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February 26, 2002

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Re: Power Plant Expansion

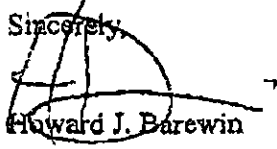
Dear Darrell:

As we discussed yesterday afternoon, Aquila Cass County Power, L.L.C. ("ACCP"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aquila, Inc., is exploring expanding the Aries power plant, a project known as "Aries II." To develop and finance Aries II, it is contemplated that MEP Pleasant Hill, L.L.C., the current project operator and lessee, will relinquish its leasehold interest in approximately 5.4 acres located immediately west of the existing plant, and Cass County, the current owner of the entire 67-acre project site, will enter into a new lease with ACCP for the 5.4-acre expansion site.

The purpose of this letter is to request a letter stating that no platting or subdividing of the current power plant property need be undertaken to undertake the above transaction. In making that determination, you should be apprised that ownership in the land for both Aries I and Aries II will remain with the county until the leases expire, subject to the lenders' rights to foreclose either tract or to exercise other remedies following a default on the bonds or other financing.

If a replatting is not necessary, please sign the acknowledgment below and return it to me via fax. Otherwise, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

  
Howard J. Barewin

HJB/fg

cc: Mark Unick, Esq. (fax)  
Rod Northway (fax)

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that the development of the Aries II expansion project as described above in this letter will not require any platting or subdividing procedure under Cass County law.

CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Date: 2-26-02



Darrell Wilson, Senior Zoning Officer  
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