

AQUILA, INC.  
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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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