

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

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila)	
Networks - MPS and Aquila Networks - L&P's)	Case No. EO-2003-0566
Application to Join the Midwest Independent)	
Transmission System Operator, Inc.)	

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks - MPS and Aquila Networks - L&P ("Aquila" or "Company") and states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. On March 18, 2004, the Commission issued its Second Order Directing Status Report, wherein it directed that the parties file a status report no later than April 16, 2004.

2. As the Commission will likely recall, this application has been continued pending conclusion of Commission Case No. EO-2003-0271, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE's ("AmerenUE") application to participate in the MISO through Grid America.¹

3. The Commission issued an order approving an agreement in EO-2003-0271 that resolved all issues in that case on February 26, 2004. However, as was pointed out in the previous status report in this matter, a necessary part of the stipulation and agreement that was approved by the Commission was a Service Agreement that required approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC").

4. The AmerenUE Service Agreement was filed with the FERC for approval on February 19, 2004 (FERC Docket Number ER04-571). On March 25, 2004, the FERC issued, in

¹ AmerenUE's participation in the MISO is extremely important to Aquila and this application as Aquila's only direct connection to the MISO is through AmerenUE.

Docket No. ER04-571-000, its Order Accepting Service Agreement. This order accepted the proposed Service Agreement without amendment or modification for filing, to become effective May 1, 2004.

5. On April 15, 2004, the Commission Staff filed its Comments Regarding FERC's March 25, 2004 Order Accepting Service Agreement for Filing in Commission Case No. EO-2003-0271. This pleading identifies for the Commission several options for addressing certain Staff concerns with the language of the FERC order. The Staff suggests in its pleading that the Commission should (or must, depending upon the course chosen) act by April 26, 2004, in regard to the possibility of making an additional filing at FERC.

6. Pending the Commission's decision as to how to proceed in regard to the AmerenUE matter, Aquila requests that the Commission allow the current continuance to remain in place and direct the parties to file another status report in thirty (30) days.

7. Counsel for the Commission Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel and The Empire District Electric Company have indicated to the undersigned that they have no objection to proceeding in the manner proposed by Aquila.

WHEREFORE, Aquila respectfully requests the Commission allow the current continuance

to remain in place and direct the parties to file a status report in thirty (30) days.

Respectfully submitted,



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