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In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aquila, Inc.,)	
to Implement a General Rate Increase for Retail)	Case No. ER-2005-0436
Electric Service Provided to Customers in its)	
MPS and L&P Missouri Service Areas.)	

AFFIDAVIT OF TED ROBERTSON

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

Ted Robertson, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. My name is Ted Robertson. I am a Public Utility Accountant for the Office of the Public Counsel.
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my direct testimony consisting of pages 1 through 39 and Schedule TJR-1.
3. I hereby swear and affirm that my statements contained in the attached testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

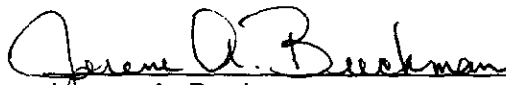


Ted Robertson, C.P.A.
Public Utility Accountant III

Subscribed and sworn to me this 14th day of October 2005.



JERENE A. BUCKMAN
My Commission Expires
August 10, 2009
Cole County
Commission #05754036



Jerene A. Buckman
Notary Public

My commission expires August 10, 2009.

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**AQUILA INC.
d/b/a
AQUILA NETWORKS - MPS
AND
AQUILA NETWORKS - L&P**

CASE NO. ER-2005-0436

I. INTRODUCTION

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. Ted Robertson, PO Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230.

Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

A. I am employed by the Office of the Public Counsel of the State of Missouri ("OPC" or "Public Counsel") as a Public Utility Accountant III.

Q. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF YOUR CURRENT DUTIES AT THE OPC?

A. Under the direction of the OPC Chief Public Utility Accountant, Mr. Russell W. Trippensee, I am responsible for performing audits and examinations of the books and records of public utilities operating within the State of Missouri.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS.

1 A. I graduated in May, 1988, from Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield,
2 Missouri, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. In November of 1988, I
3 passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant ("CPA") Examination, and I obtained
4 CPA certification from the State of Missouri in 1989. My CPA license number is
5 2004012798.

6
7 Q. HAVE YOU RECEIVED SPECIALIZED TRAINING RELATED TO PUBLIC
8 UTILITY ACCOUNTING?

9 A. Yes. In addition to being employed by the Office of the Public Counsel for over fifteen
10 years, I have attended the NARUC Annual Regulatory Studies Program at Michigan
11 State University, and I have also participated in numerous training seminars relating to
12 this specific area of accounting study.

13
14 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC
15 SERVICE COMMISSION ("COMMISSION" OR "MPSC")?

16 A. Yes. In the fifteen years that I've been employed with the Public Counsel I have testified
17 on numerous issues before this Commission. Please refer to Schedule TJR-1, attached to
18 this testimony, for a listing of cases in which I have previously submitted testimony.

19
20 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?

21 A. The purpose of this testimony is to express the Public Counsel's recommendations
22 regarding the ratemaking treatment of various costs associated with the electric
23 operations of Aquila Networks - MPS ("MPS") and Aquila Networks - L&P ("L&P" or

"SJLP"), both of which are operating divisions of Aquila Inc. ("Aquila" or "Company").
The issues I intend to address include, 1) Aquila headquarters and annex
building/operation costs, 2) Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO") costs, 3)
Accounting Authority Order ("AAO") costs, 4) St. Joseph Light & Power merger costs,
5) South Harper plant addition and related transmission site construction costs, 6)
payments made by Aquila to facilitate the South Harper construction project ("Chapter 100
Fees"), and 7) SFAS 106 - Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions costs and
contributions.

II. EXHIBIT ORGANIZATION

**Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS HAVE
BEEN ORGANIZED.**

A. OPC has developed its recommended cost of service utilizing a test year of twelve
months ending December 31, 2004, updated for certain known and measurable changes
in costs through June 30, 2005. I am proposing a number of rate base and income
statement adjustments to the cost of service of both MPS and L&P. Thus, I have
included a separate set of exhibits that support the OPC proposed cost of service for both
MPS and L&P, respectively. When presenting the adjustments I have used as my starting
point the Company's updated "as adjusted" 12/31/2004 rate base and operating income
results.

Q PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EXHIBITS?

1 A. Schedules A of the exhibits is the OPC proposed revenue requirement for MPS and L&P.

2 On column (b), one can observe the Company's proposed increase in Missouri retail
3 rates. Columns (c) and (d) of Schedules A contain the revenue requirement adjustments
4 and the summary of rate base, operating income and return requirements being proposed
5 by OPC.

6
7 Schedules B of the exhibits is the rate base summary schedule for MPS and L&P. It too
8 begins with the Company's proposed Missouri retail jurisdictional rate base. Columns
9 (c) and (d) of Schedules B contain the rate base adjustments and summary rate base being
10 proposed by OPC. Each of the rate base adjustments posted on Schedules B are
11 supported by calculations contained on the ensuing schedules labeled as Schedules B-1,
12 Schedules B-2, etc.

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14 Schedules C of the exhibits is the operating income summary for MPS and L&P. Similar
15 to the rate base summary schedule, column (b) is the Company's proposed Missouri retail
16 jurisdictional operating income while columns (c) and (d) contain the OPC proposed
17 adjustments and operating income summary. Each of the OPC operating income
18 adjustments is supported by an individual schedule labeled as Schedules C-1, Schedules
19 C-2, etc.

20
21 The last schedules (i.e., Schedules D) reflect the Company and OPC proposed capital
22 structure and cost rates for MPS and L&P. Schedules D include the cost rates for each
23 capital component within the proposed capital structures. The OPC capital structure and

1 related cost rates are based upon the recommendations of Ben Johnson, consulting
2 economist and president of Ben Johnson and Associates Inc. Mr. Johnson accepts the
3 Company's long term debt costs rates and recommends that the cost of common equity be
4 established at 9.95% for both MPS and L&P. His recommended overall cost of capital
5 for MPS and L&P is 7.76% and 8.61%, respectively.
6

7 Q. DID YOU OR BEN JOHNSON UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF ALL ASPECTS OF
8 THE MPS AND L&P PROPOSED JURISDICTIONAL COST OF SERVICE?

9 A. No. Obviously, due to the small number of OPC staff assigned to audit this case, along
10 with other resource limitations, it was not possible for OPC to perform detailed discovery
11 and analysis of each potential cost within the structure of Aquila or the MPS and L&P
12 divisions. The OPC proposed rate increase shown on the Robertson MPS and L&P
13 Exhibits, Schedules A, calculate an increase that was determined without consideration of
14 many other issues that may be presented by the MPSC Staff and/or other intervenors in
15 their respective testimonies. It is OPC's intention that we will review the other parties'
16 testimony on the various issues and will consider adopting and/or supporting proposed
17 adjustments we believe reasonable.
18

19 **III. MPS AND L&P COST OF SERVICE**

20 **A. 20 WEST 9TH HEADQUARTERS/ANNEX**

21 Q. WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

22 A. The issue pertains to investment and operating costs associated with Aquila's
23 headquarters campus (i.e., 20 West 9th headquarters, 850 Main annex and 800 Main

1 parking garage) buildings. It is the Public Counsel's position that the costs associated
2 with maintaining and operating the complex have been inappropriately allocated to
3 Aquila's Missouri regulated utilities.

4
5 Q. PLEASE CONTINUE.

6 A. As shown on the attached MPS Schedules B-1 and C-1, I am proposing to eliminate a
7 portion of the cost of Aquila's corporate headquarters campus located in downtown
8 Kansas City, Missouri. The discontinuation of Aquila's energy trading operations in
9 conjunction with the sale of many of its unregulated and all of its international business
10 operations has left the Company with significant excess office space at its corporate
11 headquarters campus. The adjustments I am proposing will eliminate the cost of the
12 excess office capacity that was allocated to the MPS and L&P electric operations.

13
14 Q. WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF EXCESS CAPACITY AT THE HEADQUARTERS
15 COMPLEX?

16 A. I have calculated that approximately 57.87% of the headquarters campus cost is
17 excessive. Thus, I propose to eliminate 57.87% of net plant, plant operating costs and
18 plant depreciation expense that was allocated to the MPS retail electric operations.

19 Q. HOW DID YOU ARRIVE AT THE EXCESS CAPACITY PERCENTAGE?

20 A. In OPC Data Request No. 1016 I asked Company for the employee capacity of the
21 headquarters campus as well as the current employee occupancy. In its response
22 Company stated that the buildings currently have 457 stations (i.e., employee

workstations), but that as August 2005 only 332 employees were working in the buildings.

Q. ARE THE 457 WORKSTATIONS THE PLANNED EMPLOYEE CAPACITY FOR THE HEADQUARTERS CAMPUS?

A. No. Company apparently intends to reduce the employee capacity of the headquarters campus even further than the current usage. In its response to OPC Data Request No. 1055 Company states that the planned capacity is now 448 employee spaces, a reduction of 9 workstations from that expressed in its response to OPC Data Request No. 1016.

Q. DOES PUBLIC COUNSEL BELIEVE THAT THE 457 OR 448 STATIONS IS A VALID NUMBER FOR THE EMPLOYEE CAPACITY OF THE BUILDINGS?

A. No. Public Counsel believes that the Company's response to OPC Data Request Nos. 1016 and 1055 has understated the actual "planned employee capacity" of the headquarters complex. In its response to OPC Data Request No. 865, in Aquila, Inc., Case No. ER-2004-0034, Company responded that the total planned employee capacity of the complex was actually 847 workstations. The current workstation number of 457 is 53.96% of the planned employee capacity of 847 while the current employee occupancy of 332 is only 39.20%. It is quite clear that the employee reductions that occurred due to Aquila's exit of its merchant trading business along with its international and other unregulated businesses has had a dramatic effect on the need for and utilization of the headquarters campus.

1 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE ADJUSTMENTS THAT YOU PROPOSE WERE
2 DETERMINED.

3 A. As shown on the attached Robertson MPS and L&P Exhibits, Schedules B-1 and C-1, I
4 calculated the unused capacity of the building by starting with the actual planned
5 employee capacity of 847 for the buildings as indicated by the Company in its response
6 to OPC Data Request No. 865. I then adjusted the planned capacity by a vacancy rate of
7 7%. The resulting occupancy rate (i.e., 93%) I then multiplied by the 847 to arrive at an
8 expected normal occupancy for the complex of 788. I then subtracted the August 2005
9 actual occupancy of 332 people from the normal occupancy number to determine that
10 there are currently 456 unused workstations when compared to the original design
11 capacity of the buildings. Dividing the 456 unused workstation spaces into the expected
12 788 occupied workstations yields an excess capacity factor of 57.87%. I then reduced
13 associated rate base and operating costs allocated to the MPS regulated retail operations
14 by the excess capacity factor of 57.87%. The 57.87% is conservative considering I did
15 not reduce the actual planned employee capacity of 847 for an occupancy/vacancy rate
16 adjustment.

17
18 Q. WHAT IS THE SOURCE FOR THE VACANCY RATE YOU UTILIZED IN YOUR
19 ANALYSIS?

20 A. Company's response to OPC Data Request No. 1039 provided me access to various
21 headquarter cost benchmarking studies prepared by the International Facilities
22 Management Association ("IFMA"). The IFMA Study #23 listed that the headquarters
23 vacancy rate was 7%. Thus, for purposes of this calculation I have employed a 93%

1 occupancy rate to recognize that at any given time there will likely be some unused office
2 space due to normal employee turnover and/or other reorganizations.

3
4 Q. WHY DID YOU USE THE ORIGINAL PLANNED EMPLOYEE CAPACITY OF THE
5 COMPLEX RATHER THAN THE CURRENT EMPLOYEE CAPACITY IN
6 CALCULATING YOUR PROPOSED UNUSED CAPACITY FACTOR?

7 A. As the Commission is aware, Aquila has eliminated hundreds of employees in the last
8 several years. The employee reductions occurred primarily as a result of its failed energy
9 trading business as well as subsequent liquidations of other properties stemming from the
10 financial crisis of its energy trading as well as other non-regulated business failures. The
11 end result is that the Company's headquarters campus now houses less than 40% of the
12 planned employee capacity for the buildings.

13
14 Q. HAVE YOU RECENTLY TOURED THE HEADQUARTERS CAMPUS?

15 A. Yes. On August 11, 2005 I toured the campus with Company personnel in order to verify
16 that the employee occupancy was as stated.

17
18 Q. WHAT DID YOU OBSERVE WHILE ON THE TOUR OF THE HEADQUARTERS
19 CAMPUS?

