

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Request of Aquila, Inc., )  
d/b/a Aquila Networks-L&P and Aquila )  
Networks-MPS, to Implement a General )  
Rate Increase in Electric Rates. )

Case No. ER-2004-0034

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

**JOINTLY PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW Sedalia Industrial Energy Users' Association, AG Processing Inc., the Office of the Public Counsel, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, the United States Department of Defense and other Federal Executive Agencies and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and for their Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule state:

1. In its Suspension Order and Notice, the Commission set an early prehearing conference for 10:00 a.m. on August 25, 2003 and directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule by September 2, 2003. At the motion of the Staff, the Commission extended the filing date to September 5, 2003. In its Suspension Order and Notice the Commission ordered the parties to include dates for testimony, a second prehearing conference, local public hearings, the statement of issues and position papers of the parties, and the reconciliation.

2. As ordered by the Commission the parties attended the prehearing conference on August 25, 2003 and through discussions that began at that conference, all parties except Aquila,

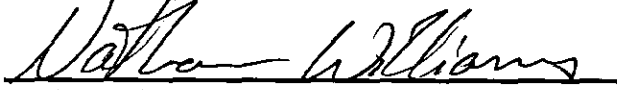
Inc., have reached a consensus on filing dates, and jointly propose the schedule that is attached as Appendix A.

3. Before submitting their proposed procedural schedule to the Commission the undersigned parties extensively negotiated with Aquila, Inc. to arrive at dates acceptable to all parties. Among the factors that played a role in the dates selected were conflicts and needs caused by other matters such as the Commission's pending rate cases with Union Electric Company, GR-2003-0517, Missouri-American Water Company, WR-2003-0500, Aquila, Inc.'s gas case, GR-2004-0072; the times needed to review, analyze and prepare testimony based on the updated test year; and holidays. To that end the undersigned parties have settled on dates that match most of those with which Aquila, Inc. has expressed agreement. The undersigned believe that, if it still has one, Aquila, Inc.'s primary complaint with the schedule they propose is the date for the filing of rebuttal testimony. The undersigned believe that the date they propose for the filing of rebuttal testimony is required to assure that their surrebuttal testimony is meaningful.

**WHEREFORE**, the undersigned parties move the Commission to adopt the schedule proposed herein.

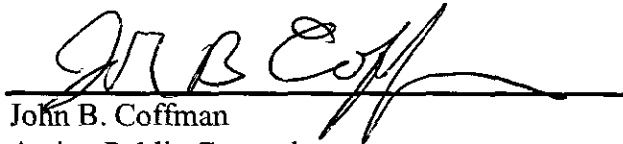
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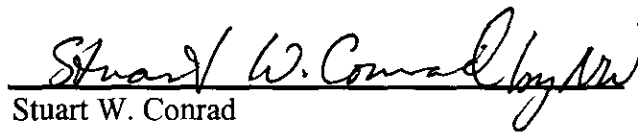
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered or electronic mailed to all counsel of record this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003.

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**STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**  
**CASE NOS. ER-2004-0034 and HR-2004-0024**

EVENT	CASES	DATE
Company Direct Testimony	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	July 3, 2003
Company Books & Records through September 30, 2003 provided to Staff	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Delivered by 5:00 p.m. CST, Monday, October 20, 2003 for update test year through 9/30/03, if not update test year through 6/30/03 only.
Company case update, with workpapers and support, provided to all parties	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Delivered as available and delivery complete by 5:00 p.m. CST, Monday, November 17, 2003, if not update test year through 6/30/03 only.
Local Public Hearing* St. Joseph, Missouri	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Tuesday, December 2, 2003
Local Public Hearing* Raytown, Missouri	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Wednesday, December 3, 2003
Staff/OPC/Intervenor Direct Testimony	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Tuesday, December 9, 2003 - (Revenue Requirement) Thursday, December 18, 2003 - (Rate Design)
Case Reconciliation (Staff)	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Tuesday, December 23, 2003 (based on 9/30/03 if 10/20 met for records and 11/17 met for Aquila case update, otherwise based on 6/30/03)
Prehearing Conference	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Monday-Friday, January 12-16, 2004, due to conflict with AmerenUE hearing dates (GR-2003-0517) parties shall use their best efforts to accommodate each other with scheduling discussion topics in the prehearing conference.
List of Issues (Preliminary)	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Friday, January 16, 2004
Rebuttal Testimony**(All Parties)	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Friday, January 23, 2004
Joint Statement of Issues to be heard, Order of Issues, List of Witnesses, Order of Witnesses, Order of Witness Cross Examination	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Tuesday, February 10, 2004
Surrebuttal Testimony (All Parties)	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Tuesday, February 17, 2004
Statements of Positions on the Issues (Each Party)	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Wednesday, February 18, 2004
Reconciliation for issues to be heard	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Thursday, February 19, 2004
Evidentiary Hearings	ER-2004-0034 HR-2004-0024	Monday-Friday, February 23-27, 2004 Monday-Friday, March 1-5, 2004 Monday-Friday, March 15-19, 2004 (The parties anticipate that some of these hearing dates may become available for Case No. GR-2004-0072)

\*Local public hearing locations and dates proposed by the Office of the Public Counsel.

**\*\*Starting with the filing of rebuttal testimony (January 23, 2004) the response time for data requests is 10 days and time to object is five days. Also, data requests, responses and objections shall be transmitted electronically, by facsimile or in person commencing January 23, 2004.**

**Parties shall provide all workpapers to the other parties no later than midnight of the day following the filing of testimony.**

**Data requests shall be served on all parties, but not data request responses.**

**Pleadings, workpapers and other exchanges of information shall be provided to other parties in electronic format by electronic transmission where the information is available in electronic format, i.e., parties are not required to put information into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.**