

**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)	Case No. GR-2004-0072
Networks - MPS to Implement a)	
General Rate Increase in Natural Gas Rates)	

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Comes now Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks - MPS and Aquila Networks - L&P (“Aquila” or “Company”), in accordance with the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(16), and, as its Motion for Expedited Treatment, states to the Commission as follows:

1. The Commission’s Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement (the “Order”) issued on April 22, 2004, effective May 1, 2004, authorized Aquila to file proposed tariff sheets in compliance with the settlement agreement of the parties approved in the Order. Concurrent with the filing of this Motion, Aquila is filing the tariff sheets related to compliance with the Commission’s Order. Those tariff sheets were an attachment to the Stipulation and Agreement among the parties. The tariff sheets being filed along with this Motion contain an issue date of April 27, 2004, and an effective date of May 28, 2004.

2. As stated in the Order, Aquila initially filed proposed tariff sheets seeking a general rate increase on August 1, 2003. The Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission called for the parties to use their best efforts to achieve tariffs effective April 15, 2004 containing the agreed to rates for the MPS service area and tariffs effective July 1, 2004 containing the agreed to rates for the L&P service area. While matters concerning Case No. GM-2004-0244 (sale of

Aquila's Eastern System) prevented the Commission from issuing an order in time to provide for effective tariffs by April 15, 2004, Aquila seeks to implement effective tariffs as soon thereafter as possible. In this case that is May 1, 2004, the effective date of the Commission's Order. Aquila will file at a later date the tariff sheets containing the agreed to rates for the L&P service area.

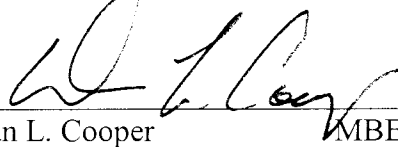
3. Because the subject tariff sheets now carry an effective date of May 28, 2004, and because the Stipulation and Agreement originally contemplated that Aquila would be authorized to file revised tariff sheets to be effective on and after April 15, 2004, Aquila seeks the Commission's expedited treatment of these sheets. To that end, Aquila asks that the tariff sheets it has filed concurrently with this Motion become effective on May 1, 2004.

4. The grant of this Motion will allow Aquila's tariff sheets, as provided for by the Commission's Order, to be implemented in a manner as close as possible to the date identified by the Stipulation and Agreement. This Motion has been filed as of the earliest date the Company could prepare the relevant tariff sheets in light of the Order issued on April 22, 2004.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Aquila respectfully requests the Commission consider this Motion for Expedited Treatment and approve the proposed tariff sheets effective May

1, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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