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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF MAX A. SHERMAN ON BEHALF OF AQUILA, INC.

### D/B/A AQUILA NETWORKS-MPS CASE NOS. ER-2004-0034

1	Q.	Please state your name and business address.
2	A.	Max A. Sherman, 10418 West 125 <sup>th</sup> Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66213.
3	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony?
4	A.	I have been retained by Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila" or "Company") to review and respond to the
5		Commission Staff's ("Staff") direct testimony as filed in Case No. ER-2004-0034, as that
6		testimony relates to the charges being paid by Aquila Networks - Missouri Public Service
7		("MPS" or "Missouri Public Service") to MEP Pleasant Hill, LLC for capacity and energy
8		supplied to MPS by the Aries Plant in Pleasant Hill, Missouri.
9	Q.	Is this testimony based on your work with MPS?
10	A.	No. As my resume attached as Schedule MS-1 shows, my positions with Aquila were
l 1		always on the non-regulated merchant side of the Company. My testimony is based upon
12		my personal involvement in Aquila's merchant business.
13	Q.	Please describe your educational background.
14	A.	I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the University of
15		California at Los Angeles ("UCLA") in 1971. I subsequently graduated in 1974 from
16		UCLA with a Master of Science degree in Engineering, with a specialization in
17		metallurgy and metal processing. I also earned a Master of Science degree in Nuclear
18		Engineering in 1975 from the University of Wisconsin (Madison).

1	Q.	Please describe your v	work experience.
2	A.	I have over twenty-fiv	ve years of experience in development, design, construction,
3		operation, asset mana	gement, regulation, and origination and power marketing with
4		regard to generating a	assets in the electric power industry. The assets in question have
5			s/oil steam boilers, combined cycle, and peaking combustion
6			his experience was obtained while I was employed by both utilities
7			with the vast majority involving generating assets located in the
			ol ("SPP") and Southeastern Electric Reliability Council ("SERC")
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9		regions. My resume	is attached as Schedule MS-1.
10	Q.	Before proceeding, pl	lease define each of the abbreviations used in your testimony.
11	A.	The abbreviations and	d the entities they represent are as follows:
12		Company	Aquila, Inc., formerly UtiliCorp United Inc.
13 14		MPS	Aquila, Inc.'s regulated electric operations formerly known as Missouri Public Service, a division of the Company.
15 16 17 18		МЕРРН	MEP Pleasant Hill, LLC, the entity formed by Aquila Merchant to own and operate its power plant at Pleasant Hill, Missouri. It is now co-owned by subsidiaries of Aquila and Calpine Corporation.
19 20 21 22 23		Aquila Merchant	Aquila Merchant Services, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Aquila Merchant operations include Aquila Power Corp., Aquila Energy Marketing Corp., Merchant Energy Partners and MEPPH.
24		FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
25 26		MoPSC	Missouri Public Service Commission (also referred to as "Commission")
27 28		PSA	Power Supply Agreement between MEPPH and MPS, dated February 22, 1999
29		Staff	Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission
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1	Q.	Have you previously filed testimony before the Commission?
2	A.	No.
3	Q.	Have you participated in rate or other regulatory proceedings before other commissions?
4	A.	Yes. As a power marketer and a business development manager for firms affiliated with
5		Entergy, I was responsible for preparing FERC filings to obtain approval for certain
6		capacity and associated energy sales to other utilities. While at the Company, I submitted
7		testimony in a FERC proceeding where Aquila filed a complaint alleging that another
8		utility had failed to comply with its Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT")
9		obligations under FERC Order 888.
10	Q.	Have you testified before state legislative bodies?
11	A.	Yes. I have testified before the Kansas House Utilities Committee, Kansas Senate
12		Utilities Committee, and a Missouri House/Senate Joint Interim Committee on
13		Telecommunications and Energy.
14	Q.	How have you organized your rebuttal testimony?
15	A.	I will be rebutting the testimony of Staff witnesses Mr. Mark L. Oligschlaeger and Mr.
16		Cary G. Featherstone as their direct testimony addressed the issue of the PSA and their
17		proposed disallowance of a portion of the capacity charges related to that contract. I have
18		organized my rebuttal testimony as follows:
19		1. Executive Summary
20		2. I explain why Staff is wrong in its belief that MPS entered into the PSA with
21		MEPPH in order to enhance Company profits at its customers' expense.
22		a. I explain my work in responding to the MPS request for proposal ("RFP")
23		that led to the PSA.

1		b. I explain that the RFP process and subsequent negotiations recognized that
2		any power supply agreement would be subject to close regulatory scrutiny.
3		c. I explain why the PSA is a fair and balanced contract from Aquila
4		Merchant's perspective.
5		d. I review the decision, from Aquila Merchant's perspective, to enter into
6		the transaction with Missouri Public Service;
7		3. I explain the major cost elements that Staff overlooked or ignored in its proposed
8		disallowance of capacity costs under the Power Supply Agreement;
9		4. I show why no disallowance of costs is appropriate when all major cost elements
10		of the plant are considered.
11		1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
12	Q.	What is the executive summary of your Rebuttal Testimony?
13	Α.	The conclusions of my testimony are as follows:
14		1. Based on my direct involvement in the bidding process, the process was fair and
15		complied with the FERC code of conduct on affiliate transactions. No favoritism
16		was shown to Aquila Merchant by MPS.
17		2. The PSA is fair and balanced.
18		3. Based on what Aquila Merchant knew at the time, the decision to enter into the
19		transaction with MPS made sense. The bid price to MPS was low but judged
20		adequate to initiate the project, and it was expected that sales to others would
21		provide the remaining revenues needed to support the plant economics. The plant
22		cost was reasonable then and now, and replication costs would in all likelihood be
23		higher today.

1		4.	Staff's analysis considers only the cost associated with a permanent financing that
2			did not occur. Staff did not consider operation and maintenance costs, PILOT
3			("payments in lieu of taxes") payments to Cass County, actual interest expense,
4			depreciation and amortization, or a return on the equity that has been invested by
5			the partners in the plant. When those costs that were overlooked or not
6			considered by Staff are recognized, MPS capacity payments are far less than what
7			would result from a pro rata allocation of actual fixed costs. Failure to recognize
8			those costs in Staff's analysis invalidates Staff's conclusions.
9		5.	When Staff's methodology is corrected by incorporating substantial and material
10			fixed costs that were not considered, the resulting cost allocation exceeds what
11			MPS is paying in capacity charges under the PSA. As a result, the capacity charge
12			is fully justified and no disallowance of such costs in MPS rates is reasonable or
13			appropriate.
14	<u>2.</u>	STAFF	IS INCORRECT THAT FAVORITISM AND "A GOAL OF MAXIMIZING
15			PROFITS" WERE THE BASIS FOR THE PSA
16		<u>a.</u>	MEP Participation in the RFP Process
17	Q.	What i	s the purpose of this part of your testimony?
18	A.	My pu	rpose is to rebut statements by Mr. Oligschlaeger in his Direct Testimony alleging
19		that fa	voritism was shown in the award to Aquila Merchant.
20	Q.	What o	did Mr. Oligschlaeger state?
21	A.	He alle	ged that affiliate abuse had occurred and that it was the intent of Company senior
22		manag	ement to increase profits at the expense of the utility and its native load customers.

- See Oligschlaeger Direct Testimony at p. 3, lines 1-4; pp. 10-11; pp. 14-16. He concluded
   that favoritism was shown in making the award to Aquila Merchant.
- 3 Q. How will you rebut the Staff witness' conclusions?
- 4 A. I will explain Aquila Merchant's participation in the MPS RFP process that led to the
- 5 PSA with MEPPH. This testimony is based on my personal knowledge of these events. I
- 6 will explain why the PSA is a fair and balanced contract from Aquila Merchant's
- perspective. I will also review the decision, from Aquila Merchant's perspective, to enter
- 8 into the transaction with MPS.
- 9 Q. Did Aquila Merchant participate in this RFP process?
- 10 A. Yes. Aquila Merchant responded to the RFP issued on May 22, 1998.
- 11 Q. Which Aquila Merchant entities participated?
- 12 A. The initial participant was Aquila Power Corp., a power marketing subsidiary of Aquila
- Merchant. Later, Merchant Energy Partners participated.
- 14 Q. What did Aquila Power Corp. offer?
- 15 A. In July 1998, Aquila Power offered capacity from a combined cycle unit to be constructed
- and owned by LS Power in Batesville, Mississippi. The proposal is provided in Schedule
- 17 MS-2.
- 18 Q. Please describe the project.
- 19 A. A combined cycle power plant typically consists of the following: (a) one or more
- combustion turbine-generators fueled by natural gas; (b) heat recovery steam generators
- 21 ("HRSGs") that use the exhaust energy from the combustion turbines to make steam; and
- (c) one or more steam turbine-generators that use the steam from the HRSGs to make
- 23 additional electricity.

The Batesville Plant, developed by LS Power, consists of three "1x1" combined cycle "trains." Each "train" consists of a combustion turbine-generator, a heat recovery steam generator, and a steam turbine-generator set. The project is located at an industrial park in Batesville, Mississippi, and is directly interconnected with Entergy Mississippi, Inc. and the Tennessee Valley Authority. The project includes a pipeline lateral that interconnects with multiple interstate natural gas pipelines.

Q. Why was Aquila Power able to offer capacity and energy from this project?

A. Aquila Power had negotiated and entered into a "tolling agreement" with the developer in May 1998 for rights to all the capacity and associated energy from one of the "trains" at the Batesville Plant. The "train" that was ultimately assigned to the contract was

designated Unit 3, and will be referred to henceforth as Batesville Unit 3.

12 Q. What is a tolling agreement?

A.

It is a common industry term used to describe the charge or "toll" paid to use an energy facility, similar to the toll a driver pays to cross a bridge or drive on a turnpike. A tolling agreement is similar to a unit power sales agreement where the purchaser gains the right to take capacity and associated energy from a specified power plant. However, in a tolling agreement the purchaser is responsible for the fuel supply. A good analogy is to a car lease. The lessee doesn't own the car, but under the lease pays a monthly fee for the right to use the car and independently pays for the gasoline (fuel). If the lessor is responsible for the car's maintenance, such leases typically charge the lessee a mileage fee to cover that maintenance expense. At the end of the lease, the car is returned to the owner and the lessee's obligations end. The lessee then makes other arrangements for transportation or, in this case, the supply of capacity and energy.

		Max A. Sherman
1	Q.	Was Aquila Power's decision to enter into a purchase commitment from Batesville Unit 3
2		in any way related to the Missouri Public Service RFP?
3	A.	No, however, an understanding of Aquila's interest in the Batesville Unit 3 is relevant to
4		MEPPH's decision to respond to the MPS RFP.
5	Q.	Please explain.
6	A.	In December 1997, the project developer (LS Power) issued a request that asked
7		interested purchasers to submit prices at which they were willing to purchase capacity and
8		energy from the project. Aquila Power responded in late January 1998, and was short
9		listed in February 1998. Contract negotiations were held through May 1998, and the

contract was executed on May 21, 1998. The power marketers at Aquila Power did not

become aware of the existence of the Missouri Public Service RFP until June 1998.

- 12 Q. What role did you play in negotiation of the Batesville Unit 3 tolling agreement?
- 13 A. I led the Aquila Merchant negotiation team in its dealings with LS Power.
- 14 Q. Why did you have this assignment?

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- 15 A. At the time, I was a power marketing director for Aquila Power for the south central U.S.
- region, where the Batesville plant was located.
- 17 Q. Why did Aquila Power enter into the tolling agreement with LS Power?
- A. Aquila Power had previously decided that it needed to control a certain amount of
  generation to support its energy trading and marketing business. A "toll" from Batesville
  Unit 3 was an opportunity to control gas-fired supply with a competitive heat rate
- compared to the existing gas steam boiler fleet in the region.
- Q. Who was responsible for the initial proposal to MPS in response to its May 1998 RFP?
- 23 A. I was the responsible individual.

1	Q.	Why were you responsible for the initial proposal?	
2	A.	Aquila Merchant believed that Batesville Unit 3 was a logical generating source that	
3		would be responsive to the RFP. At the time, I was the power marketer most familiar	
4		with what Aquila Power could offer from that unit.	
5	Q.	What were the essential elements of the initial proposal from Aquila Power to MPS?	
6	A.	The essential elements of the proposal, which is attached as Schedule MS-2, were as	
7		follows:	
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21		<ol> <li>Term:         <ul> <li>Type of service:</li> <li>Unit power with 97% minimum guaranteed equivalent availability.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Designated Unit:         <ul> <li>Quantity:</li> </ul> <li>Batesville Unit 3</li> <li>Various options of 75 and 100 MW; shown in the proposion Priced under various options; shown in the proposal. Pricing for early termination was also included.</li> </li> <li>Energy price:         <ul> <li>\$100/MWh plus actual cost of transmission losses and/or ancillary services for delivery to MPS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Delivery Points:         <ul> <li>MPS' interconnections with the Eastern interconnection To be billed to MPS at Aquila's actual cost. Several potential transmission paths from the Batesville project of MPS were identified.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	or
22	Q.	Were you aware that there were other bidders?	
23	A.	We did not have any information but were confident there were other bidders. Aquila	
24		Power's experience was that there were usually a number of bidders in response to RFPs	i.
25	Q.	Were you aware of the number or identity of other bidders to MPS?	
26	A.	No.	
27	Q.	What did MPS do with the proposal?	
28	A.	It ultimately resulted in a supply agreement with MPS for June through September 200	)0.
29	Q.	What was your role in concluding those arrangements?	

1	A.	I did not participate in concluding those arrangements. The last participation I had in the
2		RFP process on the Batesville proposal was in early November 1998. At that time, I sent
3		a letter to MPS advising that Aquila Power remained interested in providing power
4		supply resources to MPS. That letter is attached as Schedule MS-3.
5	Q.	Why did you not participate in concluding these arrangements?
6	A.	In November 1998, I accepted a position with Aquila's Merchant Energy Partners, a new
7		entity within Aquila Merchant, and transferred to that department effective December 1,
8		1998. Responsibility for the proposal from Batesville Unit 3 remained with Aquila
9		Power, the Company's power marketing organization.
10	Q.	Did you participate in the Merchant Energy Partners bidding to MPS?
11	A.	Yes, I participated in the process starting mid-December 1998.
12	Q.	What was your responsibility in the bidding process?
13	A.	I was named project manager. My role was to assist in winning an award from MPS and,
14		if successful, to lead the development team to get the project into construction.
15	Q.	Please explain your role in assisting Aquila Merchant's winning the award from MPS.
16	A.	At the time I began participating in the process, MPS had not selected a party with whom
17		to negotiate a power supply agreement for the June 2001 through May 2005 time frame.
18		The bidding process was still under way. MPS was asking Aquila Merchant questions on
19		its previously submitted proposal. I assisted in preparing responses, which are attached as
20		Schedule MS-4. The most important of those responses, in my view, were pricing
21		reductions provided on January 12, 1999. We had been advised by Mr. Frank DeBacker
22		of MPS that Aquila Merchant was not the low bidder. He asked if we could improve our

1		offer. I understand this was standard operating procedure for MPS in dealing with
2		bidders. We responded with the January 12 letter that is a part of Schedule MS-4.
3	Q.	What was the result of the revised pricing letter dated January 12, 1999?
4	A.	MPS notified us by letter dated January 15, 1999 that Aquila Merchant had been selected
5		for negotiations.
6	Q.	Were other bidders offered the opportunity to improve their offers to MPS?
7	A.	I had no knowledge at that time. Table 3 of Mr. DeBacker's Rebuttal Testimony at 26
8		indicates that he advised the remaining bidder that it was not the low bidder, but that it
9		did not improve its offer.
0		b. The RFP Process and Subsequent Negotiations Recognized that any Power
1		Supply Agreement would be the subject of close Regulatory Scrutiny
12	Q.	Are you aware of any facts that cause you to believe that the bidding process favored
13		Aquila Merchant?
14	A.	No. My understanding is that MPS, as regulated utility serving native load customers,
15		was obligated to obtain the least cost supply regardless of the source.
16	Q.	Did you see, hear, or experience anything that suggested the process favored an award to
17		MEP over another bidder?
18	A.	Absolutely not. In fact, I would suggest the contrary.
19	Q.	Please explain.
20	A.	Based on my participation during the bidding process, MPS would gladly have awarded
21		the power supply contract to a non-affiliate. I also believe that a "tie" in the bidding
22		would probably have resulted in that outcome.
23	Q.	Why would MPS favor a non-affiliate's proposal over an affiliate's bid?

1	A.	To avoid the extreme level of regulatory scrutiny that automatically comes with an
2		affiliate transaction. In such transactions Staff regulators and others usually presume that
3		the regulated entity is "guilty" of favoritism until proven otherwise.
4	Q.	Why do you believe MPS awarded the power supply contract for 2001 to 2004 to MEP?
5	A.	The only possible reason is that it offered the least cost to the native load ratepayer when
6		compared to the other alternatives considered. Otherwise, there was no reason to do so.
7	Q.	Why wouldn't Company senior management require the power supply contract to be
8		awarded by MPS to MEP, as Mr. Oligschlaeger suggests in his Direct Testimony at pages
9		10-16, even if it were not the low bid?
10	A.	From my perspective as the Aquila Merchant project manager for what became the Aries
11		Power Plant, the reasons are obvious:
12		1. The PSA would have to be submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission and
13		the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The pricing and terms of the contract
14		would become public information. Had the MEPPH price exceeded the price of the
15		other bidder, or if the terms were unfavorable to MPS, that party would have the
16		opportunity to intervene and attempt to show that it should have been awarded the
17		PSA.
18		2. Had favoritism been shown to MEPPH, it would have been a violation of the FERC
19		code of conduct under which all the Companies' entities operated. Violation of the
20		FERC code of conduct could be grounds for FERC revoking the authority of the
21		Company's regulated and non-regulated businesses to sell power at market prices, or

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imposing a fine. Aquila Merchant's business model was focused on wholesale sales

1 across the country, not to its affiliates. There was simply no reason to put the
2 merchant business at risk due a code of conduct violation involving an affiliate.

