

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

In the Matter of an Investigation of	)	
Aquila Inc.'s Storm Preparation and	)	Case No. EO-2008-0220
Restoration Efforts	)	

**FINAL REPORT OF STAFF INVESTIGATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Final Report of Staff Investigation, respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as follows:

1. On January 2, 2008, the Commission issued its Order Directing Staff to Investigate Aquila's Storm Preparation and Restoration Efforts and Setting an Intervention Deadline. This Order directed Staff to "investigate the effectiveness of Aquila's storm preparation and power restoration efforts and report its [initial] findings and recommendations to the Commission" not later than April 3, 2008.
2. Additionally, the order stated the matter "is an investigation, not a contested case."
3. The January 2, 2008 Order set an intervention deadline of January 22, 2008. To date, no party has requested intervention.
4. On January 3, 2008, Commissioner Terry M. Jarrett issued a Concurring Opinion, stating he believed the matter should be instigated as a contested case, allowing "the "parties" to engage in the adversarial process before the Commission."
5. On January 8, 2008, Wess Henderson, Executive Director of the Commission, sent a letter to Aquila, Inc. (Aquila), requesting, on behalf of Staff, certain information from the utility.
6. On January 15, 2008, Commissioner Robert M. Clayton III issued a Concurring Opinion, requesting Staff's investigation include fourteen (14) specific items not specifically listed in the majority Order.

7. Aquila provided information in response to the January 8, 2008 letter on January 15 and 25, 2008, and February 7 and 29, 2008.
8. Staff filed its Initial Report of Staff on April 3, 2008, informing the Commission it would file its Final Report no later than June 17, 2008. The Initial Report contains a summary of public comments received up to April 3, 2008, and is attached in that filing as Appendix C. Accordingly, Staff now submits its Final Report Of Staff Investigation.
9. The Final Report begins with an executive summary, followed by discussion of each topic the Staff investigated.
10. A summary of Staff's Evaluation of Restoration Effort and Recommendations is contained on pages 27 and 28 of the Final Report.
11. Attachment B of the Final Report contains responses to the 14 questions raised by Commissioner Clayton's January 15, 2008 Concurring Opinion.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff respectfully files its Final Report of Staff Investigation with the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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