

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Aquila, Inc.,)
d/b/a Aquila Networks – MPS and Aquila Networks –)
L&P (“Aquila”), The Empire District Gas Company)
 (“EDG”), and The Empire District Electric Company)
 (“EDE”) for an order authorizing the sale, transfer,)
 and assignment of certain assets and liabilities from)
 Aquila to EDG and in connection therewith, certain)
 other related transactions.)

Case No. GO-2006-0205

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: February 28, 2006

Effective Date: February 28, 2006

On February 27, 2006, the Staff of the Commission, on behalf of the parties, filed a motion to suspend the procedural schedule. Staff states that the parties intend to submit a proposed unanimous stipulation and agreement to the Commission within the week. The parties, however, wish to reserve the hearing dates of March 15 and 16, 2006, for any necessary on-the-record presentation of the agreement.

The Commission has reviewed the motion and, finding it reasonable, will grant the requested relief.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The motion to suspend the procedural schedule is granted.
2. The procedural schedule is suspended, reserving March 15 and 16, 2006, for any necessary on-the-record presentation.

3. This order shall become effective on February 28, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of February, 2006.