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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Good morning. We're
3 here for a prehearing conference in a case
4 called The Office of the Public Counsel versus
5 Aquila, Inc., doing business as Aquila Networks
6 - MPS and Aquila Networks - L&P. This is Case
7 No. EC-2006-0171.

8 My name is Kevin Thompson. I am not, in
9 fact, the regulatory law judge assigned to this
10 case, but I am pinch hitting for Judge Pridgin
11 this morning because, for reasons that I still
12 don't understand, he is unable to handle his
13 own prehearing conference.

14 We will begin with entries of appearance
15 by counsel. Why don't we start with the Public
16 Counsel since you're the complainant.

17 MR. MILLS: My name is Lewis Mills.
18 I represent the Office of Public Counsel and
19 the public. My address is Post Office Box
20 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

21 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. And
22 counsel for the company?

23 MR. SWEARENGEN: James C. Swearengen
24 and Janet Wheeler, Brydon, Swearengen &
25 England, PC, 312 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson

1 City, Missouri, appearing on behalf of Aquila,
2 Inc.

3 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. Staff?

4 MR. FRANSON: Robert Franson
5 appearing on behalf of the staff of the Public
6 Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson
7 City, Missouri, 65102.

8 JUDGE THOMPSON: Do the parties have
9 anything to bring to my attention at this time?
10 Or failing that, anything to bring to Judge
11 Pridgin's attention at this time?

12 MR. MILLS: Not on my behalf.

13 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. He has
14 ordered a proposed procedural schedule yet in
15 this case?

16 MR. FRANSON: No.

17 MR. MILLS: In fact, the Notice of
18 Complaint just went out a week or so ago, and
19 the Answer has not yet been filed.

20 JUDGE THOMPSON: Then why has the
21 prehearing conference been filed?

22 MR. FRANSON: Because I asked for it,
23 Judge, because we all are here for the
24 prehearing conference in Aquila, and it made
25 sense to get everybody here.

1 JUDGE THOMPSON: As Mr. Appling would
2 say, that's just peachy.

3 MR. FRANSON: Yes, sir.

4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Well, since there's
5 been no Answer and there is no procedural
6 schedule, you know, we're done. We're
7 adjourned.

8 MR. SWEARENGEN: Thank you.

9 MR. FRANSON: Good-bye.

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