20 A. During the tour I noticed that on just about every floor of the headquarters building there
21 were many empty cubicles and work spaces (as identified by the lack of an employee
22 name tag attached to the cubicle entry, and employee activity or visible work product
23 within the areas). In addition, on several floors, though furniture and fixtures were in

1 place, there were entire areas that were not staffed and utilized. For example, most of the
2 west side of the 3rd floor was completely empty of employees. While on the 4th, 7th, 8th
3 and 10th floors large sections of the building were also empty of employees and activity.
4

5 Q. WHAT DID YOU OBSERVE WHILE TOURING THE ANNEX BUILDING OF THE
6 HEADQUARTERS CAMPUS?

7 A. The Annex Building consists of 2 1/2 floors of office space. The bottom floor consists of
8 the corporate records storage area and it appeared to be occupied. The 1st floor also
9 appeared to be filled with approximately 1/2 of the floor space being occupied by the
10 remaining non-regulated Merchant Services personnel. One-half of the 2nd floor
11 consisted of a large computer training room and a NERC Transmission backup area while
12 the other half of the floor was, except for a couple of cubicles, completely lacking of any
13 employees and employee activity. It is my understanding that this area was a former
14 Merchant Services area utilized in the downsizing after other downtown buildings were
15 abandoned by the Merchant Services personnel and prior to further downsizing wherein
16 the remaining Merchant Services personnel ended up on the 1st floor of the Annex
17 Building.
18

19 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

20 A. It's the Public Counsel's position that the headquarters campus costs allocated to the MPS
21 and L&P Missouri-regulated operations is excessive due to the fact that the buildings are
22 being underutilized and in fact were designed primarily to be utilized by Aquila in the
23 development and operation of the non-regulated and international operations that have

1 been exited by the Company. The headquarters campus was built by Aquila in Kansas
2 City, Missouri, outside of any of its Missouri-regulated service territories, to facilitate its
3 growth and image as an expanding international energy company. Aquila saw itself as an
4 international energy company with interests stretching from the Missouri heartland to
5 Canada, England, New Zealand and Australia. However, Aquila is no longer rapidly
6 expanding, it has and to continues to downsize and is repositioning itself back to its roots
7 as a regulated energy provider. It has exited all of its international business operations
8 and most of its domestic non-regulated operations. A high cost facility located outside of
9 any of its service territories, while perhaps desirable for achieving the image it sought for
10 the business plan in force at the time the building was acquired and renovated, has little
11 appeal and is not economic for the core regulated mid-west utility business it now seeks
12 to retain.

13
14 The adjustments that I propose on the Robertson MPS and L&P Exhibits, Schedules B-1
15 and C-1, are conservative in that Missouri ratepayers will more than likely still be
16 excessively charged for one of the few remaining fixed cost obligations incurred by the
17 Company in a different era that had a totally different business plan. My proposed
18 adjustments attempt to remove from the Missouri regulated operations the excess office
19 capacity costs that were incurred by Aquila to support the former vision it held of itself as
20 a growing non-regulated international energy company.

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22 **B. REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION**

23 **Q. WHAT IS THE ISSUE?**

1 A. The Company has made an adjustment to increase the annualized Regional Transmission
2 Organization ("RTO") costs it expects to pay from full membership in the organization.
3 However, in its response to OPC Data Request No. 1070, it indicates that the increase in
4 costs did not occur as of June 30, 2005, the end of the known and measurable period for
5 the instant case. The OPC proposed adjustment that I have included on the Robertson
6 MPS and L&P Exhibits, Schedules C-2, lowers the Company proposed annualization
7 adjustment to the level of costs it actually incurred for the twelve months-ended June 30,
8 2005.

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10 C. **ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY ORDERS**

11 Q. WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

12 A. Pursuant to Commission order, Company has booked costs associated with several
13 Accounting Authority Orders ("AAO") during the test year. The Company was authorized
14 to defer depreciation expenses, property taxes, and carrying costs associated with the
15 capacity life extension and western coal conversion projects at its Sibley generating station
16 ("SCLE/WC"). Approval to defer and recover those costs was made pursuant to the
17 Commission's Accounting Authority Orders in Case Nos. EO-90-114 and ER-90-101, and
18 subsequent reauthorization was provided in Case Nos. EO-91-358 and ER-93-37. Company
19 was also granted authority to defer and amortize costs incurred due to an ice storm in its
20 former Missouri Public Service area in January 2002. Approval to defer and recover those
21 costs was made pursuant to the Commission's Order Granting Accounting Authority Order
22 in Case No. EU-2002-1053.
23

1 Q. WHAT DOES THE TERM DEFERRED REPRESENT?

2 A. For purposes of this issue when a cost (expense/expenditure) has been deferred it is not
3 recognized on the income statement as an expense in the current period. The costs are
4 instead booked to a balance sheet account and ratably amortized to an income statement
5 expense account over some period of time. For example, in the case of the ice storm
6 AAO, the Commission Order stated:
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8 A. Aquila is authorized to defer actual incremental operation and
9 maintenance expenses incurred as a direct result of the January 2002
10 ice storm to Uniform System of Accounts Account 182.3.
11

12 And,

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14 C. Aquila shall ratably amortize the amount deferred to Account 182.3
15 over a five-year period beginning February 1, 2002.
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17

18 Q. OVER WHAT PERIOD OF TIME IS COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO AMORTIZE THE
19 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SIBLEY GENERATING STATION CAPACITY
20 LIFE EXTENSION AND WESTERN COAL CONVERSION PROJECTS?

21 A. It is my understanding that the Company is, pursuant to Commission authorization,
22 amortizing the Sibley and Western Coal Conversion deferred balances over twenty years.
23

24 Q. IS THE PUBLIC COUNSEL RECOMMENDING ANY ADJUSTMENT TO THE
25 AAO's ANNUAL EXPENSE AMORTIZATION AMOUNTS?

26 A. No.
27

1 Q. WHAT ARE THE BALANCES REMAINING FOR THE UNAMORTIZED AAO
2 COSTS OF CASE NOS. EO-90-114 CASE NOS. EO-91-358?

3 A. The remaining unamortized balances at 12/31/2004 are \$1,149,863 and \$1,239,512,
4 respectively.

5
6 Q. WHAT IS THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE
7 AAO UNAMORTIZED COST BALANCES?

8 A. It is the Public Counsel's recommendation that the remaining unamortized deferred
9 balances not be included as an addition in the determination of the MPS rate base.

10
11 Q. DOES PUBLIC COUNSEL RECOMMEND NO RATE BASE TREATMENT FOR ALL
12 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY ORDERS?

13 A. No. Public Counsel's recommendation is that the AAO unamortized deferred balances not
14 be included as an addition to Company's cost of service rate base; however, the deferred
15 income tax balances associated with the AAO deferred costs should be included as a
16 reduction to rate base because they are associated with the interaction of the actual
17 expensing of the deferred costs on the income statement for income tax verses regulatory
18 purposes.

19
20 Q. DOES THE PUBLIC COUNSEL KNOW THE AMOUNT OF THE DEFERRED
21 INCOME TAXES THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN RATE BASE?

22 A. Company alleges not to have recorded any deferred taxes associated with these two AAOs.
23 Its response to OPC DR Nos. 1023 and 1030 states that deferred taxes associated with EO-

90-114 and EO-91-358 AAOs has been flowed through for ratemaking purposes and as such no deferred income tax offset amount have been included for these items. However, it is Public Counsel's belief, base on my review of the filings, testimony and orders in those cases, that the Company did not obtain Commission approval to deviate from the usual tax normalization process thus, deferred taxes should have been developed and booked in conjunction with the book/tax expensing and amortization of the costs.

Q. HAS THE PUBLIC COUNSEL CALCULATED AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF DEFERRED INCOME TAXES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TWO AAOs?

A. Yes. Since the Company did not appropriately determine and record the costs, Public Counsel has developed estimates of the remaining deferred income taxes associated with the two AAOs. The deferred income tax balances are \$917,288 and \$475,833, respectively. I determined the balances by multiply the remaining unamortized AAO balances by a Federal tax rate of 33.18% and a State tax rate of 5.21% and then by the 2004 jurisdiction factors utilized to allocate the respective plant/expense balances.

To be fair, it is likely that the tax and jurisdictional rates would have varied somewhat over the years that the AAO amortizations have actually occurred; possibly resulting in deferred income tax balances differing slightly from those I have calculated. However, I believe that had the Company maintained the appropriate records the balances they would show would not be materially different from those that I have calculated due to the fact that AAOs are well over halfway to being fully amortized and any associated deferred taxes would be expected to completely reverse by the time that they are fully amortized.

1 Q. IS IT THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BALANCES IT
2 CALCULATED FOR THE AAO DEFERRED INCOME TAXES BE INCLUDED AS AN
3 OFFSET TO THE UNAMORTIZED AAO BALANCES IN THE MPS RATE BASE?

4 A. Yes.
5

6 Q. WHY DOES THE PUBLIC COUNSEL BELIEVE THAT THE AAO UNAMORTIZED
7 DEFERRED BALANCES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE DETERMINATION
8 OF RATE BASE?

9 A. The Public Counsel's position on this issue is based on our belief that MPS is being given
10 what essentially amounts to a guaranteed "return of" the deferrals associated with the
11 SCLE/WC projects; therefore, it should not be also provided with a "return on" those same
12 amounts.
13

14 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE TERMS "RETURN OF" AND "RETURN ON."

15 A. If an expenditure is recorded on the income statement as an expense it is compared dollar
16 for dollar to revenues. This comparison is referred to as a "return of" because a dollar of
17 expense is matched by a dollar of revenue. A "return on" occurs when an expenditure is
18 capitalized with the balance sheet and then included in the calculation of rate base. This
19 calculation is a preliminary step in determining the earnings a company achieves on its
20 total regulatory investment.
21

22 Q. WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF THE COMPANY'S ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY
23 ORDERS?

1 A. The Commission's authorization of AAO treatment insulates MPS shareholders from the
2 risks associated with regulatory lag that occurred when the SCLE/WC construction projects
3 were completed, and placed in service, before the operation of law date of a general rate
4 increase case.

5
6 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE CONCEPT OF REGULATORY LAG.

7 A. This concept is based on a difference in the timing of a decision by management and the
8 Commission's recognition of that decision and its effect on the rate base rate of return
9 relationship in the determination of a utility's revenue requirement. Management decisions
10 that reduce or increase the cost of service without a matching change in revenues result in a
11 change in the rate base rate of return relationship. This change either increases or decreases
12 the profitability of the utility in the short-run until such time as the Commission
13 reestablishes rates to properly match revenues with the new level of service cost.
14 Companies are allowed to retain cost savings (i.e., excess profits during the lag period
15 between rate cases) and are required to absorb cost increases. When faced with escalating
16 costs regulatory lag places pressure on management to minimize the change in the
17 relationship because it cannot be recognized in a rate increase until the Commission
18 approves such in a general rate proceeding.

19
20 Q. HAS THIS COMMISSION RULED THAT IT IS NOT REASONABLE TO PROVIDE
21 SUCH PROTECTION TO SHAREHOLDERS?

22 A. Yes, it has. In Missouri Public Service Co., Case Nos. EO-91-358 & EO-91-360, the
23 Commission stated:

1
2 Lessening the effect of regulatory lag by deferring costs is beneficial to a
3 company but not particularly beneficial to ratepayers. Companies do not
4 propose to defer profits to subsequent rate cases to lessen the effects of
5 regulatory lag, but insist it is a benefit to defer costs. Regulatory lag is a part
6 of the regulatory process and can be a benefit as well as a detriment.
7 Lessening regulatory lag by deferring costs is not a reasonable goal unless
8 the costs are associated with an extraordinary event.
9

10 Maintaining the financial integrity of a utility is also a reasonable goal. The
11 deferral of costs to maintain current financial integrity, though, is of
12 questionable benefit. If a utility's financial integrity is threatened by high
13 costs so that its ability to provide service is threatened, then it should seek
14 interim rate relief. If maintaining financial integrity means sustaining a
15 specific return on equity, this is not the purpose of regulation. It is not
16 reasonable to defer costs to insulate shareholders from any risks. 1 Mo.
17 P.S.C. 3d 200, 207 (1991).
18
19

20 Q. DID THE COMMISSION MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT THE COMPANY'S
21 ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY ORDERS WERE RELATED TO EXTRAORDINARY
22 EVENTS?

