

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila)	
Networks – MPS and Aquila)	
Networks – L&P for Authority to)	Case No. EO-2008-0046
Transfer Operational Control of)	
Certain Transmission Assets)	
to the Midwest Independent)	
Transmission System Operator, Inc.)	

RESPONSE OF AQUILA, INC. TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW applicant Aquila, Inc. (“Aquila”) and provides the following response to the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator’s (“MISO”) Motion for Extension of Time (“Motion”) within which to file its post-hearing brief.

As correctly noted by MISO, the Commission’s April 16, 2008, Notice Regarding Filing of Briefs directed that post-hearing briefs be filed on or before May 27, 2008. This notice issued immediately after a two-day evidentiary hearing which occurred on April 14 and 15, 2008. The transcript of the April 14 hearing was posted on EFIS on May 2, 2008. The transcript of the April 15 hearing was posted on May 14, 2008.

These circumstances do not justify an extension of time for the filing of the brief in this case. Even given the uncharacteristically slow posting of the transcript from the April 15 hearing, it was still made available to the parties nearly two full weeks prior to the May 27, 2008, filing deadline. Significantly, MISO’s Motion does not claim that this gives it insufficient time to review one volume of the hearing transcript and complete work on its brief within the generous amount of time originally granted by the Commission.

Aquila's primary interest where this topic is concerned is getting its request in this case decided as quickly as is reasonably possible such that its customers, like those of AmerenUE, KCPL and The Empire District Electric Company, may begin to realize the benefits of Aquila's membership in an RTO. MISO presents no compelling reason why the May 27, 2008, deadline should be extended under the circumstances and, consequently, the Motion should be denied.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons aforesaid, Aquila requests that the MISO's Motion for Extension of Time in this case be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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