

**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.	)	

**JANUARY STATUS REPORT**

COME NOW Aquila, Inc. (Aquila or Company) and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and also on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel, the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO), Kansas City Power & Light Company, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, the City of Kansas City, and The Empire District Electric Company, and state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On December 8, 2004, the Commission issued its Order Directing Status Report wherein it directed the Parties to file a status report by January 28, 2005.

2. Since the filing of the November Status Report, the Parties have continued to conduct telephone conferences to discuss the cost/benefit study being performed on behalf of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional State Committee (RSC) and the cost/benefit studies that have been and will be performed by the MISO. The next such telephone conference is scheduled for February 1, 2005.

3. In terms of timing, the Parties currently understand that a draft of the SPP RSC cost benefit study referenced above, and in prior pleadings, is due in early March of this year. Accordingly, the Parties anticipate that this study would not be finalized until late-March or early April. The MISO appears to be on pace to complete its analysis of the costs and benefits of RTO membership associated with Aquila on a similar time line, assuming the necessary data is

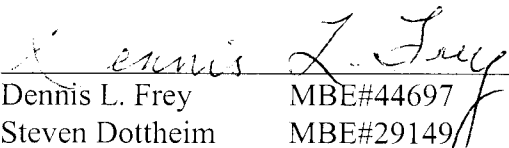
provided to MISO.

4. The Parties propose that the Commission direct the Parties to file a status report on March 15, 2005, for the purpose of updating the Commission as to the progress of the cost benefit studies.

5. In the interim, it is the Parties intention to continue to monitor the progress of these studies and to exchange information through the use of telephone conferences conducted approximately every two weeks.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Commission consider this pleading to comply with the Commission's order requiring a status report, and direct that the Parties file their next status report by March 15, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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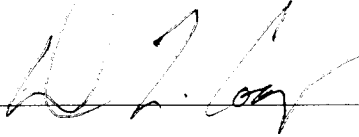
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