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BEFORE THE STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. ER-2007-0004

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 Aquila Networks-MPS And Aquila Networks L&P Missouri Service] Areas

Affidavit of Nancy Brockway

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS } COUNTY OF SUFFOLK }

Nancy Brockway, being of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Nancy Brockway. I am the Principal of NBrockway & 1. Associates, Boston, MA.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my surrebuttal 2. testimony on behalf of AARP.

Filed on January 25, 2007 was the Direct Testimony of Ronald J. Binz on 3. behalf of AARP, which I adopt as my own.

I hereby affirm that my statements contained in the attached testimony and those contained in the Direct Testimony of Ronald J. Binz filed on January 25, 2007 are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and affirmed before me this $\underline{\mathcal{Q}}$ day of March, 2007.

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16		A. INTRODUCTION
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20	A.	Nancy Brockway, Principal, NBrockway & Associates, 10 Allen Street, Boston,
21		MA., 02131.
22 23	Q.	Have you testified previously in this case?
23 24	А.	No. However, I am adopting the Direct Testimony of Ronald J. Binz that was
25		filed on January 25, 2007.
26 27	Q.	Please summarize your background in utility regulation.
28	A.	I have been working in the field of utility regulation since 1983. I served as a
29		Commissioner on the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission from 1998 to
30		2003. Before that service, I had served as a senior staff member of the Maine
31		Public Utilities Commission (1983-1986), and later as hearing officer and
32		ultimately General Counsel for the then-Massachusetts Department of Public
33		Utilities (now the Department of Telecommunications and Energy)(1986-1991).
34		From 1991 through 1998, I was an expert witness on low-income and consumer

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3		energy and utility matters. Since leaving the New Hampshire Commission in
4		2003, I have provided consulting services to state and provincial commissions,
5		state and provincial consumer advocates, unions, a utility, an environmental
6		organization, low-income energy advocates and others. As a staff advocate,
7		hearing officer and Commissioner, I have participated in numerous fuel
8		adjustment clause proceedings. I have provided testimony recently on the
9		problems associated with the introduction of a fuel adjustment clause. My
10		resume, including a list of my testimonies, is attached as Exhibit NB-1.
11 12	Q.	What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?
12	A.	In this testimony, I adopt Mr. Binz' testimony and I respond to comments and
14		criticisms of his testimony made by Messrs. Hadaway, Williams and Fetter for the
15		Company. I note that failure to address other specific critiques of Mr. Binz'
15 16		Company. I note that failure to address other specific critiques of Mr. Binz' testimony does not constitute agreement with those critiques.
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3		B. FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE
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6 7 8 9	Q.	Addressing the question of a Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) please outline the rebuttal arguments made the Company's witnesses on behalf of the Company in favor of a FAC.
9 10	A.	Mr. Williams and Mr. Fetter dispute the testimony of Mr. Binz that a FAC would
11		take away incentives for a utility to operate efficiently. They also dispute Mr.
12		Binz' testimony on the extent of utility control over fuel costs, and the effect of an
13		FAC on the ability of the utility to recover all of its fuel costs. Both dispute Mr.
14		Binz' arguments in favor of an FAC option incorporating a graduated sharing of
15		gains and losses relative to base rate fuel costs. Mr. Fetter and Mr. Hadaway
16		argue that the absence of an FAC raises a company's cost of capital. Finally, Mr.
17		Fetter argues that Mr. Binz and other critics of the FAC proposal have ignored
18		"positive attributes" of a FAC.
19	Q.	Does the Company make other arguments in favor of a FAC?
20 21	A.	Yes. Mr. Fetter further rebuts the use by Ryan Kind of a quotation by
22		AmerenUE's Chairman that supports the position Mr. Kind and I take in this case.
23 24	Q.	Please address the argument that an FAC does not remove incentives for a utility to operate efficiently.
25 26	A.	Both Mr. Williams and Mr. Fetter argue that after-the-fact prudence reviews by
27		the Commission (implicit in Aquila's proposed FAC) are all that is needed to
28		ensure that the utility will operate efficiently in its fuel and purchased power
29		functions. Speaking as a former staff member and as a Commissioner who has
30		participated in upwards of 80 fuel adjustment proceedings, that assertion has not
31		been borne out in my experience.

First, prudence and efficiency are not the same concept, and should not be confused. Prudence is a higher standard than efficiency, in practice. While legal definitions vary, in my experience regulators are loathe to define utility actions as imprudent absent evidence of negligent behavior, or worse. Inefficiency by itself is typically not found to be imprudence, and does not lead to disallowances. In fact, in my experience utility commissions are very reluctant to impose any imprudence disallowances in fuel adjustment cases, and do so rarely.