- 3. At the time, Aquila Merchant had filed a complaint against another utility, alleging a violation of its Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") in FERC Docket No. EL98-36-000. As a member of Aquila Merchant, I was involved in the prosecution of that complaint. This proceeding was important to Aquila Merchant's business as it sought open access to the transmission system of a large electric utility. Because that case involved policy issues that might affect every OATT under FERC jurisdiction, the last thing Aquila Merchant needed in that case was the respondent regulated utility defending its conduct by citing affiliate abuse by Aquila's own regulated affiliate.
  - 4. Finally, evidence of favoritism could delay development and construction of *any* winning project that would have to be constructed, be it that of MEPPH or of another party. Aquila Merchant understood that it was absolutely necessary for the winning bidder to meet the in-service date of June 1, 2001 specified by MPS because of the need to replace expiring purchase power contracts. If approval of any project had been delayed due to allegations of or a showing of favoritism, the in-service date could not have been met by MEPPH due to the lead times required to permit, contract for and construct the project.
- Q. Why do you believe that another project could not have been built in time?
- 20 A. My role was to assist in winning an award from MPS, and, if successful, to get the project
  21 into construction. Based on the lead time requirements for contracting, permitting, site
  22 acquisition and all the other elements of successful power plant project development,
  23 there was not time available for an extended period of regulatory scrutiny that would

result from a showing of favoritism in an award to MEPPH, regardless of what party 1 ultimately was awarded a contract. 2 Are you aware of any evidence suggesting it was less expensive for MPS to purchase Q. 3 power rather than construct its own generation? 4 Based on my experience as a power marketer at Entergy, since the mid-1980's it had been 5 A. less expensive for a utility to enter into power purchase arrangements than to build and 6 own a new generating unit. 7 Did you find that the MPS bidding process demonstrated favoritism to Aquila Merchant? 8 Q. No. 9 A. What were the internal criteria Aquila Merchant had to meet in submitting a bid to MPS? 10 Q. The same as for any other developer. The project had to meet a target "hurdle rate," i.e., A. 11 an internal rate of return ("IRR") if it won the award. This would be determined in an 12 economic model referred to as a "project pro forma" used to project the costs, revenues 13 and expenses associated with the project. 14 Has that model been provided to the Commission Staff? 15 Q. Yes. The pro forma used for the initial pricing (before the pricing reduction letter 16 A. contained in Schedule MS-4) was provided to Staff in response to Data Request No. 17 18 MPSC-301. Did the pro forma include revenues from sources other than MPS? 19 Q. Yes. Estimated revenues from sales into the wholesale market were included. The 20 Α. methodology for determining those estimates is discussed in the response to Staff Data

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Request No. MPSC-371.

- 1 Q. What costs were included in the pro forma provided in response to Staff Data Request
- 2 No. MPSC-301?
- 3 A. The pro forma included estimates of direct capital costs to construct the plant,
- 4 construction and permanent financing costs, non-fuel operating and maintenance expense,
- and fuel costs for sales to non-affiliates. It also showed an internal rate of return on
- 6 equity that would be required to be invested in the project to obtain the debt needed to
- 7 construct, own and operate the project.
- 8 Q. Did Aquila Merchant intend (as alleged in Mr. Oligschlaeger's Direct Testimony at pages
- 9 12-13 and page 15) for MPS to cover all the fixed costs of the plant?
- 10 A. No. As found in the pro forma provided to Staff in response to Data Request No. MPSC-
- 301, revenues from MPS were expected to cover the majority of the fixed costs through
- May 2005, and then zero thereafter. As will be shown later, the actual share of costs
- covered by MPS is much lower.
- 14 Q. Was this information made available to Aquila senior management?
- 15 A. Yes. The presentation to senior management on this project on January 5, 1999 was
- based on the pro forma referred to above. It included revenues from MPS and expected
- 17 revenues from future sales into the wholesale market that were expected to cover the cost
- of the project. In particular, the Aquila Merchant presented projected internal rates of
- return to senior management that included those revenues. Documents reflecting this
- information were provided in response to Data Request No. MPSC-301.
- Q. Did you attend the presentation to senior management on January 5, 1999?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Was there any discussion of MPS covering all the fixed costs of the proposed plant?

Δ	Type in all the fixed costs of the proposed project was made
<i>(</i> ),	No such statement on MPS covering all the fixed costs of the proposed project was made
	or suggested by anyone at that meeting.
Q.	What prospects did Aquila Merchant face if it had not won the award?
A.	At the time, Aquila Merchant's MEP unit was investigating tolling transactions involving
	other power plants, fuel supply agreements for other projects, and other transactions. The
	types of transactions MEP was focusing on are listed in a management presentation
	provided to the Staff in response to Data Request No. MPSC-301. MEP would have gone
	about its business and explored other opportunities, such as exploring power purchase
	arrangements with other project developers. There were numerous generating projects
	proposed at the time by a number of development firms. There was also a project
	development opportunity in another part of the country that MEP was asked to explore.
Q.	What is the conclusion of this part of your testimony?
A.	Based upon my direct involvement in the bidding process, the process was fair and
	complied with the FERC code of conduct on affiliate transactions. No favoritism was
	shown to the merchant power side of the business from Aquila's regulated affiliate.
	c. The MPS/MEPPH Power Sales Agreement: Its Background and Logic
Q.	What is the purpose of this part of your testimony?
A.	My purpose is to review the PSA's terms and conditions, and explain why it is a fair and
	balanced contract from MEP's perspective. This is intended to rebut Mr. Oligschlaeger's
	statements in his Direct Testimony, noted above, that favoritism was shown by the
	Company in the MPS award of the contract to Aquila Merchant, and that there was
	Q. A.

Q. Please describe the Power Sales Agreement.

affiliate abuse.

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- 1 A. The PSA is a tolling agreement, with performance guarantees and penalties, which makes
- 2 it advantageous for the buyer compared to a unit power sales agreement.
- 3 Q. Why?
- A tolling agreement enables the purchaser of the power to manage the largest component A. 4 of its variable cost - the cost of fuel. A purchasing utility knows its load shape, net area 5 energy requirements, its dispatch stack and the peak demands that determine both the 6 short-term and long-term fuel requirements for a power plant to supply energy to serve 7 native load. Far more than a developer or owner of merchant generation, a regulated 8 utility with the obligation to serve has extensive experience in purchasing fuel to meet 9 native load requirements, and is equipped to manage the purchases of commodity and 10 transport to serve that load. A developer will not have the detailed knowledge of a 11 specific utility's energy requirements that determine optimal fuel purchase decisions. 12
- 13 Q. Why is the cost of fuel so important?
- Fuel cost is usually the largest component of total production costs for a combined cycle 14 A. power plant, and can be the largest cost component. Taking the PSA as an example, the 15 capacity charge from 2002 to May 2005 is approximately \*\*\*\_ 16 200 MW of capacity from October through March and 500 MW of capacity from April 17 through September. If the Aries plant were dispatched at an intermediate load factor of 18 approximately 40%, at today's gas cost (using the calendar 2004 Henry Hub index "strip" 19 of \$5.42 on 12/29/2003 and assuming the Williams index basis differential roughly 20 offsets gas transport costs), fuel cost would be approximately \$5.42/MMBtu x 7.2 21 MMBtu/MWh x 350 MW x 8760 hours/year x 0.4 = roughly \$48 million/year. If the 22 dispatch is at a 25% annual load factor rather than 40%, estimated annual fuel cost for 23

- 2004 would be roughly \$48 million x 25%/40% or approximately \$30 million. This sample calculation illustrates that "the money is in fuel cost" for intermediate and baseload plants.
- 4 Q. Is a tolling agreement advantageous for the seller?
- Yes. It transfers risk of fuel management to the utility purchaser, relieving the merchant developer or owner of the plant from those responsibilities. The developer/owner of a plant is less qualified to manage fuel costs than the buyer, as explained above. The merchant operator/owner is left with managing risks and performance of the plant, which are more suited to their responsibilities as asset owners and managers. Those risks and obligations include meeting in-service dates and operating performance guarantees.
- 11 Q. Are there circumstances where a tolling agreement may not be as attractive to a purchaser as a unit power sales agreement?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Please explain.
- Unit power sales agreements provide for the seller, not the buyer, to provide the fuel. For 15 Α. solid fuel projects with long-term supply arrangements and stable pricing, fuel costs are 16 known with more certainty at the time the purchaser enters into the power purchase 17 arrangement. In addition, solid fuel technical and quality specifications can limit the 18 ability of a purchaser to readily substitute or provide a separate fuel supply. An example 19 would be a power supply purchase from a coal-fired power plant with long-term coal 20 supply and rail transportation arrangements from specific mines. Another would be a 21 power purchase from a nuclear plant, where the cost/MMBtu of fuel in the core is well 22 known in advance. In both examples (particularly the nuclear plant), it isn't practical for 23

- the purchaser to provide its own fuel supply. However, for a gas-fired power plant with a homogeneous fuel like pipeline-quality natural gas that can be purchased on the spot market or through short-term or long-term contracts, a tolling agreement makes more sense.
- Please describe the principles of risk allocation and mitigation under the PSA for both parties.
- The basic principles are simple and straightforward. MPS contracted for capacity at a 7 A. fixed price, selecting quantities of capacity that were higher during the summer period 8 than the winter. MPS largely avoided the risk of escalating costs associated with power 9 project development, design and construction. The small MPS cost changes that occurred 10 are documented in Schedule MS-5. If the availability of the capacity didn't meet defined 11 levels, there would be a pro rata reduction in the capacity payments for the applicable 12 period. MPS also contracted for energy at heat rates that were the lower of actual or 13 guaranteed values. This meant that any heat rate improvements that were added to the 14 final design of the plant would benefit MPS, as well as MEPPH. MPS controlled and 15 provided the fuel supply, paid a variable O&M (operating and maintenance) charge and 16 received a large number of starts per combustion turbine per year without paying a major 17 maintenance "start charge." These provisions allowed MPS to transfer most of the 18 construction, capital cost and operating risks to another party. 19
- Q. What else did MPS receive under the PSA?
- A. MPS would receive the power at the interconnection point with its transmission system,
  avoiding power transmission risk and costs associated with imports across other systems,
  such as curtailment. MPS also had the right to determine which natural gas pipeline

would interconnect with the project. MPS would be committed for a limited term of four years, enabling it to revisit the wholesale power market and avoid a long-term ownership commitment for the life of the asset, which might not be the best economic choice compared to other alternatives. MPS also avoided the risk of owning a "stranded asset." During the procurement process Congress was considering national legislation that would offer retail choice to customers, and many states (including neighboring Arkansas, Illinois and Oklahoma) were seriously considering or had passed retail choice legislation.

Therefore, at that time it was uncertain how long Missouri native load customers would remain obligated to purchase power supply from their local utility.

10 Q. What were the risks and opportunities for MEPPH?

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MEPPH won a competitive bid which would provide a revenue stream to cover for a limited period of time a portion of the fixed costs of the plant it would construct and own. It had the incentive to minimize plant availability risks (and preserve its revenue stream) from MPS with a limited right to provide substitute power to MPS. Aquila Merchant gained the opportunity to sell a portion of the equity in the project to another party for a premium. Aquila Merchant expected that the remaining project costs, and a suitable return, would be earned from sales to other parties from unsold capacity during the term of the sale to MPS, but primarily through sales to third parties after the MPS sale expired. See Response to Staff Data Request MPSC-301. MEPPH took the risks of being able to build the plant within budget, operate it within pro forma cost estimates, and obtain the benefits if it were able to lower costs or increase revenues beyond estimates at the time. It also took the risk that costs could be higher and that revenues could be lower than projected. The proximity of interstate natural gas pipelines in the area gave MEPPH the

1		opportunity to interconnect with more than one pipeline to ensure competition by the
2		pipelines for the project's business, and to minimize transportation and delivered fuel
3		costs.
4	Q.	What was the model for the PSA?
5	A.	The Batesville Unit 3 tolling agreement between LSP Energy, LP and Aquila Power.
6	Q.	Why was this agreement used as a starting point?
7	A.	First, it was a contract that Aquila Power was familiar with, having negotiated it in the
8		spring of 1998 with a non-affiliate, LSP Energy. Second, it was considered a "state of the
9		art" contract because of its recent vintage. Third, it involved a combined cycle power
10		plant, and many of the concepts were relevant to a MEPPH/MPS arrangement. Fourth, it
11		gave Aquila Merchant confidence in a transactional structure where it could accept a role
12		reversal. In the Batesville Unit 3 tolling agreement, Aquila Merchant (through Aquila
13		Power) was the buyer and in this case Aquila Merchant (through MEPPH) would be the
14		seller.
15	Q.	Was the Batesville tolling agreement used as a starting point in other transactions?
16	A.	Yes. Those transactions included two other Aquila Merchant transactions, and three
17		others that I am aware of involving third parties.
18	Q.	What is your conclusion on the merits of the MEPPH contract with MPS?
19	A.	The MEPPH contract with MPS is fair and balanced.
20		d. Review of the decision from Aquila Merchant's perspective to enter into the
21		PSA with MPS
22	Q.	What is the purpose of this part of your testimony?

- 1 A. My purpose is to review the basis for the decision from Aquila Merchant's perspective to
- 2 enter into the transaction with MPS. My purpose is also to rebut the incorrect
- 3 assumptions that Mr. Oligschlaeger made in his Direct Testimony at 12-13 that the PSA
- 4 permitted MEPPH to recover all of its costs.
- 5 Q. How is this part of your testimony organized?
- 6 A. I will discuss why it made sense for MEPPH to enter into the PSA. I will also discuss the
- 7 cost of the plant, and why it is larger than what it would have been as a utility plant.
- 8 Q. What was the basis for the MEPPH's decision to enter into the PSA with MPS?
- 9 A. Before I joined the project, Aquila Merchant had decided to bid power supply to MPS
- from an EWG that would be constructed to supply the power.
- 11 Q. How was the bid price established?
- 12 A. Aquila Merchant prepared a pro forma with estimated project costs and estimated
- revenues over the life of the project. The revenues included those from MPS should
- 14 Aquila Merchant win the bid, and projections of revenues from the wholesale market for
- capacity not sold to MPS. This pro forma was the financial model used as the basis for
- pricing. The model determined the internal rate of return ("IRR") and net present value
- of the returns to see if the project would meet Aquila Merchant's financial criteria for
- doing the project.
- 19 Q. Has this information been provided to Staff?
- 20 A. Yes, it is contained in a pro forma provided in the response to Data Request No. MPSC-
- 21 301.
- Q. How was the final bid price, contained in MEP's January 12, 1999 letter in Schedule MS-
- 4, established?

- 1 A. MEP evaluated potential price reductions in response to word from Mr. DeBacker, after
- 2 January 5, 1999, to the effect that "MEP was not the low bidder, can MEP improve its
- offer?" Once MEP decided on final pricing, the January 12 letter was completed and
- 4 delivered to MPS.
- 5 Q. Did Aquila Merchant evaluate other markets for the plant capacity and energy besides
- 6 MPS?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. Why did Aquila Merchant look at other markets?
- 9 A. Wholesale power markets were being deregulated as a result of FERC initiatives. FERC
- Order 888, issued in 1996, required utility transmission owners that were subject to
- FERC jurisdiction to file Open Access Transmission Tariffs to provide transmission
- 12 access on a non-discriminatory basis to wholesale market participants. Aquila Merchant
- was one such participant. Open access transmission service provided opportunities to sell
- capacity and energy to purchasers located outside MPS. New buyers and sellers, as well
- as existing utilities, were entering the wholesale market as FERC granted the authority to
- sell power at market rates to these entities. Lastly, much of the country was considering
- "deregulation" of retail electric markets. That meant that buyers of capacity and energy
- might change over time. Local regulated utilities, which had been the major purchasers
- of those resources, might be replaced by power marketers, aggregators or another entity.
- 20 In Missouri, retail deregulation was being discussed in the General Assembly. I myself
- 21 testified on the property tax implications to a joint legislative committee in late 1999.
- These actual and anticipated changes meant that local markets could change, and that a

1		plant owner should have access to markets elsewhere to be able to sell capacity and
2		energy from a new power plant.
3	Q.	What other markets did Aquila Merchant consider?
4	A.	At the time Aquila Merchant was bidding to MPS, it had considered the need for capacity
5		in a number of reliability regions, including SPP, SERC, MAPP (Mid-Continent Area
6		Power Pool), MAIN (Mid-America Interconnected Network), and ECAR (East Central
7		Area Reliability Coordinating Council). These reliability regions cover most of the
8		central United States and much of the Eastern Interconnection.
9	Q.	How was this market assessment incorporated into the economics of the Pleasant Hill
10		project?
11	A.	During the bidding process, Aquila Merchant projected the need for capacity in these
12		regions starting in the summer of 2005. It also projected the "spark spread," which is the
13		difference between power price and variable production cost, from 1999 forward. The
14		results of this market assessment were incorporated into the project pro forma as part of
15		the projected revenues that were expected to be earned from sales to third parties in the
16		wholesale market.
17	Q.	Did Aquila Merchant expect to continue capacity and energy sales to MPS when the
18		initial contract expired?
19	A.	No.
20	Q.	What did Aquila Merchant conclude after looking at the market in these areas?
21	A.	The conclusion was that the internal rate of return was only ****** for the first
22		******, but that it would be ****** over a ****** time horizon.
23		The internal rate of return during the early years was below Aquila Merchant's "hurdle

rate" for making the investment. However, over the longer time period, the hurdle rate 1 was met. As a result, it made sense to participate in the bidding to MPS. 2 Was this information provided to Company senior management? 3 Q. Yes, it is contained in presentations that were provided to Staff in the response to Data A. 4 Request No. MPSC-301. Those presentations include a January 5, 1999 review with 5 senior management and a February 3, 1999 presentation to the Company's Board of 6 Directors. 7 What was the final cost of the Aries plant? 8 Q. As shown in Schedule MS-8 and our response to Data Request MPSC-231, 9 A. 10 Why is the plant more expensive than the initial estimate? Q. 11 The initial estimate did not include increases in the cost of the fixed price engineering, A. 12 procurement and construction ("EPC") contract, or the combustion turbines, 13 incorporation of the gas pipeline lateral into the project scope, permitting, easement 14 acquisition associated with the gas pipeline lateral, community benefit expenses, 15 increased financial costs, and project contingency. Some of these increases occurred as 16 the project scope became better defined, as is typical on a large construction project. 17 Other cost increases resulted from increasing the plant generating capability to provide 18 future revenues to offset cost increases that were expected or deliberately incorporated, 19 such as the gas pipeline lateral. 20 What types of cost increases were incurred as the project went through development and 21 Q. 22 construction?

