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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Aquila, Inc. Case No. EO-2002-384 Missouri Public Service Commission

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Aquila, Inc., please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Protective Order.

A copy of this filing is be provided to all parties of record.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Examination of the) Class Cost of Service and Rate Design) in the Missouri Jurisdictional Electric) Service Operations of Aquila, Inc. (f/k/a) UtiliCorp United Inc.)

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Service Commission Case No. EO-2002-384

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Comes now Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila"), pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Rule 4 CSR 240-2.085, and request that the Commission issue its customary Protective Order in the captioned docket. In support thereof, Aquila states as follows:

1. In the context of the resolution by settlement of its Case No. ER-2002-672¹,

the Commission established this case as a "spinoff docket" the express purpose of which is to examine a class cost of service and rate design in Aquila's Missouri jurisdictional electric service territories. Most recently, the Commission, on May 20, 2002, issued an Order Directing Filing and Setting Prehearing Conference pursuant to which it ordered that a prehearing conference be held on October 2, 2003, and, further, that its Staff file regular Status Reports.

2. In August 2002, the Staff reported to the Commission the parties to the case had scheduled technical conferences to address special issues, data processes and products.

3. Aquila anticipates that certain information generated by its load research

¹In the Matter of the tariff filing of Missouri Public Service ("MPS") a division of UtiliCorp United Inc., ("UtiliCorp")to implement a general rate increase for retail electric service provided to customers in the Missouri service area of MPS

studies for the period June 2002 through May 2003 may be customer specific and, also, may contain commercially sensitive information and, accordingly, Aquila has not made, and does not intend to make, this information available for public review. In that regard, the information is not available in any format in any other public document.

4. In order to facilitate the exchange of proprietary and confidential information between proper parties to this docket, Aquila will need to have the Commission put in place its customary Protective Order to govern the terms under which commercially sensitive and customer specific information may be provided to other parties of the case.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, Aquila requests the Commission issue its customary Protective Order in this case to provide for the orderly exchange of sensitive information between any proper parties to this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this <u>Both</u> day of September, 2002, to:

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