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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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P.O. Box 360
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Re: Case Nos. ER-2004-0034 and HR-2004-0024

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

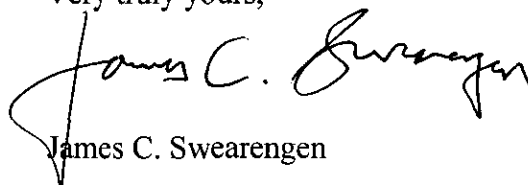
Enclosed for filing on behalf of Aquila, Inc. in the referenced cases, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Recommendation Regarding Test Year.

A copy of this filing will be provided to all parties of record.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,


James C. Swearengen

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Enclosure

cc: John Coffman
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Major Al Erickson

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**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 Networks - MPS to Implement a General Rate Increase in Electricity)
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Missouri Public Service Commission
Case No. ER-2004-034

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)
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Case No. HR-2004-0024

AQUILA'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TEST YEAR

Comes now Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks - L&P and Aquila Networks - MPS ("Aquila") and pursuant to the Suspension Orders and Notices issued by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the captioned matters on July 22, 2003, for its Recommendation Regarding Test Year respectfully states as follows to the Commission:

1. Aquila recommends that the Commission establish the twelve months ended December 31, 2002 as the test year in the captioned proceedings, said test year to be adjusted for all material known and measurable changes through September 30, 2003.
2. Aquila does not intend to request a true-up audit and hearing in the captioned matters.

WHEREFORE, Aquila respectfully submits its suggested test year, as adjusted, as described above, and requests that it be adopted for the captioned proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 5th day of August, 2003, to all parties of record.