1	A.	The increases consisted of equipment and scope upgrades, changes to the financial
2		structure, and other associated costs and project contingencies.
3	Q.	Please explain.
4	A.	EPC contract cost increases included: (1) equipment and scope upgrades for the larger
5		steam turbine and increased duct firing to upsize project generating capability; (2) adding
6		the capability for the plant to supply its own auxiliary power when operating; (3) adding
7		steam injection for power augmentation and a kettle boiler to upsize project generating
8		capability; (4) technical field assistance from Siemens Westinghouse to assist in
9		commissioning of the combustion turbines; (5) increased site development (i.e., rock
10		excavation) costs; (6) higher insurance costs
11		*** Other changes outside the EPC
12		contract included adding the natural gas pipeline lateral to the project scope, and a larger
13		spare parts inventory. Financing cost changes included interest expense and fees
14		associated with the construction loan and increase in the amount of funds borrowed.
15		Other costs included higher costs of land and easement acquisition than originally
16		projected, and of project management during development and construction. Costs were
17		assigned to "project contingency" in order to plan for unexpected cost changes that were
18		not known but could reasonably be expected to occur, such as the higher cost of fuel used
19		during project testing and commissioning.
20	Q.	If it were built today, would this same plant cost more or less than
21		******?
22	A.	It is my belief that it would cost at least that much.
23	Q.	Why?

		EDC contract Black and Veatch ("B&V"),
1	A.	The largest cost of the project, by far, was the EPC contract. Black and Veatch ("B&V"),
2		an international engineering/architecture firm with expertise in power plant construction,
3		was the EPC contractor on this project. B&V has advised me that their price to replicate
4		this plant would be higher than the contract price to build the Aries plant, which included
5		the cost of the combustion turbines. I am aware that shortly after the B&V bid pricing
6		was submitted on Aries, B&V bid a comparable job at a price \$30 million higher and won
7		the job. In addition, B&V lost a substantial sum on this project.
8	Q.	Would current combustion turbine resale prices lower the cost of building a plant
9		identical to Aries today?
10	A.	This is highly unlikely. Siemens Westinghouse 501 "F" combustion turbines may be
11		available, unused and in storage with owners that did not install such equipment in a
12		generating plant. Some of this equipment may be discounted but it would be re-sold
13		without the manufacturer's warranty, which is a major drawback for the purchaser.
14		Nevertheless, I have been advised that the replication cost by Black and Veatch under an
15		Aries-type EPC contract would be higher than before, even if combustion turbines were
16		purchased at prices below what MEPPH paid.
17	Q.	From the Aquila Merchant perspective, what is your conclusion on the merits of the
18		decision to enter into the transaction with MPS?
19	A.	Based on what Aquila Merchant knew at the time, the decision made sense. The bid price
20		to MPS was low but judged adequate to initiate the project, and it was expected that sales to
21		others would provide the remaining revenues needed to support the plant economics. The
22		plant cost was reasonable then and now, and replication costs would in all likelihood be
23		higher today.

1	3.	Staff Overlooked or Ignored Major Cost Elements in its Analysis of the PSA which
2		Invalidate its Proposed Capacity Charge Disallowance
3	Q.	What is the purpose of this part of your testimony?
4	A.	I identify and explain the major cost elements that Staff overlooked or ignored in its
5		proposed disallowance of capacity costs under the PSA.
6	Q.	What was one of the purposes of Staff witness Mark Oligschlaeger's Direct Testimony?
7	A.	He stated on page 2 of his Direct Testimony that he " sponsor[ed] the rationale for the
8		Staff's adjustment to MPS's test year purchased power expenses to remove the portion of
9		the Aries unit expenses above the actual cost of capacity supplied to the MPS customers."
10	Q.	What was Mr. Oligschlaeger's conclusion?
11	A.	He concluded that MPS was paying 100% of the costs of the capacity but only contracted
12		for 60% of the capacity. See Oligschlaeger Direct Testimony at 12-13, 15-16. For
13		example, he stated on page 12, lines 13-15 that "it appears that a regulated utility,
14		MPS, is being required to pay for almost all of the costs of the Aries unit, even though it
15		is not entitled to a proportional amount of the unit's capacity." As I explain below,
16		Staff's assumptions are based upon a fundamental misunderstanding of the PSA and a
17		failure to analyze the data provided to Staff by the Company.
18	Q.	How will you rebut the Staff witness' conclusions?
19	A.	I will explain the cost components associated with owning and operating the Aries plant,
20		which are summarized in Schedule MS-8. The total costs are much larger than the
21		figures Staff has used. The true size of those costs invalidates Staff's conclusions.
22	Q.	Did Mr. Oligschlaeger's testimony discuss how evidence was collected to support its
23		position on the issues?

- 1 A. Generally, yes. The testimony referred to interviews of several individuals, including me.
- 2 Q. Did Mr. Oligschlaeger's Direct Testimony refer to responses to data requests?
- 3 A. The testimony explicitly referred to several data requests from a 2001 rate case (Case No.
- 4 ER-2001-672). However, there were no references that I saw to responses to data
- 5 requests in this rate case.
- 6 Q. Were data requests submitted by Staff in connection with the Aries plant in this rate case?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Were responses to those data requests provided by the Company?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Are those responses treated as highly confidential?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Where are those responses?
- 13 A. All highly confidential responses have been placed in a data room at the Company's
- offices in Kansas City, Missouri. A list of data request responses placed in the data room
- is provided as Schedule MS-6. There are over 70 such responses.
- 16 Q. Have those highly confidential responses been reviewed by Staff?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What evidence do you have that those highly confidential responses concerning Aries
- were reviewed by Staff?
- A. The Company has maintained logs of the date and time each member of the Staff spent
- 21 reviewing the highly confidential responses made available in the data room. The logs,
- and a table prepared from them, are attached as Schedule MS-7.

Do the logs include review periods before Staff's direct testimony was submitted on Q. 1 December 8, 2003? 2 Yes. The logs include over 76 hours of time spent by Mr. Oligschlaeger and Mr. A. 3 Featherstone during the period October 28 through December 31, 2003. Over 47 of those 4 hours were spent reviewing responses through November 25, 2003. 5 Have additional responses been placed in the data room since Staff's direct testimony was Q. 6 7 submitted? Yes. The responses and dates they were placed in the data room are shown in Schedule 8 A. MS-6. 9 What costs did Mr. Oligschlaeger believe were the fixed costs of the Aries plant? 10 Q. He testified that certain lease payments were the fixed costs of the plant. See 11 A. Oligschlaeger Direct Testimony at 12-13. 12 Do these payments represent the fixed costs of the Aries plant? 13 Q. No. 14 A. Why not? 15 Q. The lease payments cited by Mr. Oligschlaeger are based on financing that was never 16 A. consummated and does not exist. Even had such lease payments existed, they were 17 intended to provide financing for the debt of the plant, but not the equity investment that 18 was used to build the plant. The lease payments were never intended to cover plant O&M 19 (operating and maintenance) costs, payments to Cass County (the actual owner of the 20

equity investment in the plant. These costs are separate and distinct from the lease

plant) in lieu of property taxes, depreciation and amortization expenses, or return on the

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1		payments that were to be made to a lender that would provide a portion of the total
2		financing for the project.
3	Q.	Has this information been provided to the Staff?
4	A.	Yes. It was provided in and can easily be developed from several data request responses.
5		It was also explained to Staff on January 13, 2004.
6		a. Explanation of Debt and Equity Costs
7	Q.	What was the final cost of building the plant?
8	A.	The plant cost, shown in Schedule MS-8, is ******
9	Q.	What is the debt on the plant?
10	A.	As of September 30, 2003, the debt was ******
. 11	Q.	What is the equity invested in the plant?
12	A.	The equity is the difference between plant cost and debt, and is ******
13	Q.	What is the interest expense for the twelve months ending September 30, 2003?
14	A.	The twelve month interest expense ending September 30, 2003, shown in Schedule MS-
15		12, is ****** This is the interest expense for the construction loan, which
16		remains in effect.
17	Q.	Should an after-tax return on equity be used in determining the fixed costs of Aries?
18	A.	Yes. The testimony in this rate case has two sets of values proposed for it: (1) 12.25% -
19		by Company witness Don Murry's Direct Testimony at 26; and (2) 9.14% - the midpoint
20		of Staff witness David Murray's Direct Testimony at Schedule 23. Both values are net
21		after income taxes.
22	Q.	What pre-tax cost of equity should be used?

1	A.	The pre-tax cost is determined by dividing the after-tax cost by (1 minus a combined
2		federal and state tax rate). I have used the combined federal and state income tax rate of
3		38.3886% per page 14 of the Direct Testimony of Company witness Ron Klote. Using
4		the actual equity invested in the project, the cost of equity is ****** using
5		Staff's ROE mid-point and ****** using the Company's ROE proposal.
6		These costs are shown in Schedule MS-8.
7	Q.	Should a return on equity be allowed?
8	A.	Yes. Cost of service clearly includes a return on equity. Equity investors will not invest
9		capital if they know the return on their investment will be zero. I have used the ROE
10		values already introduced by the parties in determining fixed costs of the plant.
11	Q.	Given that the debt and equity levels have changed from what was anticipated, what
12		financing costs should Staff have used estimating the fixed costs of the plant?
13	A.	Staff should have used the costs and amounts of debt and equity that do exist, not lease
14		payments under a financing that never occurred.
15	Q.	What is the cost of debt and equity as of September 30, 2003?
16	A.	Interest expense and cost of equity is ****** depending on
17		the ROE value used.
18		b. Explanation of Fixed O&M Expenses
19	Q.	What fixed O&M (operating and maintenance) costs were not included in Staff's
20		analysis?
21	A.	Labor, major maintenance, routine maintenance, materials and supplies, contract services,
22	- 2•	administrative overhead, O&M agreement fees, and other expenses.
22	0	Why are O&M costs considered fixed costs?

- 1 A. An owner of a power plant must have the ability to generate and deliver electricity from
- 2 that plant to a customer when the plant is called upon to do so. To have that capability,
- 3 the plant must be staffed with an operating and maintenance crew, and the plant must be
- 4 maintained. The costs incurred to do so are largely fixed. The variable costs are
- 5 discussed separately, below.
- 6 Q. What do labor costs consist of?
- 7 A. It includes the cost of labor by the plant operator (now a subsidiary of Calpine Corp.) to
- 8 operate the plant, including straight time, overtime, payroll taxes, benefits, bonus
- 9 programs, and employee functions.
- 10 Q. What does major maintenance expense consist of?
- 11 A. These are the costs of combustion turbine inspections (such as hot gas path and major
- inspections) and maintenance including associated parts and services under a long term
- service agreement, maintenance and repair of the Heat Recovery Steam Generators
- 14 ("HRSGs"), maintenance and repair of balance of plant equipment, replacement catalyst
- for the Selective Catalytic Reduction ("SCR") emissions control portion of the HRSGs,
- steam turbine inspections, and major work on the zero discharge water treatment system
- 17 at the plant.
- 18 Q. Do these costs vary from year to year?
- 19 A. Yes. In particular, combustion turbine maintenance inspections are typically scheduled
- 20 based upon the combustion turbine manufacturer's maintenance recommendations.
- 21 Q. What does routine maintenance consist of?
- 22 A. Work on the boilers, turbines, and balance of plant, including water treatment and zero
- discharge systems.

- 1 Q. What do materials and supplies consist of?
- 2 A. Service equipment, plant vehicles, water treatment, shop equipment, warehouse
- gequipment, safety equipment, waste disposal, and consumables.
- 4 Q. What do contract services consist of?
- 5 A. This category includes lateral gas line management, insulation repairs, landscaping,
- janitorial services, consultants, audit and assessment, outage technical support, distributed
- 7 control system (DCS) technical support, fire protection, and environmental services.
- 8 Q. What does administrative overhead consist of?
- 9 A. Training, travel and partnership meetings, office supplies, shipping and freight, license
- and permitting fees, telephone and utilities, computer network and software fees, office
- furnishings and miscellaneous equipment, community relations, property taxes (if
- 12 applicable), and insurance.
- 13 Q. What do other expenses consist of?
- 14 A. Contingency expenses, if applicable.
- 15 Q. What do the O&M agreement fees consist of?
- 16 A. This is the fee, above costs, that the operator receives for operating the plant.
- 17 Q. Has this fixed cost information been provided to the Staff?
- 18 A. Yes. The fixed O&M cost for the twelve months ending September 30, 2003 was
- provided in the response to Data Request No. MPSC-231. This response is in the data
- 20 room discussed above.
- 21 Q. Was this information reviewed by Staff?
- 22 A. The logs provided in Schedule MS-7 show that the response to Data Request No. MPSC-
- 23 231 containing this information was reviewed on October 28, 30, and November 12, 2003

by Mr. Featherstone. The logs indicate that Mr. Featherstone checked out this response 1 for just under five hours. 2 Are these costs included in the lease payments that Staff used? 3 Q. No. 4 A. What was the actual fixed O&M expense for the twelve months ending September 30, 5 Q. 2003? 6 The expense was \*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_\*\*\* and is shown in Schedule MS-8. 7 A. In Mr. Oligschlaeger's deposition on January 8, 2004, was he asked what specific cost 8 Q. information contained in the data requests for the current rate case was used in preparing 9 his testimony? 10 Yes. He stated that he did not directly use the cost information in the data room. See A. 11 Oligschlaeger Dep. at page 55, line 12. 12 Discussion of Variable O&M Expenses 13 Is variable O&M expense included in the costs described above? 14 Q. No. It is budgeted and identified separately. 15 A. What do variable costs consist of? 16 Q. Water supply expense, water treatment chemicals, zero discharge waste disposal costs, 17 A. electricity (for station service when the plant is not on line and providing its own power 18 for that purpose), and ammonia (for emissions control). In this case, fuel for dispatch is 19 not included because MPS provides the fuel for its electricity requirements from Aries. 20 What was the actual variable O&M expense for the twelve months ending September 30, 21 Q. 2003? 22

1	A.	Variable O&M expense for this period was ****** and is shown on			
2		Schedule MS-8.			
3	Q.	Was this information reviewed by Staff?			
4	A.	The response to Data Request No. MPSC-289 containing this information was reviewed			
5		on October 28, 29, and 30, 2003 by both Mr. Oligschlaeger and Mr. Featherstone. The			
6		logs indicate that Mr. Oligschlaeger reviewed this response for three hours and twelve			
7		minutes during that period, and that Mr. Featherstone reviewed this response for four			
8		hours and six minutes during that period.			
9	Q.	Are these costs included in the lease that does not exist?			
10	A.	No.			
11		d. Explanation of Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILOT") to Cass County			
12	Q.	Is a Payment in Lieu of Taxes ("PILOT") included in the fixed O&M costs discussed			
13		above?			
14	A.	Yes.			
15	Q.	What are the PILOT amounts due to Cass County?			
16	A.	For calendar year 2002, the amount is ******. For calendar years 2003 through			
17		2006, the amount is ****** annually.			
18	Q.	Has this information been provided to Staff?			
19	A.	Yes. This information was provided in response to Data Request No. MPSC-561.			
20	Q.	Why would Cass County enter into an agreement that resulted in PILOT payments that			
21		were lower than property taxes?			
22	A.	First, it was a way to keep dollars in Cass County that might otherwise be re-distributed			
23		by the State to other areas. Proposed Senate Bill 300 would have distributed property			

1		taxes on merchant power plants to local government entities based on pole-miles of the		
2		local utility, which if enacted would have reduced Cass County's revenues from the plant		
3		by over *** By agreeing to a Chapter 100 bond issue and the associated		
4		PILOT, that scenario was avoided. Cass County received the PILOT payments from		
5		MEPPH for itself and other government entities in the county. Second, the agreement		
6		was an economic development incentive to attract a large project that would provide		
7		several hundred construction jobs, and permanent jobs for the operating crew. Third, the		
8		project would help expand Cass County's water supply, which was considered deficient.		
9		The Aries plant consumes large volumes of water when it is operating, so MEPPH		
10		contracted with the City of Kansas City's Water Services Department to supply water to		
11		the plant through a new water pipeline to be extended to the plant. That pipeline was		
12		sized to exceed Aries requirements, leaving water capacity available for sale by Kansas		
13		City to other purchasers (such as public water supply districts) in Cass County.		
14	Q.	Has the Staff reviewed the PILOT concept and the amounts in question?		
15	A.	Yes. The response noted above was reviewed on December 18, 2003 after Staff's direct		
16		testimony was submitted. The PILOT concept was explained during my interview, notes		
17		of which are contained in response to Data Request No. MPSC-549. It is my		
18		understanding that the PILOT payments were also listed and described in response to		
19		Data Request No. MPSC-598 in the last rate case.		
20		e. Depreciation and Amortization Expense		
21	Q.	What is the actual depreciation and amortization expense for the twelve months ended		
22		September 30, 2003?		
23	A.	That expense is ****** and is shown in Schedule MS-8.		

- 1 Q. Why does this expense exist if Cass County owns the plant?
- 2 A. The plant is leased by Cass County to MEPPH under a capital lease agreement. I am
- advised that under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, MEPPH incurs
- depreciation and amortization expense for such a capital lease.

# 5 f. Role of Cass County

- 6 Q. What is the role of Cass County, Missouri in the ownership and financing of the Aries
- 7 power plant?
- 8 A. Cass County owns the plant through a bond that it issued according to Chapter 100 of the
- 9 Revised Statues of Missouri. It is, therefore, a participant in the transactions that led to
- the financing of the Aires plant. However, as contemplated by state law, Cass County is
- largely a passive entity that does not control the financing of the plant or its operations.
- 12 Q. Why is Cass County the owner of the plant?
- 13 A. As explained to Staff in my interview (contained in the response to Data Request No.
- MPSC-549), this technique was used to enable the project to obtain property tax relief in
- exchange for negotiated "payments in lieu of taxes" ("PILOT" payments) that MEPPH
- would make to Cass County. This is a standard economic development tool that is used
- by Missouri local governments to attract investment. Local communities benefit from the
- associated economic growth associated with a project, including construction and
- operating jobs and payroll, associated infrastructure improvements, the PILOT payments,
- and future tax payments when the Chapter 100 bonds are redeemed or retired. A property
- 21 tax abatement using Chapter 100 bonds was one of the incentives used by the City of
- 22 Kansas City in 1996 to persuade Harley-Davidson, Inc. to build a motorcycle
- 23 manufacturing plant in Kansas City.

