

**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.)	

MARCH 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, The Empire District Electric Company, and the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP), and state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On February 7, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Directing Status Report wherein it directed the Parties to file a status report by March 15, 2005.

2. The Parties have continued to conduct telephone conferences to discuss the cost/benefit study being performed on behalf of the SPP Regional State Committee (RSC) and the cost/benefit studies that have been and will be performed by the MISO. The most recent such telephone conference was conducted on March 11, 2005. The next conference call is scheduled for March 22, 2005.

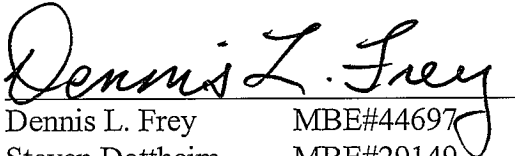
3. The Parties understand that a draft of the SPP RSC cost benefit study referenced herein is currently expected to be completed at the end of this month and that the report on the study should be finalized some time in April. The MISO appears to be on pace to finalize its analysis of the costs and benefits of RTO membership associated with Aquila on a similar time line.

4. The Parties anticipate that Aquila would seek to file its direct testimony in this case approximately thirty (30) days after the last of the reports on these studies is finalized and that rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony would follow thereafter.

5. Accordingly, the Parties propose that the Commission direct the Parties to file a status report or a proposed procedural schedule, depending upon the status of the studies, on May 3, 2005. The Parties will continue to monitor the progress of these studies and to exchange information through the use of telephone conferences in the interim.

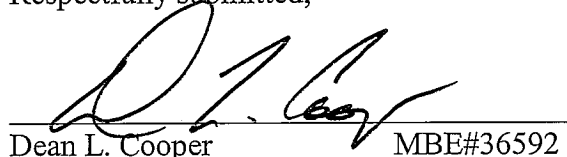
WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Commission consider this pleading to comply with the Commission's order requiring a status report, and direct that the Parties file a proposed procedural schedule or a status report by May 3, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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