23 A. Yes. The Commission, however, has more recently refined how an extraordinary event is
24 identified when it stated on page thirteen of its Report and Order in St. Louis County Water
25 Company, Case No. WR-96-263:
26

27 As both the OPC and the Staff point out, the Commission has to date,
28 granted AAO accounting treatment exclusively for one-time outlays or
29 capital caused by unpredictable events, acts of government, and other
30 matters outside the control of the utility or the Commission. It is also
31 pointed out that the terms "infrequent, unusual and extraordinary" connote
32 occurrences which are unpredictable in nature.
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34 (Emphasis added by OPC)
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Q. HAS THE COMMISSION DENIED THE INCLUSION IN RATE BASE OF
UNAMORTIZED DEFERRED BALANCES ASSOCIATED WITH AN ACCOUNTING
AUTHORITY ORDER?

A. Yes, it has. In Missouri Gas Energy, Case No. GR-98-140, the Commission ordered that the
unamortized deferred balances associated with the Company's gas safety line replacement
program would not be included in the determination of the Company's rate base. On page
nineteen of the Order in Case No. GR-98-140, it states:

The Commission finds that the unamortized balance of SLRP deferrals
should not be included in the rate base for MGE. The AAOs issued by the
Commission authorize the Company to book and defer the amount requested
but do not approve any ratemaking treatment of amounts from the deferred
and booked balances. AAOs are not intended to eliminate regulatory lag but
are intended to mitigate the cost incurred by the Company because of
regulatory lag.

Continuing on page twenty, it states:

All of the parties agree that it is the purpose of the AAO to lessen the effect
of the regulatory lag, not to eliminate it nor to protect the Company
completely from risk. Without the inclusion of the unamortized balance of
the AAO account included in the rate base, MGE will still recover the
amounts booked and deferred, including the cost of carrying these SLRP
deferral costs, property taxes and depreciation expenses through the true-up
period ending May 31, 1998. The Commission finds that OPC's position on
this issue is just and reasonable and is supported by competent and
substantial evidence in the record.

Q. SINCE THE COMMISSION DECISION IN CASE NO. GR-98-140 HAS THE
COMMISSION TREATED THIS ISSUE CONSISTENTLY?

1 A. Yes, it is my understanding that it has.

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3 Q. PLEASE CONTINUE.

4 A. The purpose of the accounting variance is to protect MPS from adverse financial impact,
5 caused by regulatory lag, by providing it with a vehicle that allows it the opportunity to
6 capture and recover costs it normally would not have had the opportunity to recover. The
7 accounting variance should not be used to place the Company in a better position than it
8 would have been in had plant investment and rate synchronization been achieved. Just as it
9 would be unfair to deny MPS recovery of its reasonable and prudent investment due to
10 regulatory delays which the Company could not control, it would be unfair if MPS were
11 allowed to reap a windfall, at ratepayer expense, due to a regulatory delay that ratepayers
12 could not control. Public Counsel's position is that issues caused by regulatory lag must be
13 treated in a fair manner for both ratepayers and MPS.

14

15 Q. WHAT IS THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE ICE
16 STORM ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY ORDER?

17 A. Public Counsel recommends no change in the annual expense amortization amount
18 booked by the Company; however, for the same reasons as I explained above for the
19 Sibley and Western Coal Conversion AAOs, the remaining Ice Storm AAO unamortized
20 deferred balance of \$3,436,029 should not be included as an addition in the determination
21 of the MPS rate base.

22

1 Q. SHOULD THERE ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE RATE BASE A DEFERRED
2 INCOME TAX OFFSET ASSOCIATED WITH THE ICE STORM AAO
3 UNAMORTIZED BALANCE?

4 A. Yes. Company's response to OPC DR No. 1023 states:

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6 Company believes that to the extent AAO's are included in rate base and
7 flow through treatment has not been provided, the associated deferred
8 income taxes should be offset against that rate base item. Company has
9 inadvertently not included the deferred income tax offset amount
10 associated with the 2002 ice storm AAO.

11 (Emphasis added by OPC.)
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15 Though the Company does not believe that an deferred income tax offset should occur if the
16 AAO's unamortized balance is not included in rate base, it does recognize that the associated
17 deferred income taxes have been determined and booked. Company added that the deferred
18 income taxes associated with the 2002 Ice Storm AAO are approximately \$1,319,091 and
19 \$1,002,508 for the periods ending December 31, 2004 and June 30, 2005, respectively.
20

21 **D. ST. JOSEPH LIGHT & POWER MERGER**

22 Q. WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

23 A. Company proposes to include in the determination of the MPS and L&P cost of service
24 certain costs that it has characterized as transaction and transition costs related to Aquila's
25 purchase of the St. Joseph Light & Power Company.
26

27 Q. WHAT IS THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S POSITION ON THIS ISSUE?

1 A. Public Counsel's position is that no portion of the SJLP purchase premium or the
2 purchase transaction costs associated with the merger should ever be recovered by the
3 Company from rates paid by MPS or L&P customers. Any premium and transaction
4 costs Company incurred should be treated below-the-line in the determination of rates for
5 this and all future MPS and L&P rate cases, whereas costs associated with the actual
6 transition (sometimes called "costs to achieve") should only be allowed if they can be
7 proven to truly benefit ratepayers.

8
9 Q. WHY HAS THE PUBLIC COUNSEL TAKEN THIS POSITION?

10 A. Public Counsel believes that the SJLP purchase premium, and purchase transaction costs,
11 were incurred with the sole intention of enhancing the financial interests of shareholders of
12 the two companies. From SJLP's perspective the sale was enacted to allow its shareholders
13 to acquire an increase in the shareholder value of their stock above that which existed if
14 SJLP remained a stand-alone utility company. However, it was Aquila's shareholders who
15 were most likely to receive the benefits, if any, associated with the increasing size and
16 economies of scale of a larger company. One example would be possible access to lower
17 costs of investment capital which would benefit the entire Aquila organization. Another
18 example is the possibility of achieving better purchase terms and prices from the various
19 suppliers of Aquila due to the aggregation of requirements of a larger company. Also,
20 Aquila has stated that it sought to acquire SJLP to strengthen its position going into what it
21 viewed was a competitive (i.e., deregulated) market (see Robertson Rebuttal Testimony,
22 Case No. EM-2000-292, page forty-four, lines one through eleven).

Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED TESTIMONY ON THE APPROPRIATE RATEMAKING TREATMENT OF THE SJLP PURCHASE PREMIUM AND PURCHASE TRANSACTION COSTS?

A. Yes, I have. In UtiliCorp United Inc.; St. Joseph Light & Power Company, Case No. EM-2000-292, I testified in my rebuttal testimony (page sixty-three, lines eight through ten) that it is never appropriate to allow a utility rate recovery of an acquisition adjustment. The acquisition adjustment is merely an accounting entry that consists of the purchase premium and the purchase transaction costs.

Q. WHAT SUPPORT DID THE PUBLIC COUNSEL RELY ON TO REACH THE POSITION IT HAS TAKEN RELATING TO THESE COSTS?

A. There are a multitude of reasons why purchase premiums and purchase transaction costs should not be reimbursed by ratepayers. For example, as I discussed in my rebuttal testimony (in Case No. EM-2000-292), the reasons to place the purchase premium and purchase transaction costs below-the-line include the following:

1. The acquisition premium and transaction costs consist of nothing more than costs associated with a financial transaction that valued the excess purchased cost over and above the net original book cost of the SJLP properties.
2. The Commission should not be required to make a determination that the acquisition premium and transaction costs associated with the merger are reasonable. That is, the Commission should not be put in the position of having to determine the appropriate price at which utilities should acquire other utilities.
3. The Commission has consistently endorsed the "original cost" concept for valuing utility property. Purchases at above book cost are recorded at historical costs for regulatory ratemaking. Utilities

benefit from the consistent treatment of acquisition adjustments.
Positive acquisition adjustments are not allowed in rates, and
historically neither are negative acquisition adjustments.

4. Shareholders own the properties purchased. Any gains on the sale of
utility properties are retained entirely by shareholders. Ratepayers
should not be required to fund the excess over book costs of utilities
purchased.

5. Aquila purchased SJLP to enhance the competitive position of its
shareholders going into what it viewed would be a deregulated
market. Ratepayers' interests were secondary, if considered at all.

6. The generation assets of SJLP had an appraised market value that far
exceeded its booked cost. Aquila knew this when it purchased SJLP.
Any sale of the generation assets could possibly yield Aquila with a
return that far exceeds the SJLP purchase premium and purchase
transaction costs.

7. UCU proposed in Case No. EM-2000-292 to net merger savings with
the merger costs but it has no way to effectively identify and track
merger savings.

Q. YOU STATED EARLIER THAT TRANSITION COSTS SHOULD ONLY BE
ALLOWED IN RATES TO THE EXTENT THEY PROVE A BENEFIT TO
RATEPAYERS. HAS COMPANY PROVIDED ANY EVIDENCE OF SUCH
BENEFITS TO SUPPORT ITS PROPOSAL?

A. Company has alleged some synergy savings. Public Counsel sent the Company OPC
Data Request No. 1093 which sought information to substantiate any alleged benefits.
Company's response to that data request states:

Cost/benefit estimates and information were provided in conjunction with
Case No. EM-2000-292; Case No. ER-01-672; and Case No. ER-2004-
0034, in particular the direct testimony of Vern Siemek. This information
is still relevant and has not been updated for this case.

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2 The response also provided a spreadsheet wherein Company alleges a joint dispatch
3 synergy savings relating from the ability to share MPS and SJLP capacity and production
4 capability.

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6 Q. DOES THE COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO OPC DATA REQUEST NO. 1093
7 SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY AND TRACK COST
8 BENEFIT SAVINGS ON A GOING FORWARD BASIS?

9 A. No. Company has not sufficiently identified in the instant case whether or not the
10 benefits, if any, associated with its purchase of the SJLP operations outweigh the costs it
11 seeks to recover. It is my belief, that the Company cannot identify those costs because it
12 has not developed or implemented a methodology or system whereby the costs and
13 alleged benefits can be identified, tracked and compared on a going-forward basis.
14 Interestingly, the Company admits in the response to OPC Data Request No. 1093 that,
15 though it has filed cost/benefit testimony relating to the SJLP merger in prior cases, it has
16 not updated the information in the instant case.

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18 Public Counsel asserts that updated cost/benefit information is extremely relevant to
19 developing any decision in the instant case due to the dynamic nature of a large utility
20 such as Aquila. It's operations and cost structure changes on a year-to-year basis, and the
21 changes that occur would most certainly impact any costs and/or benefits that may have
22 been incurred due to the merger. For example, if employee and/or other costs were
23 reduced in the interim period between rate cases since the merger was consummated, the

benefits Company received from those cost reductions may have already allowed it to recover the merger transition costs it incurred.

Q. DID COMPANY ATTEMPT TO RECOVER THESE SAME MERGER COSTS IN ITS LAST GENERAL RATE INCREASE CASE?

A. No. Company's response to OPC Data Request No. 1014 states:

No amortization of the costs to achieve the synergies was included in the calculation of the revenue requirements for the case.

However, in its response to OPC Data Request No. 1093, Company adds that although it did not seek to recover the costs in the filed cost of service of the last general rate increase case, it did seek a synergies sharing arrangement that it did not achieve.

Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S POSITION AND PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS ON THIS ISSUE.

