission’s Order and Notice issued February 7, 2006, the Commission directed that Empire file its recommendation regarding the proper test year and any request for a true-up audit and hearing by February 21, 2006. The Commission further directed that all entities requesting intervention file by March 7, 2006 a pleading regarding the recommended test year and a separate pleading concerning a true-up audit and hearing. Aquila moved to intervene in this proceeding on February 27, 2006.

3. On February 17, 2006, Empire timely filed its Recommendation for Proper Test Year recommending a test year consisting of the twelve months ending December 31, 2005, with an update period for known and measurable changes through March 31, 2006, and, by separate pleading, Aquila concurs in those recommendations.

4. Empire has not filed a pleading recommending a true-up audit or hearing in this proceeding, and, at this time, Aquila takes no position on this issue.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was hand-delivered, mailed by U.S. mail, or electronically transmitted on this 7th day of March, 2006, to all parties of record.

/s/ Diana C. Carter