

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

In the Matter of the Application of Aquila,)
Inc. for Permission and Approval and a)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing it to Acquire, Construct,)
Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage)
and Maintain and otherwise Control and)
Manage Electrical Production and Related)
Facilities in Unincorporated Areas of Cass)
County, Missouri Near the Town of)
Peculiar.)

Case No. EA-2006-0309

STAFF’S CONCURRENCE IN AQUILA’S PROPOSED REPORT AND ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and states:

1. On March 15, 2006 the Commission issued its Order Setting Procedural Schedule bearing an effective date of March 15, 2006 in which it, among other things, fixed May 18, 2006 as the date by which the parties are to file Proposed Reports and Orders.
2. In footnote 3 of that Order the Commission stated, “The Commission expects that the parties will file only two Proposed Reports and Orders. The parties in favor of Aquila’s application will file one, and the parties opposing Aquila’s application will file another. Those Proposed Reports and Orders shall be filed in EFIS, and the parties shall send an electronic Word Document copy of them to the Regulatory Law Judge at ron.pridgin@psc.mo.gov.”
3. The Staff has worked with Aquila, providing input into the Proposed Report and Order that Aquila has filed with the Commission.
4. As a result of Aquila acting on the input the Staff has provided it in crafting Aquila’s Proposed Report and Order, the Staff is willing to join in Aquila’s Proposed Report and Order and does so by this pleading.

WHEREFORE, as contemplated by the Commission in its March 15, 2006 Order Setting Procedural Schedule, the Staff joins in Aquila's Proposed Report and Order filed in this case today.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 18th day of May 2006.

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