A. Public Counsel has not changed its position from that first filed in UtiliCorp United Inc.; St. Joseph Light & Power Company, Case No. EM-2000-292, with regard to the SJLP merger purchase premium and purchase transaction costs. OPC believes that the costs were incurred to benefit the shareholders of SJLP and Aquila. Therefore, it is the Public Counsel's recommendation that they be accorded below-the-line treatment for ratemaking purposes. Furthermore, the alleged transition costs included in the Company's proposal have not been shown to provide any benefits to ratepayers thus, they too should not be allowed in the cost of service for ratemaking purposes. Therefore, as shown on the

1 Robertson MPS and L&P Exhibits, Schedules C-4, I have adjusted the SJLP merger costs
2 amortizations proposed by the Company so that they are excluded from the determination of
3 the respective MPS and L&P cost of service.
4

5 **E. SOUTH HARPER PLANT ADDITION**

6 **Q. WHAT IS THE ISSUE?**

7 **A.** This issue pertains to the appropriate amount of costs to include in the MPS cost of
8 service for the recent South Harper plant addition. Company included a budgeted amount
9 of plant cost, and related depreciation, in its filing. However, in Aquila, Inc., Case No.
10 EO-2005-0156, Aquila, the MPSC Staff and the Public Counsel reached a settlement
11 agreement whereby the cost associated with the combustion turbines, transformers and
12 breakers (as identified in the settlement agreement in Case No. EO-2005-0156) was set at
13 an amount less than what the Company has included in the instant case. In addition,
14 Public Counsel has identified certain other costs Company booked to the construction of
15 the plant addition that should also be disallowed.
16

17 **Q. HAS THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**
18 **REACHED BY THE PARTIES IN AQUILA, INC., EO-2005-0156?**

19 **A.** As of the date that I prepared this testimony, the Commission has not approved the
20 settlement agreement.
21

1 Q. ARE THERE OTHER ISSUES WHICH MAY IMPACT THE DETERMINATION OF
2 THE COST OF THE PLANT ADDITION AND WHETHER OR NOT IT SHOULD BE
3 INCLUDED IN THE MPS COST OF SERVICE?

4 A. Yes. As the parties are aware, there is ongoing litigation concerning the plant addition
5 that could ultimately result in it being completely dismantled.
6

7 Q. DOES THE PUBLIC COUNSEL KNOW WHEN THE LITIGATION CONCERNING
8 THE SOUTH HARPER PLANT WILL BE FINAL?

9 A. No.
10

11 Q. IF THE OUTCOME OF THE LITIGATION REQUIRES AQUILA TO DISMANTLE
12 THE SOUTH HARPER PLANT ADDITION, SHOULD THE COSTS OF ITS
13 CONSTRUCTION, OR DISMANTLING, BE RECOVERED FROM RATEPAYERS?

14 A. No. It is the Public Counsel's belief that all costs the Commission allows in the MPS cost
15 of service that are related to the construction and operation of the South Harper plant
16 addition should not be recovered from ratepayers if the outcome of the litigation requires
17 it to be removed from service. In order to protect ratepayers in the event dismantling of
18 the plant addition is required, it is the Public Counsel's recommendation that all costs
19 associated with the South Harper plant addition and its operations be ordered
20 implemented as interim subject to refund.
21

Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S ADJUSTMENTS IN THE EVENT THE SOUTH HARPER PLANT ADDITION IS ALLOWED RECOVERY IN THE MPS COST OF SERVICE.

A. Schedules B-2 and C-7 of the Robertson MPS Exhibit identify the Public Counsel's recommended plant and depreciation costs of the plant addition as of June 30, 2005, the end of the Commission ordered known and measurable period for the instant case. Line 1, Column C, of Schedule B-2 shows the Company's actual plant addition costs as of June 30, 2005. Lines 3 through 9 show the adjustment necessary to achieve the cost of the combustion turbines/transformers/breakers reached in the settlement agreement of Aquila, Inc., Case No. EO-2005-0156. Lines 11, 13 and 15 show OPC construction, transmission and allowance for funds used during construction ("AFUDC") cost adjustments that reduce the plant addition costs for items related to the settlement agreement plant cost reduction and other costs OPC recommends be disallowed. Line 25 shows the OPC recommended plant addition adjustment after comparing the OPC recommended plant addition cost, as of June 30, 2005, with the budgeted plant addition costs Company included in the instant case. The amount shown on line 25 was then carried over as a plant adjustment to the Robertson MPS Exhibit, Schedule B - Jurisdictional Rate Base.

Schedule C-7, lines 1 through 9, show a comparison of the OPC recommended annualized depreciation, based on the OPC recommended plant addition as of June 30, 2005, with the budgeted plant addition annualized depreciation costs the Company included in the instant case. Line 9 shows the OPC annualized depreciation adjustment

1 which I included as a depreciation expense adjustment to the Robertson MPS Exhibit,
2 Schedule C - Jurisdictional Income Statement.

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4 Q. WILL THE PLANT ADDITION COSTS YOU DESCRIBE ABOVE REQUIRE TRUE-
5 UP?

6 A. Yes. In the Commission's Order Concerning Test Year And True-Up And Adopting
7 Procedural Schedule, Aquila, Inc., Case No. ER-2005-0436, beginning on page 9 it
8 states:

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10 2. That there shall be a true-up audit and hearing as recommended by
11 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. The true-up
12 shall include all major changes to revenue, expenses, rate base, and
13 capital structure occurring through October 31, 2005.
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16 Public Counsel recognizes that the Company continued to booked significant costs
17 beyond June 30, 2005 related to the construction of the plant addition; therefore, a true-up
18 of the plant addition costs through October 31, 2005 will be necessary. In addition,
19 Public Counsel has several data requests currently outstanding regarding clarification of
20 the purpose and necessity of the various construction and transmission costs OPC
21 recommends be disallowed. Company's responses to those data requests may or may not
22 provide information that would initiate an adjustment of the construction and
23 transmission cost disallowances proposed by the Public Counsel.
24

25 F. **CHAPTER 100 FEES**

26 Q. WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

1 A. The issue is whether or not certain costs Company has incurred that are related to its
2 South Harper generation construction project financing should be reimbursed by
3 ratepayers. On or about December 29, 2004 Company booked several accruals totaling
4 \$925,000 to MPS FERC Account No. 186. The accruals represent a deferral of certain
5 costs the Company has classified as Chapter 100 Fees. The "Fees" are composed of three
6 items, 1) the City of Peculiar required and received a \$700,000 issuance fee for the
7 Chapter 100 bonds, 2) under the terms of the agreement Aquila paid the cost of the City's
8 bond counsel (Gilmore and Bell) of which Company has been billed \$95,000 as of
9 12/31/04, and 3) under the terms of the agreement Aquila paid the cost of the City's
10 financial advisor (McLiney and Company) \$130,000. It is my understanding that the
11 agreement referenced is the Economic Development Agreement associated with the
12 financing of the South Harper project.

13
14 Q. WHAT IS THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S POSITION ON THE REIMBURSEMENT OF
15 THESE COSTS BY COMPANY'S RATEPAYERS?

16 A. Public Counsel recommends that the "Fees" not be allowed either a return of or a return
17 on in the instant case. The costs Company paid for the City of Peculiar to enter into the
18 financing agreement were incurred solely for the benefit of that community and its
19 citizens. The costs should have either not been incurred or paid by the City of Peculiar,
20 not by Aquila. While it is accurate that the proposed financing of the South Harper
21 project should decrease the total amount of property taxes paid and distributed within the
22 entire Aquila Missouri regulated jurisdiction, Aquila's gratuity towards the City of
23 Peculiar should not imply that the other ratepayers of Aquila should be required to pay

1 for the extra benefits the City of Peculiar garnered in the transaction. For example,
2 though it is expected that property taxes will not be incurred on the South Harper project,
3 the City of Peculiar will receive, in addition to the \$700,000 issuance fee it received, a
4 significant amount of payments in lieu of property taxes ("PILOT") for several years into
5 the future. OPC believes that the PILOT payments alone are a significant reason or
6 justification enough for the payment of the Chapter 100 Fees by the City of Peculiar, and
7 not the other ratepayers within the MPS jurisdiction.
8

9 Q. WHAT IS THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THIS
10 ISSUE?

11 A. Public Counsel recommends that Aquila not be allowed to recover either a return of or
12 return on the Chapter 100 Fees. Thus, Public Counsel recommends that Company's
13 proposal to include the jurisdictional amounts of \$919,987 in rate base and a 30-year
14 expense amortization of \$30,666 in FERC Account No. 923 be disallowed. Schedules B-
15 5 and C-5 of the Robertson MPS Exhibit reflect the proposed disallowances.
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17 G. **SO₂ EMISSION ALLOWANCES**

18 Q. WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

19 A. The issue concerns the determination of the appropriate amount of SO₂ emission
20 allowances investment and expense to include in the MPS and L&P cost service.
21 Company witness, Ms. Susan Braun, has made an inventory adjustment to the MPS and
22 L&P rate bases (i.e., WC-40) to represent the amount of SO₂ emission allowance
23 inventory investment upon which a return should be earned by Aquila. On the expense

1 side, Company witness, Mr. Ronald A. Klote, has made a fuel cost adjustment to the
2 MPS and L&P income statements (i.e., FPP-17) to represent the amount of annual SO₂
3 emission allowance expense which should be recovered by Aquila.
4

5 Q. HAS THE PUBLIC COUNSEL MADE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE
6 COMPANY'S SO₂ INVENTORY AND EXPENSE RECOMENDATIONS?

7 A. Yes.
8

9 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S PROPOSED SO₂ EMISSION
10 ALLOWANCES INVENTORY AND EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS.

11 A. As shown on the Robertson MPS and L&P Exhibits, Schedules B-6 and C-6 for MPS,
12 and Schedule B-2 for L&P (no adjustment was made to Company's proposed SO₂
13 emission allowance annual expense for L&P), I propose adjustments to the Company's
14 test year SO₂ emission allowances investment and expense costs so that the cost of
15 inventory included in rate base and the annual expense cost are based upon the actual
16 level of annual SO₂ emission allowances required by the utilities.
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18 The Robertson MPS and L&P Exhibits, Schedules B-6 and B-2, respectively, show the
19 OPC recommended level of SO₂ emissions allowances inventory to include in rate base.
20 Columns (a) through (e) of the Schedules show the annual emission allowances required
21 (after subtracting the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") free allocations)
22 multiplied by the \$700 per emission allowance cost proposed by the Company. The
23 resulting amount is then divided by 12 months to show the assignment of the purchase

1 and use of the emission allowances ratably over the course of one year. The monthly cost
2 is then adjusted for the appropriate electric jurisdictional factor and compared to the
3 Company's proposed inventory cost amount to determine the OPC adjustment. The
4 amounts shown on line 19 of Schedules MPS B-6 and L&P B-2 are then shown as an
5 adjustment to the SO₂ inventory costs on the Robertson MPS and L&P Exhibits,
6 Schedules B - Jurisdictional Rate Base Summary.

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8 The Robertson MPS Exhibit, Schedule C-6, shows the OPC recommended level of SO₂
9 emissions allowances expense to include in the cost of service. Columns (a) through (e)
10 show the required annual emission allowances (after subtracting the EPA free
11 allocations) multiplied by the \$700 per emission allowance cost proposed by the
12 Company. The result is compared to the expense amount recorded on the Company's
13 books for the test year and then adjusted for the appropriate electric jurisdictional factor.
14 Lastly, the OPC proposed electric jurisdictional amount is compared to the Company's
15 proposed expense adjustment to determine the OPC adjustment shown on line 19. The
16 amount shown on line 19 of Schedule C-6 is then shown as an expense adjustment on the
17 Robertson MPS Exhibit, Schedule C - Jurisdictional Income Statement.

18
19 Q. ARE THE INVENTORY COSTS PROPOSED BY OPC BASED ON AN ACTUAL
20 ANNUAL LEVEL OF SO₂ EMISSION ALLOWANCES REQUIRED RATHER THAN
21 THE RECORDED BOOK COSTS?

22 A. Yes. For L&P I utilized the same number of SO₂ emission allowances proposed by the
23 Company. However, for MPS, I made an adjustment that reduced the actual 2004 SO₂

1 emission allowances required for Sibley plant (after reduction for the EPA free
2 allowances) down from the Company 2005 forecast of 7,576 to 3,068.

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4 Q. DID OPC ALSO FACTOR IN THE SIBLEY SO₂ EMISSION ALLOWANCE
5 REDUCTION FOR ITS MPS SO₂ EMISSION ALLOWANCE EXPENSE
6 ADJUSTMENT?

7 A. Yes.

8
9 Q. WHY DID PUBLIC COUNSEL UTILIZE A DIFFERENT NUMBER OF REQUIRED
10 SO₂ EMISSION ALLOWANCES FOR THE SIBLEY PLANT IN THE
11 DETERMINATION OF ITS MPS INVENTORY AND EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS?