10 Second, it is hard to identify imprudence, much less inefficiency, in the operations of any company, particularly in the truncated process of an FAC. I can 11 think of only two kinds of cases where imprudence was found by commissions I 12 worked for or was a member of. One involved unusually long forced outages of 13 baseload (typically nuclear) power plants, causing extraordinary fuel use at 14 15 higher-cost plants, and expensive power purchases. The other involved gross 16 incompetence or affiliate abuse in the purchase of fuel. In both cases, the utility actions did not pass the so-called "front page" test. That is, the possible impact 17 18 on rates was so great, and the evidence of utility malfeasance was so plausible, 19 that the general public took an interest in the Commission proceedings, and public 20 sentiment favored some level of disallowance. Ordinarily, concerns about 21 justifying a finding of imprudence on the record of a legalistic administrative proceeding leads to caution and the allowance of all or most of the claimed 22 23 expenses. So, even where commissions may believe that costs are excessive, 24 prudence reviews do not always provide a vehicle for righting the balance.

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3		Third, in practice if not in law, the burden to prove imprudence is on the
4		party or parties challenging the utility's cost recovery. The utility can usually be
5		sure that its general assertion of prudence will be accepted absent another party
6		mounting a case against it, and bringing forth evidence to challenge it. These
7		parties, including the Staff and a public advocate similar to the Office of the
8		Public Counsel (OPC) in Missouri, typically have fewer resources than the utility
9		for mounting cases requiring extensive expert evidence. This practical shift of the
10		burden in FAC proceedings to the challengers further expands the room for
11		inefficiency without consequences. By contrast, if and to the extent fuel costs are
12		set between rate cases and not reconciled, the utility will have to pay close
13		attention to its costs and efficiency, as it will not be able to rely on recovering
14		them through the reconciliation process.
15		Speaking from over two decades of utility regulatory experience, I would
16		note that after-the-fact prudence reviews are a crude and considerably-less-than-
17		perfect way to catch inefficiency. Costly after-the-fact reviews of a
18		management's activities are no substitute for before-the-fact alignment of
19		management motives and consumer interests.
20 21 22 23	Q.	But the utility's witnesses argue that the utility does not in fact have control over its fuel and purchased power costs, and thus a FAC does not reduce the incentives for efficiency a utility already has. How do you respond?
23 24	A.	First, neither Mr. Williams nor Mr. Fetter perform any analysis of the following
25		factors identified by Mr. Binz in his Direct Testimony at p. 13, all of which
26		contribute significantly to the impact of volatility in indexed input prices on
27		ultimate fuel costs of consumers:

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13		 Basic choices in the utility's resource plan The ratio of owned generation and purchased power Terms of wholesale contracts Efficiency of system operations Transmission system design and operation Degree and type of fuel risk in purchase decisions Hedging activities Demand-side choices Advocacy for beneficial rate design proposals And in fact, neither Mr. Fetter nor Mr. Williams claims consistently that a utility
14		has no control over its costs of fuel and purchased power. After all, they both go
15		to some length to reassure the Commission that after-the-fact prudence reviews
16		will keep a utility on its toes and prevent over-expenditure of ratepayer dollars on
17		fuel. If utilities have zero influence on their fuel and purchased power costs, by
18		definition they cannot over-expend. However, both Mr. Fetter and Mr. Williams
19		acknowledge that this is not the case, despite their rhetorical claims that fuel costs
20		are outside the utility's control.
21 22 23 24 25	Q.	Mr. Williams argues that a utility is affected by commodity prices in much the same way as a local gas station owner, and concludes that, as in the competitive market he describes, a FAC does not provide the utility the opportunity to increase its profit, only to adjust its prices to recover the prudent cost of the commodity it actually incurs. Do you agree?
26 27	A.	No. Mr. Williams' example does not support his argument, and betrays a lack of
28		understanding of the operations of a competitive market, and indeed of his own
29		business. Mr. Williams ignores the fact that the local gas station owner in his
30		example must lower the price of gas at the risk of squeezing her own profit
31		margin, if others around her are able to lower their price because of economies of
32		scale, or superior efficiency of operations. Similarly, the firm that is more
33		efficient can keep the price of gasoline higher than needed to earn a reasonable

3 return, if its actual competition is not so efficient and they are forced to maintain 4 higher prices to stay in business.

