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In the Matter of the Request of )  
Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks - )  
L&P and Aquila Networks - MPS, to ) Case No. ER-2004-0034  
Implement a General Rate Increase in )  
Electric Rates. )

KENNARD L. JONES, Presiding,  
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE JONES: Good morning. My name is  
3 Kennard Jones. I'm the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to  
4 this case, which is in the matter of the request of Aquila,  
5 Incorporated, doing business as Aquila Networks - L&P and  
6 Aquila Networks - MPS, to implement a general rate increase  
7 in electric rates. This is Case No. ER-2004-0034. I should  
8 note that Case No. HR-2004-0024 has been consolidated with  
9 this matter.

10 At this time I will take oral entries of  
11 appearances, and why don't we begin with Aquila.

12 MR. SWEARENGEN: Thank you, your Honor. Let  
13 the record show the appearance of James C. Swearngen and  
14 Paul Boudreau and Dean Cooper. We're all with the firm  
15 Brydon, Swearngen & England, P.C. Our address is 312 East  
16 Capital Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri. And we are  
17 appearing on behalf of Aquila, Inc. Thank you.

18 JUDGE JONES: Thank you. Staff of the  
19 Commission?

20 MR. WILLIAMS: Appearing on behalf of the  
21 Staff are Nathan Williams, Robert Franson, Bob Berlin, Tim  
22 Schwarz, David Meyer, Bruce Bates, Steven Dottheim, Denny  
23 Frey and Dan Joyce, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri  
24 65102.

25 JUDGE JONES: Thank you. The Office of the

1 Public Counsel?

2 MR. COFFMAN: Thank you. John B. Coffman and  
3 Douglas Micheel appearing on behalf of the Office of the  
4 Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri  
5 65102.

6 JUDGE JONES: There are a number of  
7 intervenors who are present here today. Why don't we begin  
8 over here on my left. Are there any intervenors to the far  
9 left here? When I get to you, just jump up and say your  
10 name.

11 MR. COMLEY: Mark W. Comley, Newman, Comley &  
12 Ruth, P.O. Box 537, Jefferson City, Missouri, appearing on  
13 behalf of the City of Kansas City.

14 JUDGE JONES: Thank you, Mr. Comley. Any  
15 other intervenors present?

16 MR. CONRAD: Yeah. Stuart W. Conrad, the law  
17 firm of Finnegan, Conrad & Peterson, Kansas City, Missouri.  
18 I'll give the details on the address to the reporter.  
19 Appearing on behalf of Sedalia Industrial Energy Users  
20 Association and AG Processing, Inc.

21 JUDGE JONES: And any other intervenors  
22 present?

23 MS. WOODS: Good morning, your Honor. Shelley  
24 Woods, Assistant Attorney General, Post Office Box 899,  
25 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing on behalf of the

1 Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

2 JUDGE JONES: Thank you, Ms. Woods. Any other  
3 intervenors?

4 MR. PAULSON: Yes, sir. Major Craig Paulson,  
5 139 Barnes Drive, Suite 1, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida  
6 32403, appearing on behalf of the Department of Defense and  
7 other federal executive agencies.

8 JUDGE JONES: Thank you, Mr. Paulson. Other  
9 intervenors?

10 (No response.)

11 JUDGE JONES: Thank you all. As you all know,  
12 this opens the week-long prehearing conference in which  
13 you-all will do a whole lot of work and I'll try to be  
14 available if need be. If anyone needs me, I will be  
15 upstairs on the ninth floor.

16 I should remind you-all at this time at  
17 one o'clock today we will convene a related but separate  
18 prehearing conference in which the matters concerning  
19 AG Processing, a case that came down from the Missouri  
20 Supreme Court, and the effects that that ruling may have on  
21 our case. So I will come back down here at one o'clock to  
22 convene that prehearing conference.

23 You-all have the use of this room, I believe,  
24 for the rest of this week. Are there any concerns or  
25 questions anyone would like to raise at this time?

1                   Seeing none, then, we will go off the record  
2 and I'll leave you-all to yourselves. Thank you for  
3 attending.

4                   WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the  
5 prehearing conference was concluded.

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