1	Q.	How does Cass County "ownership" of the plant affect the structure of the project?			
2	A.	Schedule MS-9 shows the Aries project structure in 1999, before Calpine participation			
3		and Cass County ownership were consummated, and at present.			
4		g. Summary of total annual costs			
5	Q.	Based on the actual data noted above, what are the total costs for Aries?			
6	A.	The answer is shown in Schedule MS-8. The sum of fixed O&M expense, variable O&M			
7		expense, interest expense, depreciation and amortization, and a ROE (for which two			
8		values are shown) results in a total cost of ownership of			
9		*** the costs paid by MPS for the power			
10		purchased under the Power Sales Agreement.			
11	Q.	What are the MPS power purchase payments to MEPPH for the twelve months ended			
12		September 30, 2003?			
13	A.	As stated in Schedule MS-8, the payments are ******			
14	Q.	What proportion of total plant costs do the MPS power payments represent?			
15	A.	The power payments represent ****** of the total costs, depending on the			
16		ROE used.			
17	Q.	Are these proportions materially different from those provided in Staff's direct			
18		testimony?			
19	A.	Yes. Staff estimated that MPS was paying approximately 100% of the fixed costs, as can			
20		be seen by reviewing Mr. Oligschlaeger's Direct Testimony at page 11, lines 4-8; page			
21		12, lines 5-6, 13-15, 18-20 and 21-23; and page 13, lines 2-4, 10-12 and 16-19.			

1	Q.	What is your opinion on Staff's belief that MPS is paying almost all of the fixed costs of
2		the Aries plant but receiving less than 60% of the capacity, and that this is an example of
3		affiliate abuse?
4	A.	Staff's analysis is seriously flawed. It considers only the costs associated with a permanent
5		financing that did not occur. Staff did not consider actual interest expense, O&M costs,
6		PILOT payments to Cass County, depreciation and amortization, or a return on the equity
7		that has been invested by the partners in the plant. Such costs are substantial and material.
8		When those costs are properly recognized, MPS's capacity payments are less than what
9		would result from a pro-rata allocation of actual fixed costs.
10		h. Review of Staff Estimate of MPS Capacity Share
11	Q.	What percent of the Aries plant capacity did Staff use as the basis for a cost allocation to
12		MPS?
13	A.	As stated on page 16 of Mr. Oligschlaeger's Direct Testimony, "Staff developed a factor
14		of 59.83% (derived by dividing 350 MWs by 585 MWs)." On page 17, Mr.
15		Oligschlaeger recommended 61.31% based on an alternative methodology.
16	Q.	Are either of these approaches an appropriate way to allocated fixed costs to MPS?
17	A.	No.
18	Q.	Please explain.
19	A.	There are two issues involved with this question. One is whether fixed costs should be
20		considered when a power supply contract is based on competitive bidding. Staff appears
21		to want to have it both ways. On the one hand, Staff agreed that the selection of MEPPH
22		as a result of a competitive bidding process was a reasonable result. On the other hand,
22		Staff insists on using a cost-of-service, non-market approach to determine what it thinks

MPS should have been charged and now be allowed to recover in rates. It places MPS in a no-win situation.

The second issue is the value of summer capacity relative to winter capacity. Staff's analysis on page 16 of Mr. Oligschlaeger's direct testimony assumes no difference in economic value for the purpose of cost allocation. On page 17, an attempt is made to recognize the difference. However, the testimony on page 17 fails to recognize the higher heat rate, and therefore lower value, of the 85 MW of duct-fired capacity. Staff did not consider this significant distinction. Is capacity with the same heat rate worth more in the summer than the winter?

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Yes. Because summer power demands significantly exceed winter demands, the need for A. power generating capacity is typically higher in the summer months, as is its market price. That summer peak demands exceed the winter period is shown in Schedule MS-10, which contains Southwest Power Pool non-coincident peak load data by day for calendar year 2003. The highest peak demand was on August 21, 2003 (a date during the 6-month summer period under the PSA), and is listed by SPP as 38,321 MW. The highest peak demand during the six winter months (January through March and October through December) during 2003 is 26,022 MW, or 68% of the non-coincident summer peak, on February 25, 2003. See Staff Witness David Elliott Dep. at page 13, line 13 (Jan. 8, 2004)(summer capacity is more valuable than winter capacity). This evidence is consistent with my experience as a power marketer. In order for MEPPH to offer more capacity in the summer than in the winter, and still have a reasonable expectation that it will obtain sufficient revenues from all sources to cover its costs, MEPPH needed to

1		charge more for its summer-only capacity. And this is exactly what MEPPH did, as			
2		documented in the PSA provided in response to Data Request No. MPSC-384.			
3	Q.	What is your conclusion on the merits Staff's testimony that MPS is paying almost all of			
4		the fixed costs of the Aries plant but receiving less than 60% of the capacity?			
5	A.	As indicated above, Staff's analysis considers only the cost associated with a permanent			
6		financing that did not occur. Staff also did not consider fixed operating and maintenance			
7		costs, PILOT payments to Cass County, actual interest expense, depreciation and			
8		amortization, or a return on the equity that has been invested by the partners in the plant.			
9		This information has been provided to Staff. As was demonstrated, those costs are			
10		substantial and material. When those costs that were overlooked or not considered by			
11		Staff are recognized, MPS capacity payments are far less than what would result from a			
12		pro-rata allocation of actual fixed costs. Staff's failure to recognize those costs in its			
13		analysis invalidates Staff's conclusions.			
14	<u>4.</u>	No disallowance of costs is appropriate when all costs are considered			
15	Q.	Is any disallowance of costs appropriate when all costs are considered?			
16	A.	No. There is no justification to disallow any portion of the MPS payments to MEPPH			
17		under the PSA.			
18	Q.	Please explain.			
19	A.	First, let me reiterate that I do not believe this fixed-cost approach should be used for the			
20		reasons stated above. It is inconsistent with the Commission's Order that permitted a fair			
21		and open competitive bidding process, which is what occurred. However, if this			
22		approach is adopted, Mr. Oligschlaeger's recommendations are without factual basis. He			
23		proposed on page 17 of his Direct Testimony that MPS should be responsible for 61.31%			

1		of the cost of the Aries plant capacity. This was an alternative to his Direct Testimony on			
2		page 16 that MPS should be responsible for 59.83% of the costs of the plant's capacity.			
3		Applying either of these allocation percentages to the actual costs of the plant results in a			
4		cost allocation to MPS that <u>substantially exceeds</u> the ****** in payments			
5		that MPS is making to MEPPH under the PSA, as noted above. See Schedule MS-8.			
6		In other words, because Mr. Oligschlaeger's allocations recommend that MPS be			
7		responsible for either a low figure of ****** or a high figure of ***			
8		***, Staff is in essence recommending that MPS pay more to MEPPH than what			
9		it is actually paying under the PSA.			
10	Q.	What is your recommendation based on this analysis?			
11	A.	When Staff's methodology is corrected by incorporating substantial and material fixed			
12		costs that Staff did not consider, the resulting cost allocation exceeds what MPS is paying			
13		in capacity charges under the contract. Therefore, the capacity charge is fully justified,			
14		and no disallowance of such costs in MPS rates is reasonable or appropriate.			
15	Q.	Does this conclude your testimony at this time?			
16	A.	Yes, it does.			

# LIST OF SCHEDULES

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MS-9	Aries Project Structure
MS-10	Southwest Power Pool Non-coincident Peak Load Data for 2003

# SCHEDULE MS-1 RESUME OF MAX A. SHERMAN

#### Max Sherman

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Core Skills: Leadership and team motivation, organization, project management, cost and schedule control, development, asset management, power marketing, public communication, and regulatory interface at federal and state levels.

Education: B.S. Engineering (Materials Science), UCLA -- 1971.

M.S. Metallurgy and Metal Processing, UCLA -- 1974.

M.S. Nuclear Engineering, University of Wisconsin -- 1975.

Introductory accounting & finance courses at Tulane University

#### WORK EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### August 2003 to present

Tyr Energy, Inc.

Senior Consultant performing asset management, regulatory and contract consulting services for a client with utility and "non-regulated" merchant power businesses; and a partnership that owns a merchant power plant.

#### November 2002 to July 2003

Centerstone Energy Partners, LLC

Partner in a startup formed to acquire, own, operate, manage, optimize and monetize power generation assets. Strategy is to take advantage of this part of the business cycle. Successes include raising capital to support bids on selected assets, being awarded an exclusive on one asset, and being short-listed on several others.

#### May 1996 to October 2002

Aquila Merchant Services, Inc.

Company was a top-five wholesale energy merchant that marketed and traded energy products and services (gas, power, coal, weather hedges) in North American wholesale markets. Power plant development supported the origination and trading businesses. At the peak of the trading boom, annual revenues were ~\$40 billion.

#### 1999 to 2002 Vice President, Project Development

- Led Aquila's eastern U.S. power plant development efforts in Aquila's Capacity Services business unit. Strategy was to develop and hold sites for the next business cycle. Supervised a development team to accomplish the objective. Suspended efforts when Aquila decided to exit the business.
- Led development of a \$135 million, 310 MW peaking plant in Mississippi completed Summer 2002. Project was on time and on budget. Role included project structuring, cost/schedule management, economic development negotiations

with local officials, site acquisition, interconnection agreements, water and fuel supply, regulatory interface, community relations, tax abatement, contracting, development of a 24 mile transmission line, and a municipal bond financing. Obtained political support at all levels including the governor.

#### 1999 Senior Director, Merchant Energy Partners business unit

• Led development of Aquila's first power project, a \$275 million, 585 MW combined cycle plant in Missouri completed in February 2002. Assembled a development team from across and outside the organization. The team acquired the site, easements, permits, water supply, regulatory approvals, tax abatement, interconnection agreements, combustion turbines, EPC and other contracts and got the project into construction in 9½ months (half the usual time).

#### 1996 to 1998 Director, Power Marketing

- Helped start up the power origination business for this power marketer, focusing on SPP and SERC. Role was to establish contractual infrastructure with counter parties, originating transactions, and enhancing corporate skill base as needed. Served as Aquila's lead SPP representative. Met all annual profitability targets.
- Largest transaction was Aquila's first long term toll -- 20 years on a 279 MW combined cycle generating unit with net margin valued at \$22 million. This success accelerated formation of Aquila's Capacity Services business unit.

#### March 1993 to May 1996 Entergy Power Group

This Entergy business unit was formed to invest in domestic and overseas projects, and to own and market 809 MW of U.S. generation after it was spun out of the utility.

#### Manager, Business Development

- Managed Entergy's first asset-based merchant power business, Entergy Power, Inc. ("EPI"), a \$175 million, 809 MW subsidiary. Had de facto P&L, budget, asset management and regulatory responsibility. Successes including achieving profitability for this merchant generating business as planned. Reported to a vice president or business unit executive.
- Led a team of power marketing professionals. Sold 400 MW long-term, plus short-term sales.
- Asset management role included control of a generating unit 100% owned by EPI, and oversight of a minority interest in a second unit. Successes included planning, funding and leading a plant overhaul which restored a unit to acceptable performance levels.

## April 1980 to February 1993 -- Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy's service company)

1991 to 1993 EPI Business Development Manager

Assigned pricing responsibility for 809 MW of merchant capacity. Sold 140 MW under long-term contracts, plus short-term sales.

# 1984 to 1991 Power Transactions Administrator

- Selected as Entergy's first power marketer. Assignments included marketing capacity and energy in wholesale markets; obtaining executive approvals for transactions; tracking and reporting profitability to senior management, and managing the regulatory approval process for sales contracts.
- Accomplishments included expanding Entergy's geographic marketing reach into much of the central and southeastern U.S. Successes included 1330 MW of long term capacity sales plus numerous short-term sales.
- Grew wholesale sales to a significant portion of Entergy's business. Performance metrics included growing annual energy sales from 0.1 million MWh in 1984 to 4
   6 million MWh; and annual pretax profit from ~\$0.5 million to ~\$20 million in late 1980's and ~\$45-50 million in 1990's.
- Helped start up Entergy's first merchant power marketing business (EPI).

# 1981 to 1984 Senior Staff Technical Assistant

- Oversight role on the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, reporting to a owner VP.
   Responsible for monitoring construction progress and review of all contracts with suppliers. Learned how these plants should and should not be built.
- Assigned by Chairman to supply a nuclear energy exhibit to the 1984 World's Fair. The project was on time, over funded, and made refunds to sponsors.

# 1980 to 1981 Fuel Market Analyst

 Responsible for evaluation and selection of nuclear fuel cycle vendors; planning and executing swaps/loans to lower inventory costs.

# January 1976 to April 1980 Commonwealth Edison (now Exelon)

This Chicago utility had a large nuclear power plant fleet. It participated in a fast breeder reactor project in Oak Ridge, TN to learn how to design, build and operate the next generation of nuclear power plants.

# Components Engineer

 Managed contractor design, fabrication and delivery of \$100 million of Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant equipment, and related R&D programs. Equipment (tanks, vessels, heat exchangers, pumps) was built on time and under budget.
 Developing project management skills was essential to success of these projects.

# Summers 1971 to 1974 Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory

#### Summer Staff Scientist

Performed research into fusion reactor materials design and development

### 1971 to 1973 University Cooperative Housing Association (UCLA housing coop)

#### Member, Board of Directors

• Owner's Representative on a dormitory construction job next to UCLA campus.

Professional: Former member, Engineering & Operating Committee, Southwest Power Pool
Past Chairman, Commercial Practices Committee, SPP
Former member, SPP Regional Pricing Working Group
Past Chairman, Louisiana Nuclear Society.

#### **SCHEDULE MS-2**

# AQUILA POWER CORPORATION PROPOSAL

TO

#### MISSIOURI PUBLIC SERVICE

**DATED JULY 6, 1998** 

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# **AQUILA ENERGY**

July 6, 1998

Max A. Sherman Director Power Marketing

Mr. Kiah Harris Manager - Business Analysis and Consulting Burns & McDonnell 9400 Ward Parkway Kansas City, Missouri 64114

Subject:

Request for Proposals for Resource Specific Capacity and Energy for Missouri

Public Service

Dear Mr. Harris:

Aquila Power Corporation, a power marketing subsidiary of Aquila Energy, is pleased to respond to Missouri Public Service Company's RFP for resource specific capacity and energy. We are offering capacity from a generating project to be constructed in Mississippi with a commercial operation date of June 1, 2000. We are offering terms of one to four years, with buyout provisions which maximize the flexibility available to MPS. While the project is a combined cycle project, we have structured our proposal as a peaking capacity proposal to meet what we understand to be MPS' capacity requirements.

We believe our prices are competitive and will be economically attractive to MPS. Estimated transmission costs are included in the pricing, as separate components and alternatives priced separately. Actual transmission costs will be the basis for billing.

Because this proposal contains proprietary information relating to our specific generating unit, Aquila Power requests that Burns and McDonnell treat this proposal as confidential in accordance with the confidentiality agreement between Aquila and Burns and McDonnell.

Our proposal shall remain valid for ninety days, unless otherwise extended by Aquila Power. However, pricing will necessarily be subject to revision due to changing market conditions until consummation of a contract between the parties.

Mr. Kiah Harris Burns & McDonnell July 6, 1998

We thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal. Should you have any questions concerning this submittal, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We look forward to meeting Missouri Public Service Company's requirements.

Very truly yours,

Max Sherman

Director, Power Marketing

Enclosure

cc: David Stevenson

Jeff James

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# AQUILA POWER CORPORATION PROPOSAL

## TO

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Aquila Power is offering peaking capacity to Missouri Public Service from a generating unit be built in Batesville, Mississippi, under terms and conditions which are summarized as follows

Term:

Various terms are offered from June 1, 2000 through May 31, 2004, with buyout options for the last 2 contract years.

Type of Service: Unit power with a 93% minimum guaranteed annual equivalent availability.

Designated Unit: A nominal 267 MW combined cycle generating unit to be constructed by LS Power LLC at an industrial park at the Entergy/TVA border in Batesville, Mississippi. The unit is fully permitted. Initial financing and breaking ground to start construction is expected to start in late July 1998. Aquila Power has executed a contract to purchase the capacity and the right to toll energy from the unit for a term well beyond the period requested by the subject RFP.

Capacity price:

We have priced the capacity at the site, and provided a number of transmission options to move the power and associated energy to MPS' system. The least cost firm transmission path from the project to MPS, across Entergy and Ameren, is presently ~\$2.00/kW-month. The capacity prices under various options are shown below:

# Option 1

\$10,000/MW-month from June 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000 (100 MW)

\$750/MW-month from October 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001 (75 MW)

# Option 2 (75 MW)

\$3,833.33/MW-month from June 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001

# Option 3 (Up to 100 MW)

\$4,000/MW-month from June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2002 \$4,500/MW-month from June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003 \$5,000/MW-month from June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004

Buyout option cost for termination during the contract year of June 2002 through May 31, 2003 is \$10,000/MW. Buyout option cost

termination during the contract year of June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004 (except on May 31, 2004) is \$20,000/MW.

Energy Price:

\$100.00/MWh plus the actual cost of transmission losses and/or ancillary services for delivery of the power to MPS. At present, the estimated cost of transmission losses across Entergy and Ameren (the least cost firm path) is \$3.41/MWh.

Delivery Points: APC will deliver energy to MPS' interconnections with the Eastern interconnection. This includes MPS' direct interconnections with Ameren, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., Kansas City Power & Light, and Western Resources.