12 A. Company's response to MPSC Staff Data Request No. 272 indicated that the required
13 number of 2005 emission allowances for the Sibley plant are expected to increase
14 significantly. Company attributes the large increase due to a force majeure declaration
15 from one of its coal suppliers of high BTU low sulfur blend coal. The response to
16 MPSC Data Request No. 272 states:

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18 The continued use of high sulfur coal has been projected to impact
19 allowance use in the future for Sibley at an estimated rate of 29.55%
20 higher than what the actual use was in 2004.
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23 The response also states:
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1 As a result of burning the higher sulfur coal, Sibley is projected to use
2 approximately 1,000 additional allowances in 2004 than what was
3 originally forecasted.
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6 Public Counsel's adjustment of the required number of Sibley plant SO₂ emission
7 allowances takes into consideration that the actual level of SO₂ emission allowances
8 utilized in 2004 was approximately 1,000 more than necessary due to the failure of the
9 supplier to supply Company with high BTU low sulfur blend coal. Furthermore, it is my
10 understanding that the Company has filed suit to recover the damages (the increased
11 costs) from the supplier; therefore, any increase in SO₂ emission allowances and potential
12 recovery of the costs of that increase at the Sibley plant that are due to the default of the
13 supplier should not be collected from the Company's ratepayers. The OPC MPS SO₂
14 emission allowance adjustments are based on an actual known and measurable level of
15 Sibley SO₂ emission allowances for year 2004 less costs related to the contract dispute
16 that is in litigation.
17

18 Q. WHY DID YOU REDUCE THE ANNUAL SO₂ EMISSION ALLOWANCES
19 REQUIRED FOR THE FREE EPA ALLOWANCES?

20 A. The EPA allocates a certain number of free SO₂ emission allowances to the Company
21 each year; therefore, it is the Public Counsel's position that since the Company has
22 incurred no cost to obtain the allowances their cost should be set at zero in the utilities
23 cost of service.
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1 H. SFAS 106 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

2 Q. WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

3 A. It is the Public Counsel's belief that the Company has violated the requirements of
4 Missouri Revised Statutes Chapter 386.315 regarding the funding of SFAS 106 costs
5 recovered in rates. According to Company's response to MPSC Staff Data Request No.
6 263.1, Aquila intentionally failed to provide funding that matches its SFAS 106 expense
7 during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 for MPS and four of five years of the 2001 to 2005
8 period for L&P. The Company has provided OPC with information that states the
9 contributions not paid into the SFAS 106 plan approximate \$8.4 million.
10

11 Q. WHAT IS THE RELEVANCE OF MISSOURI REVISED STATUTE CHAPTER
12 386.315?

13 A. The language of this statute states that a utility may file one set of tariffs modifying its
14 rates to reflect the revenue requirement associated with the utility's expenses for
15 postretirement employee benefits other than pensions, as determined by Financial
16 Accounting Standard 106, if such utility is funding the full extent of its Financial
17 Accounting Standard 106 obligation at the time such tariffs are filed. Company's
18 admission in its response to MPSC Data Request No. 263.1 that it is not funding the FAS
19 106 expense indicates that the Company has intentionally not met the requirements of the
20 statute. In its entirety Chapter 386.315 states:
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22 A. Chapter 386
23 Public Service Commission
24 Section 386.315

August 28, 2004

Commission shall not change terms of employment subject to collective bargaining or certain accounting standards--use of accounting standard by utility, requirements--tariff filing allowed, conditions--examination of tariffs, review period.

1. In establishing public utility rates, the commission shall not reduce or otherwise change any wage rate, benefit, working condition, or other term or condition of employment that is the subject of a collective bargaining agreement between the public utility and a labor organization.

Additionally, the commission shall not disallow or refuse to recognize the actual level of expenses the utility is required by Financial Accounting Standard 106 to record for postretirement employee benefits for all the utility's employees, including retirees, if the assumptions and estimates used by a public utility in determining the Financial Accounting Standard 106 expenses have been reviewed and approved by the commission, and such review and approval shall be based on sound actuarial principles.

2. A public utility which uses Financial Accounting Standard 106 shall be required to use an independent external funding mechanism that restricts disbursements only for qualified retiree benefits. In no event shall any funds remaining in such funding mechanism revert to the utility after all qualified benefits have been paid; rather, the funding mechanism shall include terms which require all funds to be used for employee or retiree benefits. This section shall not in any manner be construed to limit the authority of the commission to set rates for any service rendered or to be rendered that are just and reasonable pursuant to sections 392.240, 393.140 and 393.150, RSMo.

3. Any public utility which was the subject of a rate proceeding resulting in the issuance of a report and order subsequent to January 1, 1993, and prior to August 28, 1994, directing or permitting the establishment of new rates by such utility, may file one set of tariffs modifying its rates to reflect the revenue requirement associated with the utility's expenses for postretirement employee benefits other than pensions, as determined by Financial Accounting Standard 106, including the utility's transition benefit obligation, regardless of whether the deferral or immediate expense recognition method was used, if such utility is funding the full extent of its Financial Accounting Standard 106 obligation at the time such tariffs are filed. The tariffs shall reflect the annual level of expenses as determined in accordance with Financial Accounting Standard 106. The commission may suspend such tariffs for no longer than one hundred fifty days to examine the assumptions and estimates used and to review and approve

1 the expenses required by Financial Accounting Standard 106, including an
2 amortization of the transition benefit obligation over no greater
3 amortization period than twenty years based upon sound actuarial
4 principles, and to address any rate design issues associated with the
5 utility's Financial Accounting Standard 106-based revenue requirement.
6 The commission shall not examine any other revenue requirement issues.
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8 (Emphasis added by OPC.)
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11 Q. DOES THE PUBLIC COUNSEL PROPOSE ANY ADJUSTMENT TO ACCOUNT
12 FOR THE EFFECTS THAT THE LACK OF FUNDING HAS HAD ON THE SFAS 106
13 EXPENSE LEVEL OF MPS AND L&P?

14 A. Public Counsel does believe that an adjustment may be appropriate, however, as of the
15 date I am writing this testimony we have several data requests outstanding for
16 information that is required in order to calculate such an adjustment. Public Counsel will
17 provide the Commission with its proposed adjustment, if an adjustment is applicable, at a
18 later date after we have received and had time to analyze the responses to those data
19 requests. However, it is readily apparent that the Company should be required to fully
20 fund the SFAS 106 plan for the contributions it intentionally eliminated.
21

22 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?

23 A. Yes, it does.

**CASE PARTICIPATION
OF
TED ROBERTSON**

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Missouri Public Service Company	GR-90-198
United Telephone Company of Missouri	TR-90-273
Choctaw Telephone Company	TR-91-86
Missouri Cities Water Company	WR-91-172
United Cities Gas Company	GR-91-249
St. Louis County Water Company	WR-91-361
Missouri Cities Water Company	WR-92-207
Imperial Utility Corporation	SR-92-290
Expanded Calling Scopes	TO-92-306
United Cities Gas Company	GR-93-47
Missouri Public Service Company	GR-93-172
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	TO-93-192
Missouri-American Water Company	WR-93-212
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	TC-93-224
Imperial Utility Corporation	SR-94-16
St. Joseph Light & Power Company	ER-94-163
Raytown Water Company	WR-94-211
Capital City Water Company	WR-94-297
Raytown Water Company	WR-94-300
St. Louis County Water Company	WR-95-145
United Cities Gas Company	GR-95-160
Missouri-American Water Company	WR-95-205
Laclede Gas Company	GR-96-193
Imperial Utility Corporation	SC-96-427
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-96-285
Union Electric Company	EO-96-14
Union Electric Company	EM-96-149
Missouri-American Water Company	WR-97-237
St. Louis County Water Company	WR-97-382
Union Electric Company	GR-97-393
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-98-140
Laclede Gas Company	GR-98-374
United Water Missouri Inc.	WR-99-326
Laclede Gas Company	GR-99-315
Missouri Gas Energy	GO-99-258
Missouri-American Water Company	WM-2000-222
Atmos Energy Corporation	WM-2000-312
UtiliCorp/St. Joseph Merger	EM-2000-292
UtiliCorp/Empire Merger	EM-2000-369
Union Electric Company	GR-2000-512
St. Louis County Water Company	WR-2000-844
Missouri Gas Energy	GR-2001-292
UtiliCorp United, Inc.	ER-2001-672
Union Electric Company	EC-2002-1
Empire District Electric Company	ER-2002-424

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<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Missouri Gas Energy	GM-2003-0238
Aquila Inc.	EF-2003-0465
Aquila Inc.	ER-2004-0034
Empire District Electric Company	ER-2004-0570
Aquila Inc.	EO-2005-0156
Aquila, Inc.	ER-2005-0436

Aquila Networks - MPS
OPC Proposed Revenue Requirement
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	As Proposed By Aquila (Mid))	OPC Adjustments	As Proposed by OPC
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Rate Base	\$ 833,704,949	\$ (46,662,827)	\$ 787,042,122
2				
3	Return Requirement	9.01%	-1.25%	7.76%
4				
5	Net Operating Income Required	\$ 75,138,492	\$ (14,042,380)	\$ 61,096,112
6				
7	NOI @ Existing Rates	23,728,259	6,991,768	30,720,027
8				
9	Net Operating Deficiency	\$ 51,410,233	\$ (21,034,148)	\$ 30,376,085
10				
11	Tax Conversion Factor	1.623110	1.623110	1.623110
12				
13	Jurisdictional Revenue Deficiency	\$ 83,444,464	\$ (34,140,736)	\$ 49,303,728

Aquila Networks - MPS
Jurisdictional Rate Base
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	As Proposed By Aquila	OPC Adjustments	As Proposed by OPC
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Plant in Service			
2	Gross Plant in Service	\$ 1,442,576,420	\$ (37,737,215)	\$ 1,404,839,205
3				
4	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(537,151,523)</u>	<u>929,298</u>	<u>(536,222,225)</u>
5				
6	Net Plant in Service	\$ 905,424,897	\$ (36,807,916)	\$ 868,616,981
7				
8	Other Rate Base			
9	Cash Working Capital	\$ (8,860,583)	\$ -	\$ (8,860,583)
10	Materials & Supplies	20,110,170	-	20,110,170
11	SO2 Emission Allowances	1,090,518	(873,141)	217,377
12	Prepayments	11,936,049	-	11,936,049
13	Fuel Inventory - Oil	2,003,310	-	2,003,310
14	Fuel Inventory - Coal	9,287,816	-	9,287,816
15	Fuel Inventory - Coke	-	-	-
16	AAO Def Sibley & WC 1990	1,149,863	(1,149,863)	-
17	AAO Def Sibley & WC 1992	1,239,512	(1,239,512)	-
18	AAO Ice Storm 1992	3,436,029	(3,436,029)	-
19	Chapter 100 Fees (South Harper)	919,987	(919,987)	1
20	Customer Advances for Constr.	(7,638,702)	-	(7,638,702)
21	Customer Deposits	(3,681,854)	-	(3,681,854)
22	Accum. Def. Income Taxes	(101,687,827)	-	(101,687,827)
23	Accum. Def. Inc. Taxes AAO	-	(2,236,379)	(2,236,379)
24	Unamortized ITC	-	-	-
25	Reg. Liab. - ERISA Min. Tracker	<u>(1,024,236)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,024,236)</u>
26	Subtotal Other Rate Base	\$ (71,719,948)	\$ (9,854,911)	\$ (81,574,859)
27				
28	Total Rate Base	<u>\$ 833,704,949</u>	<u>\$ (46,662,827)</u>	<u>\$ 787,042,122</u>

Aquila Networks - MPS
Jurisdictional Rate Base
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Headquarters Plant & Accum. Depr. (Sch. B-1)	South Harper (Sch. B-2)	AAO (Sch. B-3)	AAO DIT (Sch. B-4)	Chp. 100 Fees (Sch. B-5)	SO2 Emission Allowances (Sch. B-6)	Total
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	Plant in Service							
2	Gross Plant in Service	\$ (7,362,349)	\$(30,374,866)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (37,737,215)
3								
4	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	929,298	-	-	-	-	-	929,298
5								
6	Net Plant in Service	\$ (6,433,050)	\$(30,374,866)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (36,807,916)
7								
8	Other Rate Base							
9	Cash Working Capital							\$ -
10	Materials & Supplies							-
11	SO2 Emission Allowances						(873,141)	(873,141)
12	Prepayments							-
13	Fuel Inventory - Oil							-
14	Fuel Inventory - Coal							-
15	Fuel Inventory - Coke							-
16	AAO Def Sibley & WC 1990			(1,149,863)				(1,149,863)
17	AAO Def Sibley & WC 1992			(1,239,512)				(1,239,512)
18	AAO Ice Storm 1992			(3,436,029)				(3,436,029)
19	Chapter 100 Fees (South Harper)					(919,987)		(919,987)
20	Customer Advances for Constr.							-
21	Customer Deposits							-
22	Accum. Def. Income Taxes							-
23	Accum. Def. Inc. Taxes AAO				(2,236,379)			(2,236,379)
24	Unamortized ITC							-
25	Reg. Liab. - ERISA Min. Tracker							-
26	Subtotal Other Rate Base	\$ -	\$ -	\$(5,825,404)	\$(2,236,379)	\$ (919,987)	\$(873,141)	\$ (9,854,911)
27								
28	Total Rate Base	<u>\$ (6,433,050)</u>	<u>\$(30,374,866)</u>	<u>\$(5,825,404)</u>	<u>\$(2,236,379)</u>	<u>\$ (919,987)</u>	<u>\$(873,141)</u>	<u>\$ (46,662,827)</u>