5 Further, Mr. Williams' example of the gas station owner is misleading. 6 Unlike a utility, which has a wide range of choices it can make with regards not 7 only to its markets for fuel inputs, but its dispatch of plants, maintenance and 8 outage management, and other similar decisions affecting its overall fuel costs, 9 the gas station owner is typically locked into a single contract with a single 10 supplier, and does nothing more with or to the gasoline than manage pumps used 11 to get it from the storage tanks into the customers' gas tanks. The two cases are 12 not comparable. The utility has more opportunities to save money on its fuel and 13 fuel use, and correspondingly more opportunities to waste money that it will seek 14 to recover from its ratepayers in an FAC. So, wholly aside from the fact that the 15 gas station owner is in a competitive business, whereas the utility has a retail 16 monopoly, the gas station analogy does not support the introduction of a FAC. 17 much less a 100% FAC. 18

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Q.

Please address the notion that without a 100% reconciling FAC, a utility cannot recover 100% of its fuel costs.

21 Α. This proposition, advanced both by Mr. Williams and Mr. Fetter, misstates what a 22 utility is entitled to recover, and ignores the balancing of risks and rewards 23 included in base rate recovery of fuel costs. It also assumes a complete lack of 24 utility control over fuel costs. First, a utility is not entitled to an iron-clad, 25 unconditional recovery of 100% of everything it spends on fuel and purchased 26 power in every period. Rather, it is entitled to a reasonable opportunity over time 27 to recover its prudently-incurred costs plus a reasonable return. Second, and more

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3		importantly, the opportunity to recover all prudently-incurred costs does not
4		require retrospective ratemaking, such as a fuel adjustment clause. Prospective
5		ratemaking satisfies the requirements of providing such a reasonable opportunity,
6		even though in some periods a utility's return may dip below the amount
7		allowable as reasonable, and in other periods it may come in above that
8		reasonable return level. Over time, the periods of overearning and underearning
9		balance out. Indeed, retroactive ratemaking is disfavored in lieu of prospective
10		ratemaking, whose regulatory lag provides incentives for efficiency. Finally, only
11		if and to the extent the Commission adopts the utility's position that it has zero
12		influence over its fuel and purchased power costs does the argument make any
13		sense.
14	Q.	Are there any additional reasons to suggest that, if an FAC is warranted, a
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3		of the increased revenue stability desired by the utility (and maintaining some
4		built-in incentive for efficiency in utility procurement and operations). It is in
5		my opinion a fair way to graduate the risks and benefits of fuel cost adjustments
6		between utility and shareholder, in the event that the Commission determines an
7		FAC to be warranted for Aquila.
8 9	Q.	Please address Mr. Fetter's assertion that use of purchased power is a benefit of FACs.
10 11	A.	First, utilities have used and will continue to use short-term purchases to balance
12		loads and resources, with or without a fuel adjustment clause. Mr. Fetter is saying
13		in effect that a company with zero risk of loss on purchased power will use that
14		tool more often. This example shows clearly one of the main problems with a
15		FAC. It skews the investment/expenditure decision, in this case in favor of
16		purchased power. Purchased power may in any given situation be the least cost
17		alternative, but making purchased power a risk-free option is the wrong way to
18		encourage its proper use.
19	Q.	Please discuss Mr. Fetter's assertion that FACs reduce regulatory costs.
20 21	A.	FACs substitute one set of regulatory costs for another, and require additional
22		regulatory oversight. They substitute annual proceedings both to set the fuel
23		clause charge and to reconcile the prior period actual costs with the amounts
24		recovered. They require Staff and ultimately the Commission to exert closer
25		oversight of the fuel and power procurement activities of the utility, because
26		regulatory lag is eliminated and with it the built-in incentives to operate the
27		system most efficiently. They require prudence investigations to sort out who is
28		liable for excessive costs, where regulatory lag would have given the utility

