

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

In the Matter of an Examination of Class )	
Cost of Service and Rate Design in the )	
Missouri Jurisdictional Electric Service )	Case No. EO-2002-384
Operations of Aquila, Inc. Formerly )	
known as UtiliCorp United Inc. )	

**JOINT MOTION FOR REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW Aquila, Inc. (“Aquila”), the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (“Staff”), the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”), the City of Kansas City, Missouri (“Kansas City”), the County of Jackson (“Jackson”), Sedalia Industrial Energy Users Association (“Sedalia”) and the United States Executive Agencies (“US Executive Agencies”) who collectively constitute all of the parties to this proceeding, and for their Joint Motion for Revised Procedural Schedule respectfully state to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) as follows:

1. By the Commission’s October 29, 2003, Order in this case a procedural schedule, as jointly proposed by the parties, was approved. Under that schedule, a prehearing conference to develop the final schedule for the case, including testimony rounds, discovery and other activities was to be scheduled.

2. Pursuant to that Order, many of the activities of the case have proceeded in a timely fashion. However, events and demands on all the parties have resulted in the delay or deferral of that prehearing conference and, as a result, although the data has been collected and distributed to the parties, testimony has not been filed, nor have the series of technical conferences to resolve arithmetic differences been held.

3. These events and resulting delays have occurred, not because of a lack of diligence of any party, but, rather, because of other events and matters that have been pressed upon them.

4. Under the existing schedule in this case, a hearing is set to commence on April 11, 2005. However, it is not possible for the needed rounds of testimony to be prepared and submitted in time for this hearing, nor for the needed discovery and development of the studies based on the collected data to be completed. In addition, Aquila has indicated that it expects to file a new electric rate case sometime in May, 2005 and there is the need to attempt to coordinate the remaining activities in this case with the anticipated activities in that rate case so that the result of this case could potentially be incorporated in the outcome of that rate proceeding. Further, there is a need to coordinate the activities in the two cases due to resource constraints.

5. The parties stress that no fault is suggested in the filing of this Joint Motion. Events have simply overtaken the parties and there simply is not time remaining in the original procedural schedule to accomplish the remaining activities in this case.

6. The parties are discussing how to coordinate the activities in this case with the new electric rate case Aquila anticipates filing in May 2005, but have not yet reached agreement as to how these activities should be coordinated or an appropriate date for hearing evidence in this case. The parties will continue these discussions in anticipation of making a filing shortly that addresses their views on how to coordinate activities in the two cases and when evidence should be heard in this case.

7. The parties respectfully submit to the Commission that both the prehearing conference presently scheduled March 10, 2005 and the evidentiary hearing scheduled the weeks of April 11 and April 18, 2005 should be canceled.

WHEREFORE, the Order of the Commission is prayed accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing was, on this 9th day of March, 2005, sent via electronic mail, U.S. Postage, or hand delivered, to all parties of record.

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