

1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
3
4 In the Matter of an)
5 Examination of Class Cost of)
6 Service and Rate Design in)
7 The Missouri Jurisdictional)Case No. EO-2002-384
8 Electric Service Operations)
9 Of Aquila, Inc., formerly)
10 Known as UtiliCorp United,)
11 Inc.)

9 PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE
10 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
11 VOLUME 2

13 KEVIN THOMPSON,
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15 Presiding

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1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Good morning. Or
3 good afternoon, I should say. My name is
4 Kevin Thompson. I'm the regulatory law judge
5 assigned to preside on this matter, which is a
6 prehearing conference in the matter of an
7 examination of class cost of service and rate
8 design in the Missouri Jurisdictional Electric
9 Service Operations of Aquila, Inc., formerly
10 known as UtiliCorp United, Inc. This is Case
11 No. EO-2002-384.

12 We'll go ahead and take oral entries of
13 appearance at this time. Why don't we begin
14 with Aquila?

15 MR. SWEARENGEN: Yes. Thank you,
16 your Honor. Let the record show the
17 appearance of James C. Swearengen, Brydon,
18 Swearengen & England, Professional
19 Corporation. Our address is Post Office Box
20 456, Jefferson City, Missouri, appearing on
21 behalf of Aquila, Inc.

22 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you, sir.
23 Mr. Conrad?

24 MR. CONRAD: This might take a
25 while. First of all, on behalf of intervenor

1 -- I told you. Intervenors, Sedalia
2 Industrial Energy User Association, otherwise
3 known as SIEUA, and Ag. Processing, Stuart W.
4 Conrad of the law firm of Finnegan, Conrad &
5 Peterson, 1209 Penntower, 3100 Broadway,
6 Kansas City, Missouri, 64111. I also on
7 behalf of the County of Jackson, Missouri
8 would enter the appearance of Jeremiah D.
9 Finnegan of the same law firm and address.
10 And, your Honor, with respect to Major
11 Paulson, I had come prepared to deal with
12 that. But since he's made it to the line, I
13 think I don't -- don't need to do that at your
14 discretion.

15 JUDGE THOMPSON: That is correct,
16 sir. Thank you very much. Major Paulson, why
17 don't you go ahead and enter your appearance?

18 MAJOR PAULSON: Major Craig Paulson,
19 utility and negotiation attorney with -- this
20 is capital letters -- AFLSA/ULT. Address, 139
21 Barnes Drive, Suite 1, Tyndall, T-y-n-d-a-l-l,
22 AFB, stands for Air Force Base, Florida,
23 32403.

24 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. Ms.
25 O'Neill?

1 MS. O'NEILL: Good afternoon. Ruth
2 O'Neill appearing on behalf of the Office of
3 the Public Counsel and the public for John
4 Coffman. Our address is P.O. Box 7800,
5 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102. Mr. Coffman
6 is briefly here, but he has a meeting to
7 attend, so I'll be here for him today.

8 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you.
9 Mr. Comley?

10 MR. COMLEY: Thank you, Judge. Let
11 the record reflect the entry of appearance of
12 Mark W. Comley, Newman, Comley & Ruth, 601
13 Monroe Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, on
14 behalf of the City of Kansas City.

15 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. And
16 staff?

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams, P.O.
18 Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102,
19 appearing on behalf of the Staff.

20 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. As you
21 probably noticed from the telephone sitting
22 here, I am granting Major Paulson's request to
23 appear by telephone, and that seems to be
24 happening successfully, which is a good thing.
25 At this time, do any of the parties have

1 anything to bring to my attention?

2 MR. CONRAD: I will have a
3 housekeeping thing, your Honor. I don't know
4 if we need to take it up on the record,
5 though, or not because it simply concerns the
6 addresses on the service list.

7 JUDGE THOMSPON: Very good. Thank
8 you. And I did get everyone. Are you an
9 attorney, sir? You're not? Okay. So I got
10 entries from everyone. This prehearing
11 conference has been set, I believe, for a year
12 or so while work has been done behind the
13 scenes to prepare -- gather data and prepare
14 for the actual trial of this matter. And I
15 believe the primary purpose that we gathered
16 you together today is to make sure that the
17 case still exists and also to give you an
18 opportunity to construct a proposed procedural
19 schedule. Is that correct? Very well. I'll
20 expect that proposed procedural schedule a
21 week from today. All right? If there is
22 nothing else, then we will adjourn the
23 recorded portion of the prehearing conference
24 at this time and then we'll take up your
25 housekeeping matter off the record.

1 MR. CONRAD: Okay.

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: So we're off the
3 record now.

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