Aquila Networks - MPS
Headquarters Office Building Rate Base Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Amount	Reference/Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	MPS Allocated Portion of Gross Plant In Service		
2	20 West 9th HQ Building	\$ 8,156,327	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
3	850 Main Annex	2,823,280	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
4	800 Main Parking Garage	1,811,943	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
5	Office Furniture & Equipment	1,893,260	OPC 1104
6	Total Gross Plant In Service	<u>\$ 12,791,550</u>	Sum L. 2 - 4
7			
8	MPS Allocated Portion Of Accumulated Depreciation		
9	20 West 9th HQ Building	\$ 1,120,150	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
10	850 Main Annex	253,518	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
11	800 Main Parking Garage	240,921	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
12	Office Furniture & Equipment	363,313	OPC 1104
13	Total Accum. Depreciation Reserve	<u>\$ 1,614,589</u>	Sum L. 8 - 10
14			
15	MPS Allocated Portion Of Net Plant In Service		
16	20 West 9th HQ Building	\$ 7,036,177	L. 2 - L. 8
17	850 Main Annex	2,569,762	L. 3 - L. 9
18	800 Main Parking Garage	1,571,022	L. 4 - L. 10
19	Office Furniture & Equipment	1,529,946	L. 5 - L. 12
20	Total Net Allocated Plant In Service	<u>\$ 11,176,961</u>	Sum L. 14 - 16
21			
22	Original Design Capacity Of 20 West		
23	9th Building And Annex 847		OPC 865
24			
25	Occupancy Rate For Energy Utility		Vacancy Rate P. 29
26	Headquarters Per IMFA Study 93.0%		IFMA Study #23
27			
28	Expected Normal Occupancy Of		
29	Building 788		L. 20 X L. 23
30			
31	Current Occupancy 332		OPC 1016
32			
33	Vacancies In Excess Of Expected 456		L. 26 - L. 28
34			
35	Unusued capacity percentage	<u>57.87%</u>	L. 30 / L. 26
36			
37	Adjustment To Remove Unused Aquila		
38	Headquarters Costs Allocated to MPS:		
39	Gross Plant In Service	\$ (7,402,470)	L. 5 X L. 32
40	Accumulated Depreciation	(934,363)	L. 11 X L. 40
41	Net Plant In Service	<u>\$ (6,468,107)</u>	L. 36 - L. 37
42			
43	Jurisdictional Allocation Factor	99.458%	Co. W/P Sch. 3a & 5
44			
45	Jurisdictional Adjustment To Remove		
46	Unused Aquila Headquarter Costs		
47	Gross Plant In Service	\$ (7,362,349)	L. 36 X L. 40
48	Accumulated Depreciation	(929,298)	L. 37 X L. 40
49	Net Plant In Service	<u>\$ (6,433,050)</u>	L. 44 - L. 45

Aquila Networks - MPS
South Harper Plant Addition Rate Base Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Amount (a)	Amount (b)	Amount (c)	Reference/ Source (d)
1	Actual Plant Addition June 2005			\$ 131,168,828	OPC DR No. 1038
2					
3	Settlement CT/Trans/Breaker Transfer Cost	\$ 66,760,000			Case EO-2005-0156
4					
5	Book CT/Trans/Breaker Transferer Cost	<u>70,796,850</u>			OPC DR No. 1038
6					
7				<u>(4,036,850)</u>	L. 3 - L. 5
8					
9	Subtotal			\$ 127,131,978	L. 1 + L. 7
10					
11	OPC Gen. Construction Cost Disallowance			(1,710,137)	OPC Gen. Const. W/P
12					
13	OPC Transmission Cost Disallowance			(242,901)	OPC Trans. W/P
14					
15	OPC Plant Addition AFUDC Disallowance			<u>(1,242,168)</u>	OPC AFUDC W/P
16					
17	Subtotal			\$ 123,936,772	L. 9 + L. 11 + L. 13
18					
19	Juris Factor (Demand)			<u>99.483%</u>	Co. W/P RB-10-1
20					
21	OPC Plant Addition June 2005 Elec-Juris			\$ 123,296,019	L. 15 X L. 17
22					
23	Budgeted Plant Addition Elec-Juris			<u>153,670,885</u>	Co. W/P RB-10-1
24					
25	OPC Adjustment			<u>\$ (30,374,866)</u>	L. 19 - L. 21

Aquila Networks - MPS
Accounting Authority Orders Rate Base Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No. Description	12/31/2004 Total Co.	12/31/2004 Electric	12/31/2004 Elec. Juris.	Reference/ Source
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1 Elec Def aft 9/90	\$ 91,041	\$ 91,041	\$ 86,850	Co. W/P RB-40
2				
3 Sibley Rebuild & WC 1990	1,111,968	1,111,968	1,063,013	Co. W/P RB-40
4				
5 Total AAO Def Sibley Rebuild & Western Coal 1990	\$ 1,203,009	\$ 1,149,863	\$ 1,149,863	Co. W/P RB-40
6				
7 OPC Adjustment 1990			(1,149,863)	
8				
9 Net			\$ -	L. 5 + L. 7
10				
11 AAO Def Sibley Rebuild & Western Coal 1992	\$ 1,245,673	\$ 1,245,673	\$ 1,239,512	Co. W/P RB-40
12				
13 OPC Adjustment 1992			(1,239,512)	
14				
15 Net			\$ -	L. 11 + L. 13
16				
17 AAO Ice Storm	\$ 3,436,029	\$ 3,436,029	\$ 3,436,029	Co. W/P RB-40
18				
19 OPC Adjustment Ice Storm			(3,436,029)	
20				
21 Net			\$ -	L. 17 + L. 19

Aquila Networks - MPS
AAO Deferred Income Taxes Rate Base Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	AAO Description	Total Beginning Balance	Total Amortized	Total Balance 12/31/04	Tax Rate**	12/31/2004 Def. Tax	Jurisdiction Factor	12/31/2004 Juris Def. Tax	Reference/ Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	Elec Def Aft 9/90	\$213,239	\$122,198	\$91,041	38.39%	\$34,951	95.400%	\$33,343	*
2									
3	Sibley & WC 90	3,837,080	2,725,112	1,111,968	38.39%	426,885	95.600%	408,102	*
4									
5	Total 1990	\$4,050,319	\$2,847,310	\$1,203,009	38.39%	\$461,835		\$441,445	Sum L. 1, 3
6									
7	Sibley & WC 92	\$2,931,059	\$1,685,394	\$1,245,665	38.39%	\$478,211	99.505%	\$475,844	*
8									
9	Ice Storm***	\$8,244,893	\$4,808,865	\$3,436,028	38.39%	\$1,319,091	100.000%	\$1,319,091	*
10									
11	Total AAO DIT							<u>\$2,236,379</u>	Sum L. 5, 7, 9

* Sources: RB-40, OPC 1023, 1025, 1030, 1068, and MPSC 283

** Tax Rate Per OPC DR No. 1030 Fed 33.185 and St 5.21%.

*** Per OPC DR No. 1023 and 1030 Ice Storm Def. Tax inadvertently not included.

Aquila Networks - MPS
Chapter 100 Fees Rate Base Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Amount	Reference/ Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	South Harper Chapter 100 Fees	\$ 925,000	Co. W/P CS-101
2			
3	Jurisdictional Factor (Plant)	<u>99.458%</u>	Co. W/P CS-101
4			
5	Total Electric Jurisdictional	\$ 919,987	Co. W/P CS-101
6			
7	OPC Adjustment	<u>(919,987)</u>	
8			
9	Net	\$ -	L. 5 + L. 7

Aquila Networks - MPS
SO2 Emissions Allowances Inventory Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Plant	Emissions Less Allocation	Forecast* Price	Amount	Reference/ Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	Sibley 2004	3,068	\$ 700	\$ 2,147,600	MPSC DR No. 341 W/
2					2004 Less 1,000 Per
3					MPSC DR 272
4					
5	JEC (MPS Portion)	<u>677</u>	\$ 700	<u>\$ 473,900</u>	Co. W/P FPP 17-2
6					
7	Subtotal	<u><u>3,745</u></u>		<u>\$ 2,621,500</u>	L. 1 + L. 5
8					
9	Months			<u>12</u>	
10					
11	Subtotal			<u>\$ 218,458</u>	L. 7 / L. 9
12					
13	Juris Factor #4			<u>99.505%</u>	Co. W/P WC-40
14					
15	OPC Proposed (Elec-Juris)			<u>\$ 217,377</u>	L. 11 X L. 13
16					
17	Company Adjustment (Elec-Juris)			<u>1,090,518</u>	Co. W/P WC-40
18					
19	OPC Adjustment			<u><u>\$ (873,141)</u></u>	L. 15 - L. 17
					FERC Account 158.1

* Forecast Price Co. W/P FPP-17

Aquila Networks - MPS
Jurisdictional Income Statement
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	As Proposed By Aquila	OPC Adjustments	As Proposed by OPC
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	<u>Operating Revenues:</u>			
2	Sales of Electricity	\$ 371,738,826	-	\$ 371,738,826
3	Total Operating Revenues	\$ 371,738,826	\$ -	\$ 371,738,826
4				
5	<u>O&M Expenses:</u>			
6	Production	\$ 214,063,450	\$ (3,140,085)	\$ 210,923,365
7	Transmission	11,897,413	(1,598,185)	10,299,228
8	Distribution	18,130,256	-	18,130,256
9	Customer Accounting	9,308,730	-	9,308,730
10	Customer Services	434,379	-	434,379
11	Sales	200,966	-	200,966
12	A&G Expenses	33,666,651	(1,458,233)	32,208,418
13	Depreciation	48,741,190	(1,055,035)	47,686,155
14	Amortization	2,014,130	-	2,014,130
15	Taxes Other Than Income Tax	14,063,443	-	14,063,443
16	Income Taxes	(3,720,903)	259,770	(3,461,133)
17	Income Taxes Deferred	(8,412)	-	(8,412)
18	ITC	(780,726)	-	(780,726)
19	Total Operating Expenses:	\$ 348,010,567	\$ (6,991,768)	\$ 341,018,799
20				
21	Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 23,728,259</u>	<u>\$ 6,991,768</u>	<u>\$ 30,720,027</u>

Aquila Networks - MPS
Jurisdictional Net Operating Income
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Headquarters Expense (Sch. C-1)	RTO Membership Fees (Sch. C-2)	Interest Synch. (Sch. C-3)	St. Joseph Merger Costs (Sch. C-4)	Chp. 100 Fees (Sch. C-5)	SO2 Emission Allowances (Sch. C-6)	S. Harper Depr. Expense (Sch. C-7)	Total
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	Operating Revenues:								
2	Sales of Electricity								\$ -
4	Total Operating Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5									
6	Operating Expenses:								
7	Production						\$ (3,140,085)		\$ (3,140,085)
8	Transmission		(1,598,185)						(1,598,185)
9	Distribution								-
10	Customer Accounting								-
11	Customer Services								-
12	Sales								-
13	A&G Expenses	(925,772)			(501,795)	(30,666)			(1,458,233)
14	Depreciation							(1,055,035)	(1,055,035)
15	Amortization								-
16	Taxes Other Than Income								-
17	Income Taxes 37.6889%	348,913	602,339	(2,473,255)	189,121	11,558	1,183,463	397,631	259,770
18	Income Taxes Deferred								-
19	ITC								-
20	Total Operating Expenses:	\$ (576,859)	\$ (995,847)	\$ (2,473,255)	\$ (312,674)	\$ (19,108)	\$ (1,956,621)	\$ (657,404)	\$ (6,991,768)
21									
22	Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 576,859</u>	<u>\$ 995,847</u>	<u>\$ 2,473,255</u>	<u>\$ 312,674</u>	<u>\$ 19,108</u>	<u>\$ 1,956,621</u>	<u>\$ 657,404</u>	<u>\$ 6,991,768</u>