Transmission:

Transmission charges will be billed to MPS at Aqulia's actual cost. Aquila has identified transmission across Entergy and Ameren as the least cost firm transmission path from the Batesville project which meets the RFP requirements. Present prices for firm transmission on this path range from ~\$2000/MW-month ~\$2162/MW-month, depending on whether annual or monthly firm service is purchased from Entergy. However, Aquila believes that it may be possible for MPS to relax the requirement for firm service to MPS if the capacity were to be delivered across Entergy to the Southwest Power Pool. Aquila has therefore shown transmission pricing in Tab 7 for a variety of alternative scenarios for consideration by MPS.

Market Conditions:

Pricing is necessarily subject to revision due to changing market conditions, up to execution of a contract between the parties.

#### DESIGNATED GENERATING UNIT

The designated generating unit is a nominal 267 MW combined cycle generating unit to constructed by LS Power LLC at an industrial park at the Entergy/TVA border in Batesvil Mississippi. The unit is one of three units to be constructed on the site, with a nominal to capacity rating of 800 MW. Aquila Power has executed a contract to purchase the capacity a the right to toll energy from one unit for a term well beyond the period requested by MP Request for Proposals. The project will interconnect with both the Tennessee Valley Author and the Entergy transmission systems at 161 kV. Aquila has been advised that the EI contractor and generating equipment vendor have been selected. Because these vendor selectio have not been made public, Aquila is not able to disclose who these entities are at this time.

LS Power LLC has advised Aquila Power that the project is fully permitted, and provided a cop of the major permits (which are listed below). The project schedule calls for initial financing at breaking ground to start construction in late July 1998, in order to meet a June 1, 2000 in-service date specified in Aquila's power purchase agreement with LS Power.

#### Major Permits and Approvals for Batesville Project

- Public Service Commission of Mississippi Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Docket No. 97-UA-513, dated December 12, 1997
- State of Mississippi Air Pollution Control Permit No. 2100-00054, dated November 25, 199 (both permission to construct and permission to operate)
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. MS0052931, date December 12, 1997
- Mississippi Permit to Divert or Withdraw for Beneficial Use the Public Waters, Permit No. MS-SW-02744, dated November 25, 1997.
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generato Status, Docket No. EG98-59-000, dated April 28, 1998.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide/General Permit Nos. NW07, NW12, NW25 NW26 and GP22, issued December 4, 1997.
- City of Batesville, MS Confirmation of Appropriate Zoning, dated April 24, 1997.

Copies of these permits can be provided upon request.

#### **TERM**

Various terms are offered to be as flexible as possible in meeting MPS' requirements:

#### Option 1

June 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000 (100 MW)
October 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001 (75 MW)
(Aquila is willing to discuss each Option 1 period separately)

# Option 2 (75 MW)

June 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001

#### Option 3 (Up to 100 MW)

June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2002 June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003 June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004

Buyout options are offered for termination during the last two contract years of Option 3.

#### **QUANTITY**

The following quantities of capacity are offered, using the Options described in Tab 4, abc

Option 1: 100 MW for summer 2000 (June 1, 2000 through September 30, 200

75 MW for non-summer months (October 1, 2000 through May 31,

Option 2: 75 MW June 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001

Option 3: Up to 100 MW for the last three (3) contract years (June 1, 2001 three

May 31, 2004).

Options 1 and 2 are mutually exclusive. Aquila would be willing to consider selling the su and non-summer months in Option 1 separately.

Option 3 may be selected by MPS, if it desires, only if it has agreed to purchase capacity Options 1 or 2.

#### CAPACITY PRICE

We have priced the capacity at the site, and provided a number of transmission options to move the power and associated energy to MPS' system at MPS' cost. The least cost firm transmission path from the project to MPS, across Entergy and Ameren, is presently ~\$2.00/kW-month. The capacity prices under various options are shown below:

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\$5,000/MW-month from June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004

**Buyout option costs** 

\$10,000/MW for termination during the contract year of June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003.

\$20,000/MW for termination during the contract year of June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004 (except on May 31, 2004).

The buyout option can be exercised with no less than 12 months' prior written notice by MPS to Aquila Power.

# TRANSMISSION SERVICE

Transmission charges will be billed to MPS at Aqulia's actual cost. Aquila has identified transmission across Entergy and Ameren as the least cost firm transmission path from the Batesville project which meets the RFP requirements. Present prices for firm transmission on this path range from ~\$2000/MW-month ~\$2162/MW-month, depending on whether annual or monthly firm service is purchased from Entergy (refer to Table 1, below). However, Aquila believes that it may be possible for MPS to relax the requirement for firm service to MPS if the capacity were to be delivered across Entergy to the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). This is because capacity delivered to the SPP is expected to be counted by the SPP in order to meet a member utility's reserve capacity obligations (per an Aquila discussion with SPP staff). While the SPP will have a requirement effective October 1, 1998 that firm transmission for purchased capacity is required, there is at present no penalty imposed if this requirement is not met. In addition, the issue of grandfathering capacity transactions which existed before the October 1, 1998 effective date, analagous to grandfathering transmission service transactions entered into before the effective date of the SPP regional transmission tariff, to Aquila's knowledge has not been addressed. There may therefore be an opportunity to grandfather the associated transmission arrangements. For these reasons, Aquila has shown present firm transmissi prices in Table 1, below for alternative scenarios for consideration by MPS.

Table 1 Transmission Scenarios and Present Prices (For capacity from Aquila's designated generating unit in Batesville, MS)

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Path	Utility #1 and cost	Utility #2 and cost	Total (\$/MW-mo)
Project-Entergy -Ameren-MPS	Entergy \$999.10/MW-mo. (incl. 3% cap. Losses) (+\$0.20/MWh anc. Svcs.) (annual firm service)	Ameren \$11974.52 per MW-yr (\$0.21/MWh losses) (annual firm service)	\$1996.98
Project-Entergy -Ameren-MPS	Entergy \$1163.9/MW-mo. (incl. 3% cap. Losses) (+\$0.20/MWh anc. Svcs.) (monthly firm service)	Ameren \$997.86 per MW-mo. (\$0.21/MWh losses) (monthly firm service)	\$2161.76 )
Project-Entergy -AECI-MPS	Entergy \$999.10/MW-mo. (incl. 3% cap. Losses) (+\$0.20/MWh anc. Svcs.) (annual firm service)	AECI \$21192.87 per MW-yr (+\$1.20/MWh losses & (annual firm service)	\$2765.17 & anc. svcs.) HEDULE MS-2

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Project-Entergy

Entergy \$1163.9/MW-mo.

AECI \$1766.08 per MW-mo.

\$2929.98

-AECI-MPS (incl. 3% cap. Losses)

(+\$0.20/MWh anc. Svcs.) (+\$1.2

(+\$1.20/MWh losses & anc. svcs.)

(monthly firm service)

(monthly firm service)

Project-TVA TVA \$2041/MW-mo.

Ameren \$997.86

\$3038.86

-Ameren-MPS

(+. 3% losses)

per MW-mo.

(monthly firm service)

(\$0.21/MWh losses)

(monthly firm service)

# **ENERGY PRICE**

The offered energy price is \$100.00/MWh plus the actual cost of transmission losses and/or ancillary services for delivery of the power to MPS. At present, the estimated cost of transmission losses across Entergy and Ameren (the least cost firm path) is \$3.41/MWh.

#### **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

#### Operation

LS Power will be responsible for operation of the designated generating unit. Aquila Power will be responsible for the fuel supply. The unit will be operated and maintained in accordance with equipment manufacturer recommendations.

#### Maintenance

LS Power will be responsible for maintaining the unit in accordance with equipment manufacturer recommendations. Aquila's contract with LS Power contains strong incentives for LS Power to schedule maintenance during the low load months in the Spring and Fall, and to minimize the annual scheduled maintenance hours subject to manufacturer's recommendations. Scheduled maintenance is not allowed during the period from June 15 to September 15.

The maintenance schedule for the designated unit is determined annually. The criteria and contract conditions for determining the maintenance schedule are attached. Aquila requests this information be treated as confidential.

# "Section 5.4 Scheduled Maintenance.

(a) At least thirty (30) Days prior to the Commerci Operation Date and thereafter prior to June 1 of each subseque calendar year, Purchaser shall provide to Seller a non-bindi proposed schedule of its projected Dispatch for, in the case the first such schedule, the nineteen (19)-Month period beginning on the Commercial Operation Date, and thereafter for the twelf (12)-Month period beginning on January 1st of the following

Based on Purchaser's projected Dispatch schedule and subject Section 5.4(b), Seller shall provide Purchaser with it proposed maintenance schedule for such twelve (12)-Month peric within ten (10) Days following receipt of Purchaser's projecte Dispatch schedule. Purchaser and Seller shall agree on th expected timing of the Scheduled Maintenance Outages for suc twelve (12)-Month period with no Scheduled Maintenance Outages t occur during the period from June 15 to September 15. Maintenance Outages may be taken in any number of non-contiguous periods, provided number of Scheduled Maintenance Hours does not exceed the amounts specified in Section 5.4(b). coordinate all Scheduled Maintenance Outages with Purchaser by giving Purchaser written notice at least ten (10) Days prior Scheduled Maintenance Outage such notice to include the schedu start date, time, and duration of such Scheduled Maintenance Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, Outage. reasonably, the start date of a Scheduled Maintenance Outage shall occur within one (1) Day of the date the Parties agreed to schedule such Scheduled Maintenance Outage as set forth above To the extent the start of a Scheduled Maintenance Outage deviates by more than one (1) Day from the schedule that had been agreed to, such deviation shall count towards the 120 hours available to Seller pursuant to Section 5.4(c).

(b) Scheduled Maintenance Outages shall be determined in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations in accordance with formulae provided by relevant equipment manufacturers. The number of Scheduled Maintenance Hours shall be further limited to combustion inspection) occurs, 480 hours each calendar year in which a minor inspection (e.g. which a hot gas path inspection occurs, and 840 hours each calendar year in which a Major Inspection occurs. Subject to Purchaser not exceeding 200 Start-Ups per year, the Scheduled Maintenance Outage frequency shall be no greater than annually inspection, and every five (5) years for a hot gas path provided, however, that such maintenance frequencies shall be further subject to changes in the manufacturer's recommendations and to the extent manufacturer's recommendations require

greater frequency of maintenance than that described herein, the frequency of such maintenance shall be adjusted in accordance with such manufacturer's recommendations.

(c) If required in accordance with Prudent Industry Practices or manufacturers' recommendations, Seller may utilize up to 120 Scheduled Maintenance Hours per calendar year to perform maintenance repairs at a different time than designated pursuant to Section 5.4(a). Seller shall provide Purchaser with no less than two (2) Business Days prior notice of such requirement; provided that Seller shall not be entitled to make such re-allocation of Scheduled Maintenance Hours during the period from June 15 through September 15 without the prior consent of Purchaser. Seller shall use its best efforts to schedule such Scheduled Maintenance Outages in a manner that allows Scheduled Maintenance Outages of less than eight (8) contiguous hours to occur during Off-Peak Hours."

# **AVAILABILITY**

The minimum guaranteed annual equivalent availability, once the unit achieves commercial operation, is 93%.

#### **SCHEDULING**

Scheduling of power and energy from the designated generating unit will be by MPS to Aquila by 8:30 a.m the previous business day. This deadline is needed to enable Aquila to nominate natural gas for the unit. Schedules shall be submitted by MPS to Aquila Power by facsimile or telephoned instruction to Aquila's designated representative for this transaction. The minimum schedule block is 25 MW for any hour the power is scheduled. The minimum schedule duration is eight (8) consecutive hours. MPS shall also reimburse Aquila for a pro-rata share of start-up costs; for a 267 MW generating unit approximately 3000 MCf of natural gas is required for start-up.

When Aquila is serving MPS from the generating unit, procedures will need to be established to cover the generating unit ramp rates from synchronization to minimum load, and between minimum and full load. This may mean that changes in scheduled hourly deliveries requested by MPS may need to be accommodated over more time than the ten minute ramp across the top of the hour which is normal practice in SPP. In such event, MPS and Aquila will develop procedures, working with transmission providers, to allow longer ramp times if required to facilitate desired schedule changes.

# **DELIVERY POINTS**

APC will deliver energy to MPS' interconnections with the Eastern interconnection. The
includes MPS' direct interconnections with Ameren, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Kansas City Power & Light, and Western Resources.

#### **BUYOUT OPTIONS**

Buyout option costs are as follows:

\$10,000/MW for termination during the contract year of June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003.

\$20,000/MW for termination during the contract year of June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004 (except on May 31, 2004).

The buyout option can be exercised with no less than 12 months' prior written notice by MPS to Aquila Power.

# CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

Any agreement entered into hereunder will have the conditions precedent to effectiveness of the agreement that:

- 1. The Project will have financial closing occur by August 15, 1998, unless such condition is waived or extended by Aquila Power.
- 2. The effectiveness of the agreement shall also be subject to receipt of all required regulatory approvals, including for Aquila, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and including for MPS the Missouri Public Service Commission.
- 3. Completion of construction and commissioning of the unit as scheduled.
- 4. Acquisition of firm transmission service as directed by Missouri Public Service.

#### **SCHEDULE MS-3**

#### AQUILA POWER LETTER ADVISING OF

#### CONTINUING INTEREST IN SUPPLYING MPS

**DATED** 

**NOVEMBER 9, 1998** 

Aquila Power 10750 East 350 Highway P.O. Box 11739 Kansas City, MO 64138 816-936-8712 Fax: 816-936-8775 msherman@utilicorp.com

#### **AQUILA ENERGY**

Max A. Sherman Director Power Marketing

November 9, 1998

Mr. Frank A. DeBacker Missouri Public Service 10700 East 350 Highway Kansas City, Missouri 64138

Subject:

Power Supply RFP for Missouri Public Service (MPS)

Dear Frank:

This letter responds to your letter of November 6 requesting Aquila respond on whether we continue to have an interest in providing power supply resources to MPS, and to provide any pricing changes and/or other modifications to our original proposal. Please be advised that Aquila Power remains interested in providing power supply resources to MPS. We also have incorporated into our proposed unit power sales agreement the changes we have previously discussed. That document is attached.

Very truly yours,

Max Sherman

Director, Power Marketing

Enclosure

cc:

David Stevenson

John Hall Joe Gocke Jeff James

# Aquila Power

#### -Draft-

## **UNIT POWER SALES AGREEMENT**

between

AQUILA POWER CORPORATION 10750 East 350 Highway Kansas City, Missouri 64138

and

d/b/a
Missouri Public Service
10700 East 350 Highway
P.O. Box 11739
Kansas City, Missouri 64138

ated:	 _
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Agreement No: \_\_\_\_\_

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# UNIT POWER SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN AQUILA POWER CORPORATION AND

# UTILICORP UNITED INC. d/b/a MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE

THIS AGREEMENT, is made and entered into this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1998, by and between AQUILA POWER CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, engaged in the business of purchasing electric power and energy for sale to other entities at wholesale, having its principal office and place of business at 10750 East 350 Highway, Kansas City, Missouri 64138 (hereinafter referred to as "Aquila"), and UTILICORP UNITED INC. d/b/a Missouri Public Service, a Delaware corporation having its principal office and place of business at 10700 East 350 Highway, Kansas City, Missouri 64138 (hereinafter referred to as "MPS"), Aquila and MPS being individually and collectively referred to as, respectively, Party or Parties,

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, MPS desires to purchase 135 megawatts ("135 MW") of unit capacity and energy for the summer of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Aquila desires to sell unit capacity and associated energy from a combined cycle generating unit presently under construction by LSP Energy Limited Partnership in Batesville, Mississippi, ("Batesville Unit 1");

WHEREAS, it is intended that as provided herein the power and energy from Batesville Unit 1 or other Aquila Power Resources will be delivered by Aquila to MPS at the MPS transmission system;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the Parties hereto mutually contract and agree as follows:

## ARTICLE 1 -- DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below:

- 1.1 Agreement. Agreement means this Unit Power Sales Agreement, including when applicable, any amendments and exhibits hereto, that the Parties may execute now or at any time in the future.
- 1.2 Aquila Power Resources. Aquila Power Resources shall mean the Designated Aquila Power Resource and any other electric generating facilities owned or purchased by Aquila (including Aquila's share of power and energy in any jointly owned facilities) or capacity purchased by Aquila from others.

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- 1.3 <u>Batesville Unit 1</u>. Batesville Unit 1 shall mean the designated unit of LSP Energy Limited Partnership's combined-cycle generating station located in Batesville, Mississippi, for which the power and energy is being purchased by Aquila, with an estimated net capability rating of 279 MW as of the date this Agreement is executed.
- 1.4 <u>Billing Month</u>. Billing Month means the period beginning on the first day and extending through the last day of each calendar month during the term of this Agreement.
- 1.5 <u>Business Day</u>. Business Day means any day on which Federal Reserve member banks in New York City are open for business; and a Business Day shall open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. local time for each Party's principal place of business.
- 1.6 <u>Designated Aquila Power Resource</u>. Designated Aquila Power Resource shall mean an Aquila Power Resource designated by Aquila and approved by MPS for generating capacity pursuant to Section 3.1 of this Agreement.
- 1.7 <u>Effective Date of Service</u>. Effective Date of Service shall mean the date on which sales of capacity and associated energy under this Agreement are scheduled to commence, as set forth in Section 2.1 hereof.
- 1.8 Equivalent Availability. Equivalent Availability shall have the meaning as described in Section 5.3 below.
- 1.9 Event of Default. Event of Default shall have the meaning as described in Section 13.1.
- 1.10 <u>FERC</u>. FERC shall mean the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or any successor to its functions.
- 1.11 MPSC. MPSC shall mean the Missouri Public Service Commission, or any successor to its functions.
- 1.12 Points of Delivery. Points of Delivery shall mean points of interconnection between MPS and the Eastern Interconnection, including those interconnections with Ameren (formerly Union Electric Company), Associated Electric Cooperative, Kansas City Power and Light, Western Resources and any point of interconnection which may be established in the future.
- 1.13 Prudent Industry Practices. Prudent Industry Practices shall mean any of the practices, methods, standards and acts (including, but not limited to, the practices, methods and acts engaged in or approved by a significant portion of the electric power generation industry in the United States) that, at a particular time, in the exercise of reasonable judgment in light of the facts known or that should reasonably have been known at the time a decision was made, could have been expected to accomplish the desired result consistent with good business practices, reliability, economy, safety and expedition, and which practices, methods, standards and acts generally conform to operation and maintenance standards recommended by a facility's equipment suppliers and manufacturers, applicable facility design limits and applicable governmental approvals and law.

