

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

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aquila, Inc., to)
Implement a General Rate Increase for Retail)
Electric Service Provided to Customers in its)
Aquila Networks—MPS and Aquila Networks—)
L&P Missouri Service Areas.)

Case No. ER-2007-0004
Tariff No. YE-2007-0001

PUBLIC COUNSEL’S PROPOSED CUSTOMER NOTICE

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and in response to the Commission’s Order and Notice states as follows:

1. On July 3, 2006, Aquila, Inc. filed a general rate increase case.
2. On July 5, the Commission issued its Order and Notice, which directed Public Counsel to file a proposed customer notice no later than August 16, 2006. Public Counsel submits the following draft customer notice in response to that order:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Aquila, Inc., doing business as Aquila Networks - MPS and as Aquila Networks, L&P, has filed revised electric service tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) which would increase the Company's Missouri jurisdictional annual gross revenues in its MPS service area by approximately \$94.5 million and in its L&P service area by approximately \$24.4 million. For the average MPS residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, the proposed increase would be approximately \$21.19 each month. For the average L&P residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, the proposed increase would be approximately \$16.09 each month. The proposed increase is approximately 22% in each of the Company’s service territories.

Local public hearings have been set before the PSC from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2007, at the Raytown City Council Chamber, 10000 East 59th Street, Raytown, Missouri, and from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at City Council Chamber, 1100 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri. If you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573)751-4857, email opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov. The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City during the weeks of April 2-6 and April 9-13, 2007.

The buildings where the hearings will be held meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

3. The above draft notice refers to the evidentiary hearing dates that the parties have proposed, which are different from those set in the Commission's July 5, 2006 order. The draft notice also refers to dates for local public hearings proposed by the parties which the Commission has not yet approved.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed customer notice substantially as included herein, subject to modification if necessary once the Commission rules on the proposed dates for evidentiary and local public hearings and venue availability is confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

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