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3		incentives to avoid such situations and incentives to minimize wasteful actions,
4		and would have put responsibility for imprudence and inefficiency on the utility
5		automatically, between rate cases. FAC prudence investigations must be
6		conducted under difficult circumstances, as the time limits for FAC proceedings
7		are typically quite short. Work-arounds must be implemented to provide
8		sufficient time to address questions of prudence. As I note above, given my 13
9		years as a staffer or member of regulatory commissions with FACs, I am familiar
10		with the staff and Commission resources needed to manage the FAC system in
11		three states. They are substantial, and no Commission should expect that its
12		regulatory duties, and the associated cost to all from regulatory proceedings, will
13		be eased just because a FAC is in place.
14	Q.	Please address the assertion that Wall Street prefers utilities with FACs.
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15 16	A.	All things equal, Wall Street analysts state that they prefer a utility with an FAC,
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3		result would be to raise the cost of equity capital he has estimated for the
4		Company. To explore this proposition, I recomputed the group average DCF
5		model results shown on Schedule SCH-15, page 1, removing the 6 utilities
6		identified by Mr. Hadaway in Schedule SCH-14 as not having a FAC. I then
7		estimated the average DCF results for a reference group consisting only of
8		utilities with FACs, and a reference group consisting only of the utilities
9		identified by Mr. Hadaway as not having FACs. Only in the case of the
10		Traditional Constant Growth DCF model, did the removal of the non-FAC
11		utilities make an appreciable difference. Mr. Hadaway at pp. 6-7 of his testimony
12		stated that the Traditional Constant Growth method for computing DCF ROEs is
13		outmoded and should not be relied on. In the case of the more up-to-date
14		methods (the Constant Growth, Long-Term GDP model and the Low-Near-Term,
15		Two-Stage Growth model), removal of the non-FAC members of the reference
16		group lowered the average DCF result for return on equity by 4 basis points, or
17		increased it by 13 basis points, respectively.
18	Q.	What is the significance of these results?
19 20	A.	They call into question the underlying premise of Messrs. Williams, Fetter and
21		Hadaway that Wall Street investors will bid up the stock price of a utility with a
22		FAC higher than that of a utility without a FAC. While this assertion seems to be
23		supported by the difference in average DCF results using the traditional constant
24		growth model, it is not supported by the two models preferred by Mr. Hadaway. I
25		conclude that Mr. Hadaway's results from the two DCF models he prefers do not

3		prove the proposition that the presence or absence of an FAC has any appreciable
4		impact on a utility's cost of capital.
5 6 7	Q.	Please address the assertion that FACs produce desirable revenue stability for utilities.
8	A.	To the extent FACs produce desirable revenue stability for utilities, they produce
9		undesirable rate volatility for consumers.
10 11 12 13	Q.	Mr. Fetter points to aspects of his Michigan experience that he says lend weight to his argument against any scaling of the extent of fuel costs subject to reconciliation. Do you not agree?
14	A.	No. The Michigan purchased power adjustment clause process is different from
15		that proposed by Aquila. Michigan has the requirement that the utility file a one-
16		year and a five-year Plan for procuring fuel and purchased power to meet
17		anticipated needs. In theory at least, this aspect of the Michigan approach
18		provides a structured way to examine in advance the utility's anticipated need and
19		plans to meet that need. There is no such proposal in this docket. Further, my
20		own experience suggests that plan or no plan, utilities understand that prudence
21		reviews are an imperfect tool for catching inefficiency and eliminating its effects
22		from rates. Scaling of the extent of reconciliation recognizes that reality.
23 24 25 26	Q.	Mr. Fetter responds to Mr. Kind's use of a quotation by AmerenUE's Chairman from the Company's 1998 Annual Report to Shareholders, characterizing the quotation. Is Mr. Fetter's characterization correct?
20 27	A.	No, Mr. Fetter has mischaracterized Mr. Mueller's statement. As quoted by Mr.
28		Kind, Mr. Mueller explained to his shareholders that the fuel adjustment clause
29		the Company had abandoned in Illinois "called for offering credits if certain fuel
30		costs dropped or increasing customer bills if they rose." In the opinion of Mr.
31		Fetter, "Mr. Mueller was talking about a situation where a fuel factor was

