

**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 Steam Heat Service Provided to Customers       )  
In its L&P Missouri Service Area.                        )        Case No. HR-2005-0450

**EMPIRE’S RESPONSE TO AQUILA’S TEST YEAR RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), and for its Response to Aquila’s Test Year Recommendation respectfully states as follows:

1.        In the Commission’s *Suspension Order and Notice, Order Directing Filing, Order Setting Hearings, and Order Adopting Protective Order* issued herein on June 1, 2005, any entities requesting intervention were ordered to file a pleading either indicating concurrence in Aquila, Inc.’s recommended test year or recommending an alternative. Accordingly, this pleading is being filed simply to indicate Empire’s concurrence with Aquila’s test year recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil**

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing was sent to counsel for parties of record by depositing same in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, by hand-delivery, or by electronic mail transmission, this 28th day of June, 2005.

**/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil**

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