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- 1.14 <u>Rated Capability</u>. Rated Capability shall mean the capability of any Designated Aquila Power Resource, as such capability is determined from time to time by Aquila or the operator of the Designated Aquila Power Resource pursuant to Prudent Industry Practices.
- 1.15 Regulatory Approval Date. Regulatory Approval Date shall mean \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.16 <u>Taxes</u>. Taxes shall mean any or all ad valorem, property, occupation, severance, generation, first use, conservation, Btu or energy, transmission, utility, gross receipts, privilege, sales, use, excise and other taxes, governmental charges, licenses, fees, permits and assessments, other than taxes based on net income or net worth. "New Taxes" means (i) any Taxes enacted and effective after the effective date of this Agreement, including without limitation, that portion of any Taxes or New Taxes that constitutes an increase, or (ii) any law, rule, order or regulation, or interpretation thereof, enacted and effective after the effective date of this Agreement resulting in the application of any Taxes to a new or different class of Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 2 -- TERM OF AGREEMENT**

- 2.1 <u>Effective Date</u>. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date this Agreement has been executed by both Parties. The Effective Date of Service under this Agreement shall be June 1, 2000.
  - 2.1.1 <u>Conditions Precedent.</u> The following shall be conditions precedent to the Effective Date for Service:
    - (a) Transmission Service Arrangements. Complete execution of final contractual arrangements for the delivery of power from Batesville Unit 1 to MPS within ninety (90) days following the Regulatory Approval Date, upon terms which are satisfactory to both Parties; provided, however, that MPS may elect to have Aquila enter into such arrangements at an earlier date, in which event MPS shall indemnify and reimburse Aquila for all fixed costs associated with such entering into such arrangements, including, without limitation, all deposits and reservation charges imposed on Aquila.
    - (b) <u>Batesville Unit 1 Commercial Operation Date</u>. Certification of the Commercial Operation Date for the Batesville Unit 1 (as defined in Aquila's agreement with the owner of Batesville Unit 1) by June 1, 2000, unless otherwise agreed or Aquila provides power and energy from other Designated Aquila Power Resources to the extent the Commercial Operation Date is delayed.
    - (c) <u>FERC approval</u>. Final approval by FERC of this Agreement upon terms satisfactory to both Parties by the Regulatory Approval Date.
    - (d) MPSC approval. Final approval by the MPSC of this Agreement upon terms satisfactory to both Parties by the Regulatory Approval Date.

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- 2.1.2 Agreement to Fulfill Conditions. Aquila and MPS agree to expeditiously seek to fulfill each of the conditions listed above which is incumbent upon them to satisfy and shall notify the other Party when each condition is satisfied. Each Party shall cooperate with the other in attempting to satisfy the conditions.
- 2.1.3 Failure of Condition Precedent. In the event conditions (a) or (b) above are not achieved by the dates specified therein, MPS shall have the continuing right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice to Aquila. In the event such condition has been satisfied prior to the end of such thirty (30) day period, then such termination shall be of no effect. In the event conditions (c) or (d) above have not been satisfied by the dates specified therein, then, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, this Agreement shall automatically terminate as of such date.
- 2.2 <u>Termination Date</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall continue in effect through September 30, 2000, unless earlier terminated, as provided below:
  - 2.2.1 <u>Default</u> Either Party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article 13 as a result of the other Party's failure to cure an Event of Default.
  - 2.2.2 Changed Agreement. In the event this Agreement or the operation thereof, is changed or modified by the action of any regulatory agency or authority, either Party, if adversely affected to a material extent, shall have the right to negotiate for the necessary relief to alleviate said adverse effects brought on by either the changes or modifications. Once a Party determines that a regulatory change or modification adversely affects such Party, the Party shall give notice of its desire to enter into negotiations, as provided herein above. As soon as practicable after issuance of such notice, the Parties shall commence good faith negotiations to arrive at a mutually agreeable solution to the problem. However, if the Parties are unable to agree on a mutually satisfactory solution within sixty (60) days from the date of the above referenced notice, the aggrieved Party may terminate this Agreement on five (5) month's notice to the other Party.
  - 2.2.3 <u>Conditions Precedent.</u> The termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 2.1.1.
- 2.1.1 above, then neither Party shall have any other obligation to the other under this Agreement. In the event that this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 above, the rights and obligations of the Parties pursuant to this Agreement shall continue unaffected until the termination is effective. Any such termination shall not relieve MPS of its obligation to pay any unpaid invoices for any capacity made available or energy supplied prior to the date such termination is effective, or relieve Aquila of its obligation to deliver scheduled power prior to the date such termination is effective.

# ARTICLE 3 -- CAPACITY AND ENERGY TO BE PURCHASED AND SOLD

Generating Capacity and Energy. Subject to the other provisions of this Agreeme Aquila agrees to sell and MPS agrees to purchase generating capacity in the amount of a hundred and thirty-five megawatts (135 MW) and scheduled energy at the Points of Delive from one or more Designated Aquila Power Resources for the term of this Agreement. To initial Designated Aquila Power Resource for generating capacity and energy shall be Batesvi Unit 1. Aquila may, from time to time at its sole discretion, offer to designate other Aquila Power Resources as the Designated Aquila Power Resource; however, MPS may in its sole discretion reject such offer, in which event, the Designated Aquila Power Resource shall continue to be Batesville Unit 1.

# ARTICLE 4 -- CURTAILMENT OF CAPACITY AND ENERGY

- When Curtailable. Capacity and energy from the Designated Aquila Power Resource fo supply of generating capacity shall be continuously available except that it may be curtailed a the option of Aquila in the event of the occurrence of any or all of the following, as determined by Aquila in accordance with Prudent Industry Practices:
  - 4.1.1 Equipment Failure. Equipment failure requiring reduced operation or shutdown of the Designated Aquila Power Resource for the supply of generating capacity; or
  - 4.1.2 <u>Inspection.</u> Inspection requiring reduced operation or shutdown of the Designated Aquila Power Resource for the supply of generating capacity; or
  - 4.1.3 <u>Maintenance or Repair.</u> Maintenance or repair requiring reduced operation or shutdown of the Designated Aquila Power Resource for the supply of generating capacity; or
  - 4.1.4 <u>Derate</u>. Derate (defined as a reduction in the Rated Capability) of the Designated Aquila Power Resource for the supply of generating capacity, whether such derate is the result of equipment failure, inspection, maintenance or repair or any other cause; or
  - 4.1.5 <u>Transmission Limitations</u>. Transmission limitations on MPS' system affecting MPS' ability to receive the power and energy at the Points of Delivery as required to implement this Agreement, or transmission limitations on the transmission systems of other third parties, when such limitations are judged, in accordance with Prudent Industry Practices, to require curtailment of delivery to MPS; or
  - 4.1.6 Force Majeure. Force Majeure events as defined in Article 12 hereof.

# 4.2 Additional Curtailment Provisions

4.2.1 Effect of Curtailment. When capacity is curtailed pursuant to Section 4.1 hereof, the generating capacity shall be reduced by no more than the ratio of the unavailable capacity to the Rated Capability of the Designated Aquila Power Resource. When the condition leading to curtailment is removed, generating capacity shall be restored to precurtailment levels.

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- 4.2.2 <u>Notice</u>. To the extent practicable, Aquila shall supply MPS reasonable advance notice of all curtailments and interruptions of contracted for capacity and energy under this Agreement.
- 4.2.3 <u>Aquila Power Resource Performance</u>. Aquila shall operate, maintain and restore, either directly or through its agent and operator, the Designated Aquila Power Resource in accordance with Prudent Industry Practices.
- 4.2.4 Other Resources. When delivery of generating capacity or energy to MPS from the Designated Aquila Power Resource is curtailed as set forth above, Aquila shall not be obligated to deliver generating capacity or energy from any other resource.

#### ARTICLE 5 -- PRICE FOR CAPACITY AND ENERGY

- 5.1 <u>Capacity Charge</u>. The capacity charge for the generating capacity for the full contracted quantity for each month of the term of this Agreement is \$6.85 per kilowatt-month (\$6.85/kW-month) from June 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000, plus the actual cost of transmission service and ancillary service charges to deliver the power and energy from Batesville Unit 1 to MPS, as provided in Section 5.5, below.
- 5.2 Energy Charge. The price for all energy delivered by Aquila to MPS under this Agreement is \$100.00/MWh plus the actual cost of transmission losses and ancillary services for delivery of the power to MPS, for the specified firm path from Batesville Unit 1 to MPS as set forth in Section 5.5. In addition, for each start-up of the Designated Aquila Power Resource, MPS shall reimburse Aquila for a pro-rata share of start-up costs. Such reimbursement shall equal MPS' pro-rata share of Aquila's actual cost for 3,000 MMBtu of natural gas at the time of each start-up.
- 5.3 Guaranteed Minimum Equivalent Availability. During the period from June 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000, Aquila guarantees the Equivalent Availability ("EA"), as defined hereafter, of the energy output of the capacity supplied hereunder shall be not less than ninety-three percent (93%). In the event the EA during such period is less than ninety-three percent (93%), the capacity charge specified in Section 5.1 above shall be adjusted as provided below:
  - (i) When EA equals or exceeds 93%, as defined below, the capacity charge is as specified in Section 5.1 above.
  - (ii) When EA is less than 93%, as defined below, the capacity charge shall be \$6.85/kW-month x (EA/0.93).

EA shall be determined as provided below:

EA = (AH - (EUDH + EPDH))/PH

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- AH is the number of available hours during the period (the total number of hours the Unit was electrically connected to the transmission system and reserve shutdown hours, excluding Scheduled Maintenance Hours as defined below);
- EUDH is the number of equivalent unplanned derate hours calculated as the sum, for each unplanned derate, of the product of the number of hours of full or partial derate hours times the size of the reduction divided by the rated generating capability of the Designated Aquila Power Resource for the period. For the purposes of this calculation, an unplanned derate includes forced outages, forced derates, shortages relative to the planned start-up time, shortages relative to the planned ramp rates, and other times when the net electrical output of the Designated Aquila Power Resource is less than the amount of energy dispatched, excluding unavailability due to Force Majeure events;
- EPDH is the number of equivalent planned derate hours, excluding SMH (Scheduled Maintenance Hours) as defined below, calculated as the sum, for each planned derate, of the product of the number hours of full or partial derate hours times the size of the reduction, divided by the available capacity for the period. For the purposes of this calculation, a planned derate excludes unavailability due to Force Majeure events;
- PH is the number of period hours (2928 hours from 00:00 hours Central Prevailing Time (CPT) on June 1, 2000 through 24:00 hours CPT on September 30, 2000) excluding hours of Force Majeure events;
- SMH is the number of scheduled maintenance hours during the period, which in no event shall exceed five (5) days in each of the periods from June 1, 2000 through June 15, 2000 and September 15, 2000 through September 30, 2000; provided, however, that for the period from June 16, 2000 through September 14, 2000, SMH shall be deemed to be zero.

For the purposes of calculating EA, Aquila shall receive credit in the calculation for those hours when the output of the Designated Aquila Power Resource is restricted, when and to the extent Aquila is delivering power and energy to MPS, as scheduled hereunder.

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- 5.4 Exclusive Remedy. The reduction in the Capacity Charge as set forth above shall be MPS' exclusive remedy for any failure of Aquila to deliver capacity and/or energy pursuant to this Agreement, and all other remedies are hereby waived.
- 5.5 <u>Transmission Service Charges</u>. The fixed and variable costs of transmission service or other ancillary service charges associated with delivery of power and energy from Batesville Unit 1 to MPS shall be passed through to MPS, at Aquila's actual cost, with no markup. The variable cost shall be included in the energy charge as set forth in Section 5.2 above. All applicable transmission or other ancillary service costs shall be itemized in sufficient detail as to allow MPS to verify the charges.
- No Petitioning for a Change. Aquila and MPS covenant, to each other's mutual benefit, not to initiate, pursue or support any petition or request with any body having jurisdiction, including but not limited to the FERC, for an increase, decrease or other modification of the rate at which capacity and energy are sold hereunder and as may be initially approved by any applicable regulatory authority, if any.

#### ARTICLE 6 -- SCHEDULING

Subject to the other provisions of this Agreement, in any hour MPS is entitled to schedule and receive energy up to the maximum generating capacity to which MPS is entitled, MPS shall schedule generating capacity and associated energy with Aquila. Schedules for each day shall be made by 8:30 a.m. Central Prevailing Time on the previous Business Day, unless otherwise agreed by Aquila and MPS. Schedules shall be submitted by MPS to Aquila by facsimile or telephoned instruction to Aquila's designated representative for this transaction. The minimum schedule block is 25 MW for any hour the power is scheduled, unless otherwise agreed. The minimum schedule duration is sixteen (16) consecutive hours, and the quantity shall be fixed at a single MW value for the schedule duration (unless otherwise agreed).

When Aquila is serving MPS from the Designated Aquila Power Resource, procedures will need to be established to cover the generating unit ramp rates from synchronization to minimum load, and between minimum and full load. This may mean that changes in scheduled hourly deliveries requested by MPS may need to be accommodated over more time than the ten minute ramp across the top of the hour which is normal practice in the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP"). In such event, MPS and Aquila will develop procedures, working with transmission providers, to allow longer ramp times if required to facilitate desired schedule changes.

#### ARTICLE 7 – TRANSMISSION SERVICE

Aquila shall arrange, contract, and pay for obtaining firm transmission service from Batesville Unit 1 across the Entergy system to Ameren, and across the Ameren system to MPS, to supply the power and associated energy from Batesville Unit 1 to the Points of Delivery under this

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Agreement. The costs of such transmission service shall be billed to and reimbursed by MPS as provided in Section 5.5 above.

#### ARTICLE 8 -- CLEAN AIR ACT EMISSIONS ALLOWANCES

Subject to the provisions of Section 2.2.2 hereof, Aquila shall provide all Clean Air Act emissions allowances necessary to provide generating capacity at an annual capacity factor of up to twenty percent (20%). The cost of any emissions allowances required because MPS takes energy at an annual capacity factor above twenty percent (20%) shall be for MPS' account. Should additional SO<sub>2</sub> allowances be required, MPS upon reasonable notice to Aquila, may choose to provide the necessary allowances prior to the ensuing January 30th.

#### ARTICLE 9 -- BILLING AND PAYMENT

- 9.1 Timing; Method of Payment. Aquila will render to MPS invoices for all payments or other charges due hereunder on a monthly basis. Invoices for any month will be issued on or before the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day of the following month, and such invoices will be payable by MPS before the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of that month or fifteen (15) days after issuance of the invoice, whichever is later, to the credit of Aquila Power Corporation, 10750 East 350 Highway, Kansas City, Missouri 64138. All remittances for payment shall be made in immediately available funds, unless otherwise agreed, and shall be made at the office or bank account as designated by Aquila by wire transfer pursuant to the wire transfer instructions as set forth in Section 16.13.
- 9.2 <u>Late Payment</u>. Amounts owed by MPS and not disputed, if not remitted within the time period specified under Section 9.1 above, shall be subject to a late payment charge based on the rate of interest calculated as provided in Section 16.5 hereof.
- 9.3 <u>Disputed Billings</u>. In case any portion of an invoice submitted pursuant to Section 9.1 hereof is in bona fide dispute, the undisputed amount shall be payable when due. With each partial payment, MPS shall provide Aquila with its grounds for disputing a bill. Upon determination of the correct amount, the remainder, if any, shall become due and payable with interest, calculated as provided in Section 16.5 hereof, accruing from and after the date such payment would otherwise have been due.
- 9.4 Adjustments. If any overcharge or undercharge in any form whatsoever shall at any time be found and the statement therefor has been paid, the Party that has been paid the overcharge shall refund the amount of the overcharge paid and the Party that has been undercharged shall pay the amount of the undercharge, within thirty (30) days after final determination thereof; provided, however, no retroactive adjustment shall be made for any overcharge or undercharge beyond a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of the statement on which such overcharge or undercharge was first included.
- 9.5 Audit Rights. The Parties shall keep complete and accurate records, meter readings and memoranda of their operations under this Agreement and shall maintain such data for a period of SCHEDULE MS-3

at least two (2) years after the completion of each Billing Month hereunder. Either Party shall have the right to examine and inspect all such records, meter readings and memoranda insofar as may be necessary for the purpose of ascertaining the reasonableness and accuracy of all relevant data, estimates, statements or charges submitted to it hereunder.

#### **ARTICLE 10 -- TAXES**

Any changes in fuels, energy, sales, environmental, emissions, excise or other federal, state or local Taxes (excluding income taxes) imposed on Aquila in connection with the sale of capacity and energy to MPS hereunder or the provision of fuel supply used to generate the energy sold hereunder, shall be for MPS' account.

Aquila represents that, as of the date of this Agreement, no Taxes (other than income taxes and taxes included in the cost of fuel) would be imposed on Aquila in connection with serving MPS hereunder by the State of Mississippi, its political subdivisions, or the federal government.

#### ARTICLE 11 -- LIABILITY ALLOCATION

- 11.1 <u>Indemnification</u>. Each Party shall indemnify, save harmless and defend the other Party hereto, including the other Party's parent, subsidiaries, member cities, affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, agents and employees, from and against all claims, demands, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) in any manner, directly or indirectly, connected with or arising from any loss, damage or injury (including death) to any person(s) or property occurring on its side of the Points of Delivery to the extent that any such claim, demand, cost, or expense is attributable to any negligent or willful act or omission of the Indemnifying Party or its respective officers, directors, agents, or employees. In event such damage or injury is caused by the joint or concurrent negligence of the Parties hereto, the loss shall be borne by both Parties proportionately to their degree of negligence.
- Limitation of Liability. Neither Party shall be liable to the other, whether in contract, in tort (including negligence and strict liability), under any warranty or otherwise, for damages for loss of profits or revenue, loss of use of any property, cost of capital, or other similar incidental or consequential damages; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to limit the recovery by Aquila of damages for any costs or losses incurred by Aquila as a result of MPS' failure to receive energy which has been scheduled by MPS and delivered by Aquila, and provided further that in the event any provisions of this Article are held to be invalid or unenforceable against MPS under the laws of the State of Missouri, this Article shall, to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability, be void and of no effect, and no claim arising out of such invalidity or lack of enforceability shall be made against MPS or its officers, agents, or employees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section 11.2 shall not limit or negate the right of either Party to be fully indemnified as provided in Section 11.1 above.