Aquila Networks - MPS
MPS Allocated Portion of Unused Headquarters Office Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Amount	Reference/Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Total Corporate Services 20W9th Operating Cost - Dept. 4010	\$ 6,838,723	Co. W/P CS-20.38
2			
3	Less:		
4	Depreciation Charge (403)	1,719,436	OPC 1018
5	Subtotal Corporate Services 20W9th Operating Costs	<u>\$ 5,119,287</u>	L. 1 - L. 4
6			
7	Calculation of Depreciable Gross Plant In Service:		
8	Total Gross Buildings in Service:		
9	20 West 9th HQ Building	\$ 34,414,881	OPC 1052 & 1060
10	850 Main Annex	11,912,572	OPC 1052 & 1060
11	800 Main Parking Garage	7,645,331	OPC 1052 & 1060
12	Subtotal Buildings In Service	<u>\$ 53,972,784</u>	Sum L. 9 - L. 11
13	Less Land:		
14	20 West 9th HQ Building	157,000	OPC 1060
15	800 Main Parking Garage	450,000	OPC 1060
16	Net Depreciable Buildings Plant In Service	<u>\$ 53,365,784</u>	L. 12 - L. 14 - L. 15
17	Buildings Depreciation Rate	2.36%	Co. W/P Sch. 4a
18	Buildings Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 1,259,433</u>	L. 16 X L. 17
19			
20	Gross Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 1,893,260	OPC 1104
21	Office Furniture & Equipment Depreciation Rate	5.57%	Co. W/P Sch. 4a
22	Office Furniture & Equipment Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 105,455</u>	L. 20 X L. 21
23			
24	Total Company Operating Costs & Depr.		
25	Expense Associated With Headquarters	\$ 6,484,174	L. 5 + L. 18 + L. 22
26			
27	Unused Capacity Percentage	<u>57.87%</u>	OPC Sch. B-1
28			
29	Total Company Adjustment	\$ 3,752,392	L. 25 X L. 27
30			
31	Test Year Allocation of Corporate Services 20W9th Costs		
			Co. W/P CS-
32	MPS Allocated Portion (w/S. Harper)	\$ 1,696,411	20.37/OPC DR
33	Total Company Operating Costs	<u>6,838,723</u>	1101/1102
34	MPS Electric Percentage	<u>24.806%</u>	Co. W/P CS-20.37
35			L. 32 / L. 33
36	Adjustment to Eliminate MPS Allocated Portion		
37	Of Unused Headquarters Building Costs	\$ (930,817)	L. 290 X L. 34
38			
39	Jurisdictional Allocation Percentage	<u>99.458%</u>	Co. W/P Sch. 3a & 5
40			
41	Jurisdictional Adjustment to Eliminate Cost Of		
42	Unused Headquarters Building Costs	<u>\$ (925,772)</u>	L. 37 X L. 39

Aquila Networks - MPS
RTO Transmission Membership Dues Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	12 Mths Ended 12/31/2004	12 Mths Ended 6/30/2005	Reference/ Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Power Pool Fees & Dues	\$62,530	\$64,419	OPC DR No. 1070
2	Security Coordination - MISO	281,435	292,148	OPC DR No. 1070
3	RTO Admin Fees	29,930	32,166	OPC DR No. 1070
4				
5	Total MPS	\$ 373,895	<u>\$ 388,733</u>	OPC DR No. 1070
6				
7	Projected Increase	1,621,329		Co. W/P CS-76
8				
9	Projected Total	\$ 1,995,224		Co. W/P CS-76
10				
11	Actual 6/30/2005	388,733		OPC DR No. 1070
12				
13	Projected Increase Not Known & Measurable	\$ 1,606,491		L. 9 Less L. 11
14				
15	Jurisdictional Transmission Factor #8	99.483%		Co. W/P CS-76
16				
17	OPC Adjustment	<u>(\$1,598,185)</u>		

Aquila Networks - MPS
Income Tax Expense Interest Synchronization Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Amount	Reference/ Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	OPC Proposed Juris. Rate Base	\$ 787,042,122	Sch. B
2			
3	OPC Proposed Weighted Cost of Debt	<u>4.51%</u>	Sch. D
4			
5	Annualized Interest Deduction	\$ 35,488,516	L. 1 X L. 3
6			
7	MPS Interest Deduction	<u>28,926,227</u>	Co. Tax Sch. 8
8			
9	OPC Additional Interest deduction	\$ 6,562,289	L. 5 - L. 7
10			
11	Composite Federal/State Income Tax Rate	<u>37.6889%</u>	Rev. Req. Mid
12			
13	OPC Adjustment	<u>\$ (2,473,255)</u>	L. 9 X L. 11

Aquila Networks - MPS
St. Joseph Merger Costs Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description (a)	Amount (b)	Reference/ Source (c)
1	St. Joseph Light & Power Merger Costs	\$ 501,795	Co. W/P CS-84
2			
3	OPC Adjustment	<u>(501,795)</u>	
4			
5	Net	\$ -	L. 1 + L. 3

Aquila Networks - MPS
Chapter 100 Fees Rate Base Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Amount	Reference/ Source
(a)	(b)	(c)	
1	South Harper Chapter 100 Fees	\$ 925,000	Co. W/P CS-101
2			
3	Amortization Period	<u>30</u>	Co. W/P CS-101
4			
5	Annual Amortization	\$ 30,833	Co. W/P CS-101
6			
7	Jurisdictional Factor (Plant)	<u>99.458%</u>	Co. W/P CS-101
8			
9	Company Adjustmen (Elec-Juris)	\$ 30,666	Co. W/P CS-101
10			
11	OPC Adjustment	<u>(30,666)</u>	
12			
13	Net	\$ -	L. 9 + L. 11

Aquila Networks - MPS
SO2 Emissions Allowances Expense Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Plant	Emissions Less Allocation	Forecast* Price	Amount	Reference/ Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	Sibley 2004	3,068	\$ 700	\$ 2,147,600	MPSC DR No. 341 W/ 2004 Less 1,000 Per MPSC DR 272
2					
3					
4					
5	JEC (MPS Portion)	<u>677</u>	\$ 700	<u>473,900</u>	Co. W/P FPP 17-2
6					
7	Subtotal	<u>3,745</u>	\$ 700	\$ 2,621,500	L. 1 + L. 5
8					
9	Per Books			<u>2,776,309</u>	Co. W/P FPP 17-1
10					
11	Subtotal			\$ (154,809)	L. 7 - L. 9
12					
13	Juris Factor #4			<u>99.505%</u>	Co. W/P FPP 17-1
14					
15	OPC Proposed Cost (Elec-Juris)			\$ (154,043)	L. 11 * L. 13
16					
17	Co. Adjustment (Elec-Juris)			<u>2,986,042</u>	Co. W/P FPP 17-1
18					
19	OPC Adjustment			<u>\$ (3,140,085)</u>	L. 15 - L. 17 FERC Acct. 509

* Forecast Price Co. W/P FPP-17

Aquila Networks - MPS
South Harper Annualized Depreciation Expense Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description (a)	Amount (b)	Reference/ Source (c)
1	OPC Annualized Depreciation	\$ 4,770,791	OPC Depr. W/P
2			
3	Budgeted Annualized Depreciation	<u>5,831,576</u>	Co. W/P CS-95
4			
5	Subtotal	\$ (1,060,784)	L. 1 - L. 3
6			
7	Juris Factor # 7 (Plant)	<u>99.458%</u>	Co. W/P CS-95
8			
9	OPC Adjustment	<u><u>\$ (1,055,035)</u></u>	L. 5 * L. 7

Aquila Networks - MPS
Cost of Capital
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Mid As Proposed by Aquila:

Line No.	Description	Capitalization Ratio	Cost Rate	Weighted Cost	Tax Factor	Before Tax COC
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	Long-Term Debt	51.80%	6.70%	3.47%		3.47%
2	Common Equity	<u>48.20%</u>	11.50%	<u>5.54%</u>	62.3111%	<u>8.90%</u>
3	Total	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>9.01%</u>		<u>12.37%</u>

As Proposed by OPC:

Line No.	Description	Capitalization Ratio	Cost Rate	Weighted Cost	Tax Factor	Before Tax COC
4	Long-Term Debt	67.30%	6.70%	4.51%		4.51%
5	Common Equity	<u>32.70%</u>	9.95%	<u>3.25%</u>	62.3111%	<u>5.22%</u>
6	Total	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>7.76%</u>		<u>9.73%</u>

Aquila Networks - L&P
OPC Proposed Revenue Requirement
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	As Proposed By Aquila (Mid))	OPC Adjustments	As Proposed by OPC
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Rate Base	\$ 187,595,276	\$ (2,671,714)	\$ 184,923,562
2				
3	Return Requirement	9.67%	-1.06%	8.61%
4				
5	Net Operating Income Required	\$ 18,136,336	\$ (2,213,067)	\$ 15,923,269
6				
7	NOI @ Existing Rates	12,592,683	1,446,924	14,039,607
8				
9	Net Operating Deficiency	\$ 5,543,653	\$ (3,659,991)	\$ 1,883,662
10				
11	Tax Conversion Factor	1.623100	1.623100	1.623100
12				
13	Jurisdictional Revenue Deficiency	\$ 8,997,903	\$ (5,940,532)	\$ 3,057,371

Aquila Networks - L&P
Jurisdictional Rate Base Summary
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	As Proposed By Aquila	OPC Adjustments	As Proposed by OPC
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Plant in Service			
2	Gross Plant in Service	\$ 364,235,975	\$(2,717,363)	\$ 361,518,612
3				
4	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(193,571,063)</u>	<u>342,994</u>	<u>(193,228,069)</u>
5				
6	Net Plant in Service	\$ 170,664,912	\$(2,374,369)	\$ 168,290,543
7				
8	Other Rate Base			
9	Cash Working Capital	\$ (1,949,185)	\$ -	\$ (1,949,185)
10	Materials & Supplies	6,874,297	-	6,874,297
11	SO2 Emission Allowances	573,845	(297,345)	276,500
12	Prepayments	31,527,801	-	31,527,801
13	Fuel Inventory - Oil & Propane	560,463	-	560,463
14	Fuel Inventory - Coal	2,726,173	-	2,726,173
20	Customer Advances for Constr.	(3,600)	-	(3,600)
21	Customer Deposits	(631,009)	-	(631,009)
22	Accum. Def. Income Taxes	(22,742,792)	-	(22,742,792)
25	Reg. Liab. - ERISA Min. Tracker	<u>(5,629)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,629)</u>
26	Subtotal Other Rate Base	\$ 16,930,364	\$ (297,345)	\$ 16,633,019
27				
28	Total Rate Base	<u>\$ 187,595,276</u>	<u>\$(2,671,714)</u>	<u>\$ 184,923,562</u>

Aquila Networks - L&P
Jurisdictional Rate Base
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Headquarters Plant & Accum. Depr. (Sch. B-1)	SO2 Emission Allowances (Sch. B-2)	(Sch. B-3)	(Sch. B-4)	(Sch. B-5)	(Sch. B-6)	Total
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	Plant in Service							
2	Gross Plant in Service	\$ (2,717,363)						\$ (2,717,363)
3								
4	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	342,994						342,994
5								
6	Net Plant in Service	\$ (2,374,369)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,374,369)
7								
8	Other Rate Base							
9	Cash Working Capital							\$ -
10	Materials & Supplies							-
11	SO2 Emission Allowances		(297,345)					(297,345)
12	Prepayments							-
13	Fuel Inventory - Oil							-
14	Fuel Inventory - Coal							-
20	Customer Advances for Constr.							-
21	Customer Deposits							-
22	Accum. Def. Income Taxes							-
23	Accum. Def. Inc. Taxes AAO							-
24	Unamortized ITC							-
25	Reg. Liab. - ERISA Min. Tracker							-
26	Subtotal Other Rate Base	\$ -	\$ (297,345)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (297,345)
27								
28	Total Rate Base	<u>\$ (2,374,369)</u>	<u>\$ (297,345)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,671,714)</u>

