

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

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila)	
Networks - MPS and Aquila Networks - L&P's)	Case No. EO-2003-0566
Application to Join the Midwest Independent)	
Transmission System Operator, Inc.)	

MAY STATUS REPORT

COME NOW Aquila, Inc. (Aquila or Company) and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and also on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel, the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO), Kansas City Power & Light Company, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, the City of Kansas City, The Empire District Electric Company, and the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP), and state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On April 1, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Directing Status Report wherein it directed the Parties to file a status report by May 3, 2005.

2. Since the last Status Report, which was filed on March 14, 2005, several events have transpired. On April 11, 2005, the Parties conducted a technical conference in Kansas City to discuss the cost/benefit study being performed by the MISO. Both at the meeting and through subsequent communications, the Parties provided comments concerning the MISO's efforts. Additionally, the Parties have continued to conduct telephone conferences to discuss the progress of the MISO effort and the cost/benefit study being performed on behalf of the SPP Regional State Committee (RSC). The most recent such telephone conference was conducted on May 2, 2005. The next conference call is scheduled for May 27, 2005.

3. The SPP RSC cost benefit study referenced herein was presented to the RSC on April 25, 2005. Aquila is currently in the process of assessing whether any additional analysis

will be necessary in regard to this study. The MISO representatives indicate that they will likely finalize the MISO analysis of the costs and benefits of RTO membership associated with Aquila during the week of May 23, 2005.

4. The Parties anticipate that they will be in a position to discuss the procedural direction of this case at the telephone conference scheduled for May 27, 2005.

5. Accordingly, the Parties propose that the Commission direct the Parties to file a status report or a proposed procedural schedule on June 15, 2005.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Commission consider this pleading to comply with the Commission's order requiring a status report, and direct that the Parties file a proposed procedural schedule or a status report by June 15, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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