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RE: In the Matter of Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks – L&P and Aquila Networks – MPS, to implement a General Rate Increase in Electricity, Case No. ER-2004-0034 and In the Matter of the Request of Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks – L&P, to Implement a General Rate Increase in Steam Rates, Case No. HR-2004-0024

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and 9 copies each of Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Recommendation Regarding Test Year and Motion to File Out of Time in the above-styled matter. Please stamp "filed" on the extra copy of each document for my files. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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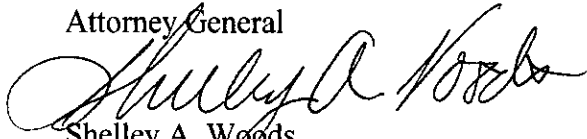
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' MOTION TO FILE OUT OF TIME

Missouri Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion to file out of time. The Department does not have an independent position on the test year, but does support that recommended by the Office of Public Counsel. This motion is not made for the purpose of seeking delay. The department's recommendation, which accompanies this Motion is one day late.

Furthermore, none of the parties will be prejudiced by this delay as they have already received the recommended test year from the Office of Public Counsel.

WHEREFORE, Missouri Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests that this Commission grant this Motion to File out of Time.

Respectfully submitted,
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