#### ARTICLE 12 -- FORCE MAJEURE

- 12.1 Force Majeure Defined. Force Majeure shall mean causes or events beyond the reasonable control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the Party claiming such Force Majeure, including, without limitation, acts of God; unusually severe actions of the elements such as floods, hurricanes, or tornadoes; sabotage; terrorism; war; riots or public disorders; fire; and actions or failures to act of any governmental agency (including expropriation, requisition, change-in-law or change in any governmental approval or environmental constraints lawfully imposed by any governmental agency) preventing, delaying, or otherwise adversely affecting performance of a Party hereto. Force Majeure shall not include the financial or monetary constraints or inability of either Party to pay its debts as they come due or the disallowance of recovery of any costs related to the sale and purchase of capacity or energy under this agreement by FERC, the MPSC or any other governmental agency.
- 12.2 Excuse by Reason of Force Majeure. Neither Aquila nor MPS shall be in default of any of its obligations under this Agreement, including but not limited to Aquila's obligation to deliver capacity and energy or MPS' obligation to receive capacity and energy, when such default is caused by a Force Majeure event. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Force Majeure event shall not excuse the payment of any amounts due under this Agreement. The Parties' respective obligations to perform shall resume on cessation of the Force Majeure event. Notwithstanding the foregoing definition of Force Majeure, any period during which equipment failure has required reduced operation or shutdown of the Designated Aquila Power Resource shall, for the purposes of the calculation provided in Section 5.3 hereinabove, be deemed to be a period of unavailability.

#### **ARTICLE 13 -- PERFORMANCE**

- 13.1 Event of Default. An Event of Default shall mean the failure of a Party to make (i) any payments in the time or manner required by Article 9 of this Agreement, or (ii) perform any other obligation stated herein in the time and manner required by this Agreement except where such failure to perform any such other obligation is the result of a Force Majeure event or is otherwise excused in accordance with this Agreement.
- 13.2 Notice of Default. Upon an Event of Default by a Party hereto, the other Party shall give written notice of such Event of Default to the Party in default. If the Event of Default is one described in clause (ii) of Section 13.1, the Party in default shall have thirty (30) days within which to cure such Default and, if cured within such time, the Event of Default specified in such notice shall cease to exist. If the Event of Default is one described in clause (i) of Section 13.1, the Party in default shall have five (5) days to pay all amounts owed, plus interest determined pursuant to Section 16.5 from the date on which such Event of Default occurred, and, if cured within such time, the Event of Default specified in such notice shall cease to exist.
- 13.3 Remedies for Default. If an Event of Default is not cured within the time period provided in Section 13.2, the Party not in default shall, in addition to any other rights and remedies provided

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by law, have a continuing right, until such Event of Default is cured, at its sole option, to suspend performance hereof, or terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the Party in Default. In addition, the nondefaulting Party shall have the right to recover from the Party in Default all attorney's fees and court costs as may be reasonably incurred by reason of such Event of Default.

#### **ARTICLE 14 -- RIGHT OF INFORMATION**

- 14.1 Right of Access. Aquila hereby agrees use its best efforts to grant to MPS, during the term of this Agreement, the same rights it has of ingress and egress at reasonable times to and from Batesville Unit 1 or other applicable Aquila Power Resource and site for purposes of inspecting any buildings or facilities constructed thereon. MPS shall give Aquila advance notice, which notice may be verbal, before exercising its right of access established here.
- 14.2 Notice of Proceedings. Aquila will promptly notify MPS of any pending or anticipated federal or state regulatory, judicial or administrative actions, including but not limited to notice of violations relative to a designated unit or its common facilities needed for its operation, which could affect Aquila's ability to carry out its obligation to supply capacity and energy hereunder or would be likely to result in an increase in the cost of capacity or energy as determined by the provisions of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 15 -- PARTIES**

15.1 <u>Authority of Parties</u>. Each Party represents and warrants to each other that it has obtained from its Board of Directors the necessary authority to enable it lawfully to execute this Agreement, that it is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and that this Agreement and the purposes thereof are lawfully within the scope of such Party's authority.

Each Party further represents and warrants to the other that it holds or will seek to obtain, all permits, licenses or approvals necessary to lawfully perform its obligations contained herein in the manner prescribed by this Agreement.

15.2 Survivorship of Obligations. The termination or cancellation of this Agreement shall not discharge any Party from any obligation it owes the other Party under this Agreement by reason of any transaction, loss, cost, damage, expense or liability which shall occur or arise prior to such termination. It is the intent of the Parties that any such obligation owed (whether the same shall be known or unknown as of the termination or cancellation of this Agreement) will survive the termination or cancellation of this Agreement in favor of the Party to whom such obligation is owed until the expiration of the period of limitations imposed on such obligation by the statute of limitations applicable to the obligation and/or such Party. The Parties also intend that the indemnification and limitation of liability provision contained in Section 11.1 hereof shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of any termination or cancellation of this Agreement, except with respect to actions or events occurring or arising after such termination or cancellation is effective.

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15.3 <u>Permitted Assignment</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the permitted successors and assigns of the Parties hereto. No permitted sale, assignment, transfer or other disposition shall release or discharge MPS or Aquila from its obligations under this Agreement, but all such obligations shall be assumed by the successor or assign of the Party hereto.

Neither Party shall assign its interest in this Agreement in whole or part without the prior written consent of the other Party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

15.4 No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is not intended to, and shall not, create rights, remedies or benefits of any character whatsoever in favor of any persons, corporations, associations, or entities other than the Parties, and the obligations herein assigned are solely for the use and benefit of the Parties, their successors in interest or assigns.

#### **ARTICLE 16 -- MISCELLANEOUS**

- 16.1 Governing Law. The validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement and each of its provisions shall be governed by the applicable laws of the State of Missouri and of the United States of America.
- 16.2 Confidentiality. Neither Party shall disclose the terms of this Agreement to any third party (other than such Party's employees, lenders, counsel, accountants or other advisors) except in order to comply with any applicable law, order, regulatory or exchange rule. Each Party shall notify the other Party of any proceeding of which it is aware that may result in disclosure and shall use reasonable efforts to prevent or limit such disclosure.

MPS agrees and covenants that, to the extent permitted by law applicable to MPS, any and all information it receives pursuant to Article 14 will be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed by MPS to any third party without the express written consent of Aquila.

- 16.3 Section Headings Not to Affect Meaning. The descriptive headings of the various articles and sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms and provisions thereof.
- 16.4 <u>Computation of Time</u>. In computing any period of time, prescribed or allowed by this Agreement, the designated period of time shall begin to run on the day immediately following the day of the act, event or default that precipitated the running of the designated period of time. The designated period shall expire on the last day of the period so computed unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday recognized in either the States of Mississippi or Missouri, in which event the period shall run until the end of the next business day.
- 16.5 <u>Interest</u>. Whenever the provisions of this Agreement require the calculation of an interest rate, such rate shall be computed at an annual rate equal to the then current average yield on Treasury Bills of the United States of America having a term of thirteen (13) weeks, as quoted in

the Wall Street Journal as of the date on which the calculation begins, plus five hundred (500) basis points, but not to exceed the maximum rate which may be lawfully charged.

- 16.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any other agreements, written or oral, between the Parties concerning such subject matter.
- 16.7 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 16.8 <u>Amendments</u>. This Agreement may only be amended by written agreement signed by an authorized representative of both Parties.
- 16.9 <u>Severability</u>. In the event the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement, or the application of any such terms, covenants or conditions shall be held invalid as to any Party or circumstance by any court or regulatory body having jurisdiction, all other terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement and all other applications shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.
- 16.10 <u>Waivers</u>. Waivers of the provisions of this Agreement or excuses of any violations of the Agreement shall be valid only if in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the Party issuing the waiver or excuse. A waiver or excuse issued under one set of circumstances shall not extend to other occurrences under similar circumstances.
- 16.11 No Partnership Created. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the Parties do not intend to create hereby any joint venture, partnership, association taxable as a corporation, or other entity for the conduct of any business for profit, and if it should appear that one or more changes to this Agreement would be required in order not to create an entity referenced to above, the Parties agree to negotiate promptly and in good faith with respect to such changes.
- 16.12 Character of Sale. The sale of unit power hereunder shall not constitute a sale, lease, transfer or conveyance to MPS or any other party of any contractual rights, ownership interests in any generating unit, nor does the sale of unit power hereunder constitute a dedication of ownership of any generating unit. Energy associated with capacity from units made available hereunder shall, however, be devoted to MPS and the delivery of such energy to MPS shall not be subject to preemption by Aquila for any other use; provided however, that nothing in this Section 16.12 shall in any way limit or abridge Aquila's rights, as provided in Article 3 hereof, to designate substitute units subject to MPS' approval.
- 16.13 <u>Notices</u>. Any notice, demand, request, payment, statement, or correspondence provided for in this Agreement, or any notice which a Party may desire to give to the other, shall be in writing (unless otherwise provided) and shall be considered duly delivered when received by mail, facsimile, wire or overnight courier, at the addresses listed below:
- (i) To Aquila:

Aquila Power Corporation 10750 East 350 Highway Kansas City, MO 64138 Attention: Vice President

Payment by Wire:
For the Acct. of Aquila Power Corporation
The Northern Trust Company
ABA # 071-000-52
Account # 80330

Invoices: Aquila Power Corporation 10750 East 350 Highway P.O. Box 11739 Kansas City, MO 64138

Reason for Notice:	Attention:	Facsimile Number:
Statements/Payments	Accounting Dept.	(402) 498-4276
Contractual	Contract Administration	(402) 498-4543
Operations/Nominations	Scheduling Desk	(816) 936-8775

#### (ii) To MPS:

Missouri Public Service Company 10700 East 350 Highway Kansas City, MO 64138 Attention: Vice President

Reason for Notice:	Attention:	Facsimile Number:
Statements/Payments	Accounting Department	(816) 936-8864
Contractual	Contract Administration	(816) 936-8639
Operations/Nominations	Scheduling Desk	(816) 936-8604

Each Party shall provide the other with all names, telephone and facsimile numbers necessary for its performance under this Agreement; and either Party may change the information shown in Section 16.13 by giving written notice to the other Party.

16.14 <u>Survival</u>. Any provision(s) of this Agreement that expressly or by implication comes into or remains in force following the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

SCHEDULE MS-3 Page 21 of 22 16.15 Construction. The language used in this Agreement is the product of both Parties' efforts and each Party hereby irrevocably waives the benefit of any rule of contract construction which disfavors the drafter of a contract or the drafter of specific language in a contract.

16.16 Imaged Agreement. Any original executed Agreement, schedule confirmation or other related document may be photocopied and stored on computer tapes and disks (the "Imaged Agreement"). The Imaged Agreement, if introduced as evidence on paper, the schedule confirmation, if introduced as evidence in automated facsimile form, the transaction tape, if introduced as evidence in its original form and as transcribed onto paper, and all computer records of the foregoing, if introduced as evidence in printed format, in any judicial, arbitration, mediation or administrative proceedings, will be admissible as between the Parties to the same extent and under the same conditions as other business records originated and maintained in documentary form. Neither Party shall object to the admissibility of the transaction tape, the schedule confirmation or the Imaged Agreement (or photocopies of the transcription of the transaction tape, the schedule confirmation or the Imaged Agreement) on the basis that such were not originated or maintained in documentary form under either the hearsay rule, the best evidence rule or other rule of evidence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Aquila and MPS have caused this Agreement to be executed in duplicate in their name by their respective duly authorized officials as of the date and year above written.

ATTEST	AQUILA POWER CORPORATION
By ————————————————————————————————————	By President
	Date
ATTEST	UTILICORP UNITED INC. d/b/a MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE
Secretary	By President
	Date

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#### MEP RESPONSES TO MPS QUESTIONS

 $\mathbf{ON}$ 

MEP PROPOSAL

Aquila Energy Marketing Corporation 10750 East 350 Highway P.O. Box 11739 Kansas City, MO 64138 Fax; 816-936-8775

January 6, 1999

**AQUILA ENERGY** 

Mr. Frank DeBacker Missouri Public Service 10700 East 350 Highway Kansas City, MO 64138

Subject: APC Proposal of November 30, 1998 to Supply Capacity and Energy for Missouri Public Service - Identification of Legal Entity That Will Develop Missouri Generator

Dear Mr. DeBacker:

Pursuant to our conversation, this letter serves to identify the specific legal entity that will develop, construct and own the Missouri Generator that is the subject of the referenced Proposal.

Aquila Energy Corporation has established a wholly owned subsidiary, MEP Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Merchant Energy Partners, that is engaged in energy asset acquisitions and development through special purpose subsidiary companies. The Missouri Generator will be owned by such a special purpose entity, to be established upon notification from MPS of the awarding of the project to Aquila. This will also be the contracting entity with MPS on the project.

Accordingly, from this point forward all communications on this project will be from Merchant Energy Partners' management.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Jonagan

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Director - Power Marketing Aquila Power Corporation

: Max Sherman
Laurie Hamilton

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Merchant Energy Partners 10750 East 350 Highway P.O. Box 11739 Kansas City, MO 64138 816-936-8712 Fax: 816-936-8724 Pager: 800-431-7491

#### **AQUILA ENERGY**

Max A. Sherman Senior Director

Origination

January 7, 1999

Mr. Frank A. DeBacker Missouri Public Service 10700 East 350 Highway Kansas City, Missouri 64138

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Subject:

Power Supply RFP for Missouri Public Service (MPS)

Dear Frank:

This letter responds to several of the issues you raised in a meeting with Merchant Energy Partners (MEP) personnel on January 4, and additionally in a conversation with me this morning. This letter attempts to clarify, on those points, the rough draft contract we provided for MPS review on December 24, 1998. In particular:

- 1. Assurances on the Summer 2001 Commercial Operation Date.
  - a. A detailed project schedule, which we are prepared to provide for your review, indicates MEP can achieve a mid-summer 1999 financial closing date and issuing a Full Notice to Proceed to the EPC contractor. The present schedule calls for that on July 29. We believe, for staged construction involving simple cycle commercial operation to meet a June 1, 2001 deadline, there is easily 3 months of margin in that schedule (e.g, the June 1, 2001 date can be achieved if Full Notice to Proceed were as late as October 1999).
  - b. We are still considering your liquidated damages question for the summer of 2001.
  - c. We assume the January 2002 commercial operation date for the plant in combined cycle configuration is less of an issue than Summer 2001, and have therefore not focused on that item.
- 2. Scheduling flexibility. MEP is willing to revise Article 6 Scheduling to provide for the following deal points in response to your articulated need for scheduling flexibility:

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- a. Day-ahead scheduling submitted by MPS to MEP.
- b. MEP can relax the minimum run time of 16 hours; we are considering a minimum of eight (8) hours when committing the plant in combined cycle mode, and less in simple cycle mode for the summer of 2001.
- c. One start per day, unless we can agree in the PPA on a charge to compensate MEP for the accelerated and additional associated operating and maintenance expense. MEP will also need an annual cap on the number of starts.
- d. Ability of MPS to pre-schedule different hourly values over the schedule, subject to equipment operational constraints as determined by the OEM and EPC contractors, and the air permit. This obviously affects the heat rate (discussed below).
- e. Ability of MPS to change the schedule in the event MPS loses a resource serving its' native load, including economy energy resources. Schedule changes by MPS would be made consistent with the scheduling requirements of the Southwest Power Pool reserve sharing program, in which reserves are provided through the end of the next half hour. MEP would therefore receive between 31 and 59 minutes' notice of any schedule change, and MPS would therefore receive the additional power at the end of that period to replace the SPP reserves, subject to the generating equipment being on line.
- f. We have your request for Automatic Generation Control under review, and want to have further discussions with MPS to resolve this item.
- 3. Emission Allowances. Per our discussion on January 4 concerning Article 7 of the draft PPA, any emission allowances required to supply energy from the plant to MPS will be provided for by MPS.
- 4. Part-load heat rate curves -- Estimated values are provided. These are necessarily subject to final selection of the OEM, associated final cycle design, and assumed heat rate degradation between scheduled maintenance.
- 5. Minimum load requirements -- Estimated values for both simple and combined cycle operation, as expected to be constrained by the Missouri air permit, are (a) ~105 MW

Mr. Frank A. DeBacker January 7, 1999 Page 3

net for simple cycle operation (one combustion turbine on line); (b) ~105 MW net for one combustion turbine on line with heat rejection to the condenser, which is not a normal operating condition; (c) ~155 MW net in combined cycle operation with one combustion turbine on line and steam from the HRSG to the steam turbine; and (d) ~318 MW net in combined cycle operation with both combustion turbines on line and steam from the HRSG to the steam turbine. These estimates are based on a 99°F summer day.

Other issues can be negotiated next week if MEP is awarded the supply contract. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Max Sherman Project Manager

Enclosure

cc:

V.J. Horgan Joe Gocke Rob Freeman Becky Sandring John McKinney を行うないというない。

From B+V Revised bid dated 11/30/98

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The air permit is expected to limit sustained operation of each CT to about 65% load except for startups. Management of this operating constraint will modify the above values.

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NOTE

Sherman, Max

From:

DeBacker, Frank

Sent:

Monday, January 11, 1999 9:56 AM

To: Cc: Sherman, Max Kreimer, Dave

Subject:

MEP Proposal of 11/30

The purpose of this communication is to request that MEP provide an option in its proposal to reduce the proposed capacity price by deleting the \$5.56 million in capital included in its proposal for upgrades to the MPS transmission system.