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3		included in base rates, and thus any savings that beat that level would not be
4		reconciled as they would under an FAC, but rather would go to the audience that
5		Mr. Mueller was addressing: Union Electric Co.'s shareholders!" Fetter
6		Surrebuttal, pp. 18-19. In fact, Mr. Mueller was not describing such a situation.
7		Rather, looking at the Illinois statute and code for application of a fuel adjustment
8		clause, it is clear that any savings on fuel that "beat" the fuel cost level included
9		in base rates would be returned to consumers during the annual reconciliation. In
10		other words, the FAC Mr. Mueller was describing in Mr. Kind's quotation has
11		exactly the operative effect of the FAC proposed in this docket, rather than the
12		effect contained in Mr. Fetter's mischaracterization.
13 14 15	Q.	Mr. Fetter argues that it is a positive attribute of FACs that they are in place in a majority of states. Do you agree?
16	А.	No. First, according to research done by AmerenUE, and presented in Martin J.
17		Lyon's Direct Testimony in Docket ER-2007-0002 on p. 5, FACs are authorized
17 18		Lyon's Direct Testimony in Docket ER-2007-0002 on p. 5, FACs are authorized in 27 states. This is a bare majority of the 50 states, and only about 2/3 of the
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3	PSCs examine the operations of their fuel clauses, to ensure that they were
4	consistent with incentives for efficient operation. Three states did abolish their
5	fuel clauses in subsequent years, including Missouri, Texas and Indiana. In
6	addition, in states where a FAC is authorized, not all utilities are actually granted
7	a FAC at all times. In Kansas, for example, over the past ten years, most
8	regulated customers in that state have not been subject to fuel surcharge, and
9	currently only three of its four electric utilities have been allowed to charge a
10	FAC by the Kansas Corporation Commission. Thus, I do not place as much
11	weight as Mr. Fetter on the numbers of states with FACs. Where, as here, the
12	regulator has been given legislative authorization to approve an FAC, I believe it
13	is sensible and proper for the regulator to move deliberately and carefully, and not
14	merely approve whatever proposal comes before it.
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Q. Does this complete your testimony?

18 A. Yes.

3	Exhibit NB-1
4	Resume of Nancy Brockway
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6 7	Education
8 9 10	B.A. with honors, 1970, Smith College, Northampton, MA J.D., 1973, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
11 12	Employment
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Consultant and Principal, NBrockway & Associates, 2003 to present Commissioner, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (1998-2003) Member, New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (1998-2003) Utilities consultant and attorney, National Consumer Law Center (1991-1998) General Counsel, Massachusetts Public Utilities Commission (1989-1991) Staff Attorney, Assistant General Counsel, Massachusetts Commission (1986-1989) Hearings Officer, Senior Staff Attorney, Maine Public Utilities Commission (1983-1986) Executive Director, Maine Legal Services for the Elderly, Inc. (1981-1983) Staff Attorney, Directing Attorney, Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc. (1979-1981) Staff Attorney, Western Massachusetts Legal Assistance, Inc. (1976-1977) Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society of New York (1974-1976)
25 26 27	NARUC and related Committee Memberships and Public Service (1998-2003)
28	(1996-2003)
29 30	NARUC Consumer Affairs Committee (Vice-Chair) Consumer Affairs Committee, New England Conference of Public Utility
31 32	Commissioners (Chair) NARUC Committee on Communications
33	Steering Committee, National Council on Competition in the Electric Industry
34 35	ISO-NE Advisory Committee NEPOOL Review Board Advisory Committee
36 37 38	NARUC Ad Hoc Committee on Competition in the Electric Industry NARUC Ad Hoc Committee on Committee Structure, NARUC FCC Joint Conference on Accounting
39 40 41	North American Numbering Council (FCC advisors on numbering policy) NBANC Board of Directors (funds numbering oversight)
42	Other Current Activities:
43 44	Chair, Board of Directors, PAYS America, Inc. (private non-profit promoting
45	innovative way to enable more consumers to take advantage of resource efficiency).
46	Bar Memberships
47 48	New York State and Massachusetts, Maine (inactive)

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UGI/Southern Union, Proposed Merger	Pennsylvania Office of the Consumer Advocate	Impacts of the Proposed Merger on Ratepayers and Rates, Risks and Benefits of Proposed Merger, Synergies, Reliability	Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission, Docket Nos. A- 120011F2000, etc.	5/06
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Bay State Gas Company	Local 273	Customer Service, Reliability, Low-Income Protections, Revenue Requirements	Massachusetts DTE, Docket No. 05-27	7/05
Nova Scotia Power, Inc.	Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board	Domestic Consumer Perspective on Proposed Rate Case Settlement Agreement	Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, P-881	1/05
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UGI-Electric Utilities, Inc.	Pennsylvania OCC	Universal Service issues in electric industry restructuring plans	PA PUC, No. R-00973975	1997
West Penn Power Co.	"	ε. ε.	PA PUC, No. R-00973981	1997
Duquesne Light Co.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	"	PA PUC, No. R-00974101	1997
PECO, Inc.,	66		PA PUC, No. R-00973953	1997
PP&L	"		PA PUC, No. R-00973954	1997
Met Ed.	"	66	PA PUC, No. R-00974008	9/97
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In the Matter of the Electric Industry Restructuring Plan	New Hampshire Legal Services	Low-income rates and DSM, impacts of restructuring on low-income consumers	New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, D.R. 96-150	Nov., Dec. 1996
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