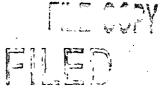
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REQUESTOR:

James Busch

QUESTION:

Why will Aquila have to prepay for natural gas transportation capacity? Please provide a list of all natural gas pipelines who have required prepayment and a list of all pipelines who have indicated that they are going to start requiring Aquila to prepay for natural gas transportation capacity in the future.

RESPONSE: Aquila is currently carrying sub-investment grade credit ratings. Per FERC pipeline tariffs, Aquila can be required to prepay for 2-3 months of pipeline capacity until the credit rating changes to investment grade.

Following is a list of transportation providers that are requiring prepayments:

Northern Natural Gas Panhandle Eastern pipeline Great Lakes ANR CIG

Of the small number of suppliers that are not requiring prepayments, none have indicated that they will start requiring prepayment.

ATTACHMENT: NA

ANSWERED BY: Eric L. Watkins

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT

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