Merchant Energy Partners 10750 East 350 Highway P.O. Box 11739 Kansas City, MO 64138 816-936-8712 Fax: 816-936-8724 Pager: 800-431-7491

#### AQUILA ENERGY

Max A. Sherman Senior Director

Origination

January 12, 1999

Mr. Frank A. DeBacker Missouri Public Service 10700 East 350 Highway Kansas City, Missouri 64138

Subject:

Power Supply RFP for Missouri Public Service (MPS)

Dear Frank:

This letter follows up on discussions between MPS and Merchant Energy Partners (MEP) personnel on January 8, 1999 and your e-mail to me on January 11 on certain transmission issues. We are also choosing to enhance our proposal, as provided below, with the expectation that there won't be another round where bidders will be given another opportunity to revise their proposals.

We also wish to advise that MEP has taken a number of steps to advance our project, since our formal proposal was submitted, to assure timely completion. These include, but are not limited to:

- 1. We have signed an agreement to purchase the plant site near Pleasant Hill, Missouri. Closing on the transaction is scheduled for Friday, January 15, 1999.
- 2. MEP has filed the air permit application with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources/Air Quality Division. We expect approval in early June. Approval at the end of the statutory review period does not impact our planned date for issuing a Final Notice to Proceed to the EPC contractor.
- 3. MEP expects to have a signed Memorandum of Understanding, within the next few days, with our chosen EPC contractor.
- 4. Similarly, MEP expects to have a letter of intent within the next 2 or 3 weeks with our selected combustion turbine manufacturer, including a committed reservation payment for equipment supply. You will note in Section II.A below that we have provided MPS a cap on combustion turbine prices.

With regard to the issues you have identified in the last few days, we have the following responses:

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I. MPS Questions on Transmission Upgrades.

Under the section titled "Delivery Points", the proposal states " The proposal includes a cost of \$5,560,000 to make the transmission upgrades required to interconnect .....".

A. What upgrades are included in the \$5.6 M figure?

Response: Based on discussions with MPS Transmssion, MEP included \$3.56 million of "contribution in aid of construction" in the capacity price to assist MPS in completing a new 161 kV circuit from Pleasant Hill to Belton South as the preferred system upgrade. MEP understands this upgrade will significantly improve the MPS 161 kV system in addition to the 69 kV system in the northern Cass County area.

B. Does the \$5.6 M figure include the cost of connecting your proposed facility to the MPS substation at Pleasant Hill?

Response: Yes. The cost to expand the existing 161 kV substation and interconnect the proposed 500 MW plant (from the high side of the step up transformer) to the MPS system has been estimated by MPS Transmission to be \$2 million. This cost is included in the capacity price as bid, and is part of the \$5.6 million cited above. The interconnect costs have been estimated conservatively, but are not firm at this time.

C. What is the impact on the quoted capacity price in \$/kW-mo. of the \$5.6 M figure?

Response: Per our conversation late yesterday, the impact should refer to \$3.56 million of system upgrade costs. That comprises \$0.20/kW-month in the capacity price. If system upgrades will be paid for by MPS without the contribution in aid of construction, the capacity price will be reduced accordingly.

Risk Mitigation and Value Enhancement

With the revisions noted below, MEP has mitigated certain risks which MPS has identified in our discussions over the last week; these revisions have significantly increased the value of our proposal:

A. Capacity price contingent on combustion turbine pricing. MEP hereby revises our December 22, 1998 letter, Answer 1 to Question 1. Combustion turbine pricing in our contract with MPS shall not exceed a \$0.5 million/turbine increase over the quoted \$32,000,000 price. Pricing of that equipment will therefore use the \$32,000,000 price (including rail or truck freight from the factory but excluding taxes and the heavy haul

from the rail siding to the plant), all as described in our December 22 letter, with any price adjustments to MPS for that scope capped at \$0.5 million/turbine.

- A. Commitments on In-Service Date. MEP will commit to a June 1, 2001 in-service date for the combustion turbines if MEP and MPS can agree on the dates for: (1) MPS award to MEP; (2) execution of the Power Purchase Agreement; (3) filing date by MPS for its request with the Missouri Public Service Commission for approval of the PPA, and (4) date for obtaining such approval;. If MEP fails to meet the June 1, 2001 date for reasons unrelated to items (1) through (4) above, MEP will pay MPS liquidated damages in the amount of \$10,000/day, in addition to suspension of the capacity payment until simple cycle project completion, for the duration and to the extent (e.g., pro rata) simple cycle capacity is not provided to MPS.
- C. <u>Deadline for Corporate Approvals</u>. Please be advised we have obtained Aquila Energy senior management approval for this transaction. Board of Directors approval is scheduled for February 4, 1999.
- D. Heat Rate Guarantees. MEP offers to pass through to MPS the benefits of our negotiation with the OEM, less a degradation allowance. MEP will be able to offer definitive heat rate guarantees when we've locked in equipment supply from the selected manufacturer. We're talking about equipment coming off a very limited number of production lines, with very close heat rate curves from the major OEMs, so we don't see this as a substantive issue.
- E. Reduction in Minimum Schedules taken by MPS. MEP is willing to consider lowering the minimum schedule taken by MPS, which we believe to have significant value to MPS. However, an initial review of the matter indicates there is a cost to MEP for allowing this flexibility, for which we'll need some offsetting compensation or value. We suggest a meeting to discuss this at your convenience. If we can make this work, it will require that MEP retain the right to supply power to MPS from off-system resources, in order to minimize the risk transferred from MPS to MEP.

Additionally, MEP would enjoy discussing with you the opportunity to provide additional value to MPS by providing the Fixed Fuel Capacity Reservation and associated transportation required to support your schedule.

F. Reduction in capacity price. MEP hereby reduces its capacity price, for the term of the PPA and in addition to the reduction identified in Item I.C above associated with transmission system upgrades, by thirty cents per kilowatt-month (\$0.30/kW-month).

Mr. Frank A. DeBacker January 12, 1999 Page 4

Capacity pricing is therefore, including the transmission-related price adjustment identified above, as follows:

<u>Term</u>	Quantity	Capacity Price
June 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001 January 1, 2002 through May 31, 2005 April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002 April 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003 April 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004	320 MW 200 MW 300 MW 300 MW 300 MW 300 MW	\$5.70/kW-month \$5.90/kW-month \$7.50/kW-month \$7.50/kW-month \$7.50/kW-month
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In sum, our revised pricing reflects a \$0.50/kW-month reduction across the board, including the \$0.20/kW-month transmission price reduction described in Section I.C above.

Other issues can be negotiated when MEP is awarded the supply contract. We look forward to bringing the bidding process to a prompt conclusion. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Max Sherman Bioject Manager January 20, 1999

Mr. Frank A. DeBacker Missouri Public Service 10700 East 350 Highway Kansas City, Missouri 64138

Subject:

Proposed power supply contract for Missouri Public Service (MPS)

Dear Frank:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter of January 15, 1999, advising that Merchant Energy Partners' proposal has been selected as the preferred supply side resource, and also expressing the wish to enter into final contract negotiations as soon as MEP is prepared to do so.

Enclosed please find a Power Sales Agreement that we propose be the basis for final negotiations. Two versions are provided – a blackline comparison against the rough, unscrubbed draft provided December 24, 1998, and a clean version. Please be advised that certain appendices will need to be developed; I anticipate this to be a joint effort.

Per previous conversations, MEP proposes to start negotiations on January 25, 1999, in Raytown. Would you please advise, at your earliest convenience, if this date is acceptable.

Very truly yours,

Max Sherman Project Manager Mr. Frank A. DeBacker January 20, 1999 Page 2

cc: V.J. Horgan
Steve Arnold
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Laurie Hamilton

# SCHEDULE MS-5 PRICE CHANGE NOTIFICATION LETTER TO MPS DUE TO COST INCREASES AND DECREASES

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#### **SCHEDULE MS-6**

#### LIST OF DATA REQUEST RESPONSES

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Aries - for MPS & St Joe P&L, provide capacity charge, energy	8/6/03
cost per MWh, gas purchase quantity & price	
Aries - Monthly production data from testing stage to current	9/26/03
Aries - Generating unit outages	9/8/03
Aries - Final construction costs, costs by unit 12/31/02, 6/30/03,	9/17/03
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Aries - Monthly financials and/or operating reports MEPPH	10/4/03
Aries - Budgets/forecasts 2003-2005, break our MPS contract	10/4/03
Aries - Generation (MMBtu, MWh) by month, break out MPS,	10/4/03
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Aries - Monthly reports tracking op statistics (starts, operations),	10/4/03
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Aries - Date of initial construction, date in service	10/4/03
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MPSC-322	Aries - why did MPS decide not to build and operate as a regulated plant	10/10/03
MPSC-323	Aries - reason partners allowed construction loan to go into	10/20/03
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MPSC-324	Aries - Tolling agreements and discussion	10/5/03
MPSC-324.1	Tolls - Reason and purpose for tolling agreements	10/23/03
MPSC-324.1	Aries - does Aquila's current financial condition affect ability to	10/28/03
MPSC-370	construct/acquire, own & maintain new generation to meet	}
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MPSC-371	Resource Plan - Annual forecasts electric power prices	10/23/03
MPSC-371	Resource Plan - provide yearly forecasts of future electric power	10/28/03
MFSC-372	prices utilized by Aquila and/or MPS, St. Joe P&L and/or any of	
	Aquila's related divisions	
MPSC-376	AMS - Generating units owned by Aquila that have been sold	10/23/03
MPSC-377	Aries - provide stranded investments studies & analyses	10/28/03
MPSC-379	Generating Units Built by MPS - Regulated Entity	10/28/03
MPSC-380	AMS - Generating units built by Aquila - Non-Regulated	10/23/03
MPSC-381	Aries - provide monthly invoices received by MPS related to the	10/28/03
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MPSC-382	Aries - Operating problems with Aries	10/23/03
MPSC-383	Aries - identify process related to procuring natural gas for Aries	10/28/03
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MPSC-384	Aries - Natural gas pipeline for Aries	10/23/03
MPSC-385	AMS - Monthly gas volumes, total costs, unit gas prices	10/23/03
MPSC-386	Aries - Other capacity contracts with Aries	10/23/03
MPSC-496	Aries - Documents on sale of Aries to Calpine	11/27/03
MPSC-497	Aries - reasons for sale of Aries to Calpine	11/27/03
MPSC-498	Aries - substation land at Aries	11/27/03
MPSC-499	Aries - substation improvements at Aries unit	11/27/03
MPSC-504	Aries - depreciation rates	11/27/03
MPSC-505	Assessments of financial condition of bidders to RFP Process	11/27/03
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MPSC-515	Negotiators for Aries partners, Aquila Merchant and Calpine	11/27/03
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MPSC-553	Aries - construction loan agreement	11/27/03
MPSC-556	Aries - job descriptions	11/27/03
MPSC-557	Aries - individuals responsible for various decisions	11/27/03
MPSC-558	Aries - Aquila/Calpine partnership	11/27/03
MPSC-559	Aries - Aquila Merchant component of UtiliCorp	12/7/03
MPSC-560	Aries - Identify key events & key dates	12/7/03
MPSC-561	Aries - PILOT payable by MEPPH	12/7/03
MPSC-593	Turbines - 3 turbines owned by Aquila	12/16/03
MPSC-603	Board of Directors Minutes for Aquila Merchant	12/18/03
MPSC-604	Aries - Board minutes for MEP partners	12/18/03
MPSC-607	Aries - Support for the EWG Build Option	12/22/03
MPSC-639	Aries - Copies of reports by Independent Power Market Consult	01/08/04
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MPSC-640	Aries - Copies of Bond Purchase Agreement & Cass County	01/08/04
	Development Agreement	
MPSC-641	Aries - FERC orders accepting MPS toll & Order approving mkt	01/08/04
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MPSC-642	Aries - Copies of info pertaining to MPS' consideration to	01/08/04
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MPSC-646	Aries - Copies of contracts related to construction loan	01/17/04
MPSC-646.1	Aries - Copies of ILA guaranty support arrangements for Aries	01/17/04
MPSC-646.2	Aries - Copies of various contracts and agreements between	01/17/04
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MPSC-647	Aries - Meeting to arrange tariff rights & interconnection	01/17/04
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MPSC-655	Aries contracts	01/16/04
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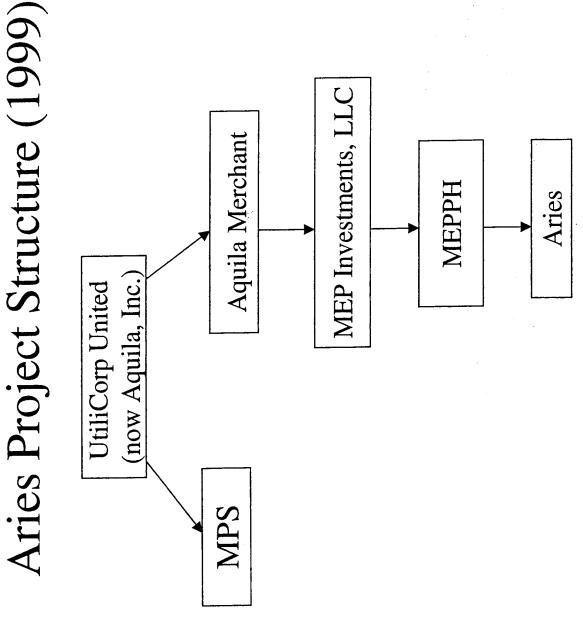
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#### SCHEDULE MS-8 SUMMARY OF ACTUAL COSTS FOR ARIES POWER PLANT

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# SCHEDULE MS-9 ARIES PROJECT STRUCTURE (1999 AND PRESENT)



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#### **SCHEDULE MS-10**

SOUTHWEST POWER POOL NON-COINCIDENT PEAK LOAD DATA FOR 2003

### Southwest Power Pool

Helping Our Members Work Together To Keep the Lights On.. Today and in the Future!



#### Non-coincidental Peak Load for 2003

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20,910 MW	Sunday, December 21	24,644 MW	Thursday, October 23
20,908 MW	Sunday, October 19	23,751 MW	Friday, October 24
20,885 MW	Thursday, April 17	19,192 MW	Saturday, October 25
20,867 MW	Saturday, May 17	18,927 MW	Sunday, October 26
20,858 MW	Wednesday, March 12	21,211 MW	Monday, October 27
20,843 MW	Wednesday, April 16	20,975 MW	Tuesday, October 28
20,795 MW	Sunday, March 9	21,433 MW	Wednesday, October 29
20,769 MW	Sunday, April 27	22,197 MW	Thursday, October 30
20,731 MW	Friday, November 21	21,424 MW	Friday, October 31
20,712 MW	Saturday, February 22	19,782 MW	Saturday, November 1
20,708 MW	Wednesday, April 23	20,335 MW	Sunday, November 2
20,699 MW	Friday, November 28	22,789 MW	Monday, November 3
20,690 MW	Monday, March 24	21,872 MW	Tuesday, November 4
20,656 MW	Thursday, March 27	22,915 MW	Wednesday, November 5
20,654 MW	Friday, October 17	22,768 MW	Thursday, November 6
20,577 MW	Tuesday, April 1	21,860 MW	Friday, November 7
20,570 MW	Friday, April 11	20,282 MW	Saturday, November 8
20,562 MW	Sunday, December 28	19,856 MW	Sunday, November 9
20,561 MW	Thursday, October 2	21,492 MW	Monday, November 10
20,555 MW	Thursday, March 13	21,814 MW	Tuesday, November 11
20,544 MW	Wednesday, January 1	22,138 MW	Wednesday, November 12
20,471 MW	Wednesday, March 19	21,934 MW	Thursday, November 13
20,458 MW	Wednesday, March 26	21,575 MW	Friday, November 14
20,435 MW	Tuesday, March 18	19,562 MW	Saturday, November 15
20,433 MW	Friday, December 26	19,407 MW	Sunday, November 16
20,388 MW	Tuesday, March 25	21,593 MW	Monday, November 17
20,335 MW	Sunday, November 2	21,667 MW	Tuesday, November 18
20,332 MW	Friday, March 14	21,214 MW	Wednesday, November 19
20,330 MW	Friday, April 4	21,165 MW	Thursday, November 20
20,321 MW	Saturday, November 29	20,731 MW -	Friday, November 21
20,315 MW	Saturday, January 4	19,865 MW	Saturday, November 22
20,282 MW	Saturday, November 8	21,941 MW	Sunday, November 23
20,231 MW	Monday, March 17	22,825 MW	Monday, November 24
20,147 MW	Sunday, October 12	23,348 MW	Tuesday, November 25
20,136 MW	Sunday, April 13	21,644 MW	Wednesday, November 26
20,124 MW	Sunday, May 11	19,389 MW	Thursday, November 27
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19,865 MW	Saturday, November 22	23,198 MW	Tuesday, December 2
19,856 MW	Sunday, November 9	23,301 MW	Wednesday, December 3
19,847 MW	Saturday, February 1	23,273 MW	Thursday, December 4
19,782 MW	Saturday, November 1	23,750 MW	Friday, December 5
19,759 MW	Sunday, January 5	22,330 MW	Saturday, December 6
19,747 MW	Sunday, September 28	21,626 MW	Sunday, December 7
19,714 MW	Saturday, March 29	22,602 MW	Monday, December 8
19,668 MW	Sunday, May 25	24,229 MW	Tuesday, December 9
19,562 MW	Saturday, November 15	25,125 MW	Wednesday, December 10
19,496 MW	Saturday, December 27	25,493 MW	Thursday, December 11
19,486 MW	Saturday, October 4	25,104 MW	Friday, December 12
19,441 MW	Saturday, October 18	23,605 MW	Saturday, December 13
19,407 MW	Sunday, November 16	22,924 MW	Sunday, December 14
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In the matter of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS for authority to file tariffs increasing electric rates for the service provided to customers in the Aquila Networks-MPS	) ) Case No. ER ) )
County of Jackson ) ) ss State of Missouri )	
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sponsors the accompanying testimony entitled said testimony was prepared by him and under were made as to the facts in said testimony and	m, deposes and says that he is the witness who "Rebuttal Testimony of Max A. Sherman;" that is this direction and supervision; that if inquiries schedules, he would respond as therein set forth; are true and correct to the best of his knowledge,  Max A. Sherman
Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>Joseph</u>	day of January, 2004.  Levely Jules  Notary Public  Terry D. Lutes
My Commission expires:	- Tony Di Baros
8-20-2004	TERRY D. HITTO

TERRY D. LUTES Jackson County My Commission Expires August 20, 2004