Aquila Networks - L&P
Headquarters Office Building Rate Base Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Amount	Reference/Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	L&P Allocated Portion Of Gross Plant In Service		
2	20 West 9th HQ Building	\$ 2,994,095	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
3	850 Main Annex	1,036,394	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
4	800 Main Parking Garage	665,144	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
5	Office Furniture & Equipment	694,667	OPC 1104
6	Total Gross Plant in Service	<u>\$ 4,695,633</u>	Sum L. 2 - 5
7			
8	L&P Allocated Portion Of Accumulated Depreciation		
9	20 West 9th HQ Building	\$ 411,194	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
10	850 Main Annex	93,064	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
11	800 Main Parking Garage	88,439	OPC 1017, 1052 & 1060
12	Office Furniture & Equipment	23,686	OPC 1104
13	Total Accum. Depreciation Reserve	<u>\$ 592,697</u>	Sum L. 8 - 12
14			
15	L&P Allocated Portion Of Net Plant In Service		
16	20 West 9th HQ Building	\$ 2,582,901	L. 2 - L. 8
17	850 Main Annex	943,330	L. 3 - L. 9
18	800 Main Parking Garage	576,705	L. 4 - L. 10
19	Office Furniture & Equipment	670,981	L. 5 - L. 12
20	Total Net Depreciated Plant In Service	<u>\$ 4,102,936</u>	Sum L. 14 - 16
21			
22	Original Design Capacity Of 20 West		
23	9th Building And Annex 847		OPC 865
24			
25	Occupancy Rate For Energy Utility		Vacancy Rate P. 29
26	Headquarters per IMFA Study <u>93.0%</u>		IFMA Report #23
27			
28	Expected Normal Occupancy Of		
29	Building 788		L. 20 X L. 23
30			
31	Current Occupancy <u>332</u>		OPC 1016
32			
33	Vacancies In Excess Of Expected 456		L. 26 - L. 28
34			
35	Unusued Capacity Percentage	<u>57.87%</u>	L. 30 / L. 26
36			
37	Adjustment to Remove Unused Aquila		
38	Headquarters Costs Allocated To L&P:		
39	Gross Plant In Service	<u>\$(2,717,363)</u>	L. 5 X L. 32
40	Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(342,994)</u>	L. 11 X L. 32
41	Net Plant In Service	<u><u>\$(2,374,369)</u></u>	L. 36 - L. 37
42			
43	Jurisdictional Allocation Factor	100.00%	Co. W/P Sch. 3a & 5
44			
45	Jurisdictional Adjustment To Remove		
46	Unused Aquila Headquarter Costs		
47	Gross Plant In Service	<u>\$(2,717,363)</u>	L. 36 X L. 40
48	Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(342,994)</u>	L. 37 X L. 40
49	Net Plant In Service	<u><u>\$(2,374,369)</u></u>	L. 44 - L. 45

Aquila Networks - L&P
SO2 Emissions Allowances Inventory Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Plant (a)	Emissions Less Allocation (b)	Forecast Price (c)	Amount (d)	Reference/ Source (e)
1	Lake Road	1,765	\$ 700	\$ 1,235,500	Co. W/P FPP 17-2
2					
3	Iatan	560	\$ 700	392,000	Co. W/P FPP 17-2
4					
5	NPPD	<u>2,415</u>	\$ 700	<u>1,690,500</u>	Co. W/P FPP 17-2
6					
7	Subtotal	4,740	\$ 700	\$ 3,318,000	Co. W/P FPP 17-2
8					
9	Months			<u>12</u>	
10					
11	Subtotal			\$ 276,500	L. 7 / L. 9
12					
13	Juris Factor #1			<u>100.000%</u>	Co. W/P WC-40
14					
15	OPC Proposed (Elec-Juris)			\$ 276,500	L. 11 X L. 13
16					
17	Company Adjustment (Elec-Juris)			<u>573,845</u>	Co. W/P WC-40
18					
19	OPC Adjustment			<u><u>\$ (297,345)</u></u>	L. 15 - L. 17 FERC Account 158.1

Aquila Networks - L&P
Jurisdictional Income Statement
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	As Proposed By Aquila	OPC Adjustments	As Proposed by OPC
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Operating Revenues			
2	Sales of Electricity	\$ 112,261,308	\$ -	\$ 112,261,308
3	Total Operating Revenues	\$ 112,261,308	\$ -	\$ 112,261,308
4				
5	O&M Expenses			
6	Production	\$ 51,746,436	\$ -	\$ 51,746,436
7	Transmission	6,119,747	(533,853)	5,585,894
8	Distribution	6,022,365	-	6,022,365
9	Customer Accounting	3,024,715	-	3,024,715
10	Customer Services	190,981	-	190,981
11	Sales	59,456	-	59,456
12	A&G Expenses	13,811,322	(476,562)	13,334,760
13	Depreciation	11,608,675	-	11,608,675
14	Amortization	87,885	-	87,885
15	Taxes Other Than Income Tax	4,808,754	-	4,808,754
16	Income Taxes	2,934,275	(436,508)	2,497,767
17	Income Taxes Deferred	(367,361)	-	(367,361)
18	ITC	(378,625)	-	(378,625)
19	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 99,668,625	\$ (1,446,924)	\$ 98,221,701
20				
21	Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 12,592,683</u>	<u>\$ 1,446,924</u>	<u>\$ 14,039,607</u>

Aquila Networks - L&P
Jurisdictional Net Operating Income
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Headquarters Expense (Sch. C-1) (b)	RTO Membership Fees (Sch. C-2) (c)	Interest Synch. (Sch. C-3) (d)	St. Joseph Merger Costs (Sch. C-4) (e)	(Sch. C-5) (f)	(Sch. C-6) (g)	Total (h)
1	Operating Revenues:							
2	Sales of Electricity							\$ -
4	Total Operating Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5								
6	Operating Expenses:							
7	Production							\$ -
8	Transmission		(533,853)					(533,853)
9	Distribution							-
10	Customer Accounting							-
11	Customer Services							-
12	Sales							-
13	A&G Expenses	(307,327)			(169,235)			(476,562)
14	Depreciation							-
15	Amortization							-
16	Taxes Other Than Income							-
17	Income Taxes 37.6899%	115,831	201,209	(817,333)	63,785	-	-	(436,508)
18	Income Taxes Deferred							-
19	ITC							-
20	Total Operating Expenses:	\$ (191,496)	\$ (332,644)	\$ (817,333)	\$ (106,450)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,446,924)
21								
22	Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 191,496</u>	<u>\$ 332,644</u>	<u>\$ 817,333</u>	<u>\$ 105,450</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,446,924</u>

Aquila Networks - L&P
L&P Allocated Portion of Unused Headquarters Office Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Amount	Reference/Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Total Corporate Services 20W9th Operating Cost - Dept. 4010	\$ 6,838,723	Co. W/P CS-20.38
2			
3	Less:		
4	Depreciation Charge (403)	1,719,436	OPC 1018
5	Subtotal Corporate Services 20W9th Operating Cost	<u>\$ 5,119,287</u>	L. 1 - L. 4
6			
7	Calculation Of Depreciable Gross Plant In Service:		
8	Total Gross Buildings In Service:		
9	20 West 9th HQ Building	\$ 34,414,881	OPC 1052 & 1060
10	850 Main Annex	11,912,572	OPC 1052 & 1060
11	800 Main Parking Garage	7,645,331	OPC 1052 & 1060
12	Subtotal Buildings In Service	<u>\$ 53,972,784</u>	Sum L. 9 - L. 11
13	Less Land:		
14	20 West 9th HQ Building	157,000	OPC 1060
15	800 Main Parking Garage	450,000	OPC 1060
16	Net Depreciable Buildings In Service	<u>\$ 53,365,784</u>	L. 12 - L. 14 - L. 15
17	Buildings Depreciation Rate	2.36%	Co. W/P Sch. 4a
18	Buildings Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 1,259,433</u>	L. 16 X L. 17
19			
20	Gross Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 694,667	OPC 1104
21	Office Furniture & Equipment Depreciation Rate	5.57%	Co. W/P Sch. 4a
22	Office Furniture & Equipment Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 38,693</u>	L. 20 X L. 21
23			
24	Total Company Operating Costs & Depr.		
25	Expense Associated With Headquarters	\$ 6,417,412	L. 5 + L. 18 + L. 22
26			
27	Unused Capacity Percentage	<u>57.87%</u>	OPC Sch. B-1
28			
29	Total Company Adjusted	\$ 3,713,757	L. 25 X L. 27
30			
31	L&P Test Year Allocation Of Corporate Services Cost		
			Co. W/P CS-20.37/OPC DR
32	L&P Allocated Portion (w/S. Harper)	\$ 588,271	1101/1102
33	Less - Steam Allocation 3.798%	<u>(22,341)</u>	OPC 1018
34	Total L&P Electric	565,930	
35			
36	Total Company Operating Costs	<u>6,838,723</u>	Co. W/P CS-20.37
37	L&P Electric Percentage	<u>8.275%</u>	L. 34 / L. 36
38			
39	Adjustment To Eliminate L&P Allocated		
40	Portion of Unused Headquarters Building Costs	\$ (307,327)	L. 29 X L. 37
41			
42	Jurisdictional Allocation Percentage	<u>100.00%</u>	Co. W/P Sch. 3a & 5
43			
44	Jurisdictional Adjustment To Eliminate Cost Of		
45	Unused Headquarters Building Costs	<u>\$ (307,327)</u>	L. 40 X L. 42

Aquila Networks - L&P
RTO Transmission Membership Dues Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	12 Mths Ended 12/31/2004	12 Mths Ended 6/30/2005	Reference/ Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Power Pool Fees & Dues	\$24,459	\$26,914	OPC DR No. 1070
2	Security Coordination - MISO	104,376	101,068	OPC DR No. 1070
3	RTO Admin Fees	29,332	34,449	OPC DR No. 1070
4	Total MPS	<u>\$ 158,167</u>	<u>\$ 162,431</u>	OPC DR No. 1070
5				
6	Projected Increase	<u>538,118</u>		Co. W/P CS-76
7				
8	Projected Total	<u>\$ 696,284</u>		Co. W/P CS-76
9				
10	Actual 6/30/2005	<u>162,431</u>		OPC DR No. 1070
11				
12	Projected Increase Not Known & Measurable	<u>\$ 533,853</u>		L. 8 Less L. 10
13				
14	Jurisdictional Transmission Factor #1	<u>100,000%</u>		Co. W/P CS-76
15				
16	OPC Adjustment	<u><u>(\$533,853)</u></u>		

Aquila Networks - L&P
Income Tax Expense Interest Synchronization Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description	Amount	Reference/ Source
	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	OPC Proposed Juris. Rate Base	\$ 184,923,562	Sch. B
2			
3	OPC Proposed Weighted Cost of Debt	<u>5.36%</u>	Sch. D
4			
5	Annualized Interest Deduction	\$ 9,906,503	L. 1 X L. 2
6			
7	MPS Interest Deduction	<u>7,737,930</u>	Tax Schedule 8
8			
9	OPC Additional Interest deduction	\$ 2,168,573	L. 3 - L. 7
10			
11	Composite Federal/State Income Tax Rate	<u>37.6899%</u>	Rev. Req. Mid
12			
13	OPC Adjustment	<u>\$ (817,333)</u>	L. 9 X L. 10

Aquila Networks - L&P
St. Joseph Merger Costs Adjustment
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

Line No.	Description (a)	Amount (b)	Reference/ Source (c)
1	St. Joseph Light & Power Merger Costs	\$ 169,235	Co. W/P CS-84
2			
3	OPC Adjustment	<u>(169,235)</u>	OPC Reversal Adj.
4			
5	Net	\$ -	L. 1 + L. 3

Aquila Networks - L&P
Cost of Capital
Test Year Ended December 31, 2004

As Proposed by Aquila (Mid):

Line No.	Description	Capitalization Ratio	Cost Rate	Weighted Cost	Tax Factor	Before Tax COC
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	Long-Term Debt	51.80%	7.96%	4.12%		4.12%
2	Common Equity	<u>48.20%</u>	11.50%	<u>5.54%</u>	62.3111%	<u>8.90%</u>
3	Total	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>9.67%</u>		<u>13.02%</u>

As Proposed by OPC:

Line No.	Description	Capitalization Ratio	Cost Rate	Weighted Cost	Tax Factor	Before Tax COC
4	Long-Term Debt	67.30%	7.96%	5.36%		5.36%
5	Common Equity	<u>32.70%</u>	9.95%	<u>3.25%</u>	62.3111%	<u>5.22%</u>
6	Total	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>8.61%</u>		<u>10.58%</u>