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February 9, 2004

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Case No. ER-2004-0034

Dear Mr. Roberts:

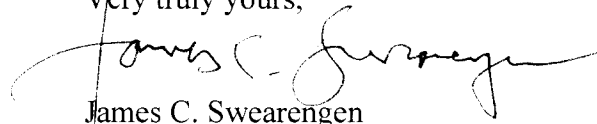
Provided herewith for filing on behalf of the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff") and Aquila, Inc., please find in electronic format a Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Statement of Positions on the Issues and Reconciliation for Issues to be Heard in the above-referenced case.

A copy of this filing will be provided to all parties of record.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



James C. Swearngen

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Enclosure

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

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks - L&P and Aquila Networks - MPS to Implement a General Rate Increase in Electricity))	Case No. ER-2004-0034
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In the Matter of the Request of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks - L&P, to Implement a General Rate Increase in Steam Rates))	Case No. HR-2004-0024
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**JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
STATEMENT OF POSITIONS ON THE ISSUES
AND RECONCILIATION FOR ISSUES TO BE HEARD**

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila"), by counsel, and for their Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Statement of Positions on the Issues and Reconciliation for Issues to Be Heard respectfully state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. By its order issued in the captioned matter on October 2, 2003, the Commission adopted a Procedural Schedule in this case which calls for the filing, by each party, of a Statement of Position on the Issues on February 10, 2004. A Reconciliation for the Issues to be Heard, traditionally prepared by Staff, is also due to be filed on February 10, 2004.

2. A Joint Statement of the Issues, including the order of issues and list of witnesses, was filed with the Commission on Friday, February 6, 2004. Surrebuttal testimony is scheduled to be filed on Friday, February 13, 2004. Given these circumstances, the Staff and Aquila believe that additional time would assist them, as well as the other parties, in preparing and filing their individual Statement of Position on the Issues. Accordingly the Staff and Aquila request that they and the other parties to this

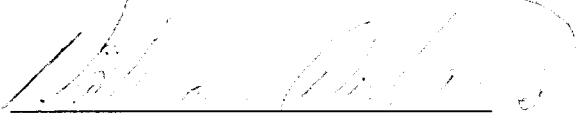
to this case be granted an extension of time for these filings, including the reconciliation, to Friday, February 13, 2004.

3. Aquila has contacted the other parties in this case and all parties have indicated that they do not object to an extension of time until Friday, February 13, 2004 for each party to file its Statement of Positions on the Issues and for the filing of a Reconciliation for Issues to be heard. The Staff and Aquila believe that neither the Commission, nor any party, will be prejudiced by the granting of the Joint Motion.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, Staff and Aquila respectfully requests that the Commission grant an extension of time from Tuesday, February 10, 2004 until Friday, February 13, 2004 for each party to file its Statement of Positions on the Issues and for the filing of a Reconciliation for Issues to be heard.

Respectfully submitted,

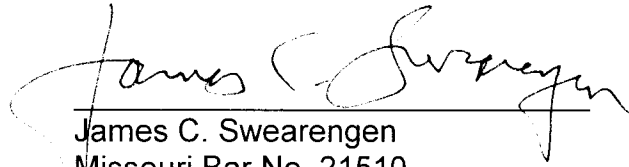
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was mailed by first class mail, hand delivered or electronically filed on this 9TH day of February, 2004 to all parties of record.

