

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks) NG-0001
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general rate) NG-0002
increase for Aquila's Rate Area One.) NG-0003
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Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks)
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general rate) ASSESSMENT ORDER
increase for Aquila's Rate Area Two.) NO. DB-003
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Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks)
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general rate)
Increase for Aquila's Rate Area Three.) Entered: May 18, 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 17, 2004, the Commission received an invoice from Dahlen, Berg & Co. in the amount of \$38,592.81, which includes \$4,309.31 in reimbursable expenses, and \$8,364.00 in additional expenses incurred for a specific purpose, which will be further addressed below. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and further detail provided and found an amount of \$30,228.81 to conform to an Agreement between the Public Advocate and Dahlen, Berg, which the Commission's Executive Director approved as to form and content of compensation and billing processing arrangements.

In a cover letter accompanying the invoice, the Public Advocate explains that the additional amount of \$8,364.00 is for expenses incurred related to an aspect of the rate case that was not foreseen by the Public Advocate or Dahlen, Berg. Further detail related to this specific expense is provided in the cover letter. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the amount of \$38,592.81 reflected on the invoice against Aquila, Inc. (Aquila) pursuant to Section 40 of LB 790 [2003] and recommends the Commission pay the invoice upon receipt of payment by Aquila.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Upon the recommendations of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment against Aquila of the expenses reflected in the above-mentioned invoice from Dahlen, Berg should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the invoice upon receipt of payment by Aquila.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-mentioned assessment is approved and hereby made and that payment of the above-mentioned invoice be made upon receipt of payment by Aquila.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 18th day of May 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director