

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aquila, Inc.)	
To Implement a General Rate Increase for)	Case No. ER-2005-0436
Retail Electric Service Provided to Customers)	
In its MPS and L&P Missouri Service Areas.)	

EMPIRE’S RESPONSE TO AQUILA’S TEST YEAR RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), and for its Response to Aquila’s Test Year Recommendation respectfully states as follows:

1. In the Commission’s *Suspension Order and Notice, Order Directing Filing, Order Setting Hearings, and Order Adopting Protective Order* issued herein on May 31, 2005, any entities requesting intervention were ordered to file a pleading either indicating concurrence in Aquila, Inc.’s recommended test year or recommending an alternative. Accordingly, this pleading is being filed simply to indicate Empire’s concurrence with Aquila’s test year recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing was sent to counsel for parties of record by depositing same in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, by hand-delivery, or by electronic mail transmission, this 28th day of June, 2005.

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