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.)	

NOVEMBER 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, and The Empire District Electric Company, and state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. On July 23, 2004, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule calling for a status report to be filed on November 16, 2004.
- 2. Since the filing of the October Status Report in this case, the Parties have had three telephone conferences, on October 18, November 1 and November 15, to discuss the cost/benefit study being performed on behalf of the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") Regional State Committee ("RSC") and the cost/benefit studies that have been and will be performed by the MISO. These conferences have included discussions concerning information to be provided for purposes of the cost/benefit studies. On November 4, 2004, Aquila filed a Motion for Protective Order in order to facilitate the provision of information. The Commission issued the requested Protective Order on November 12, 2004.
- 3. This Status Report was the final procedural schedule item found in the Order Establishing Procedural Schedule issued by the Commission on July 23, 2004. In addition to a

status report, the Order called for a procedural schedule to be filed on November 16, 2004, "if necessary."

- 4. The Parties have been told that the SPP RSC cost benefit study referenced above, and in prior pleadings, is now expected to be completed in Mid-February. The MISO hopes to complete its analysis of the costs and benefits of RTO membership associated with Aquila by January 14, 2005, assuming the necessary data is provided to MISO in a timely manner.
- 5. Because the completion date of these studies is still somewhat uncertain, the Parties propose that, in lieu of a proposed procedural schedule, the Commission direct the Parties to file a status report on January 28, 2005, for the purpose of updating the Commission as to the progress of the cost benefit studies.
- 6. Between now and January 28, 2005, it is the Parties intention to continue to monitor the progress of these studies through the use of telephone conferences conducted approximately every two weeks.

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 their

next status report by January 28, 2005.

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