

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Aquila, Inc.                    ) Application No. NG-0004.1  
d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila),                )  
Omaha, seeking a waiver of the                 )  
30-day notice period under Neb.                ) ASSESSMENT ORDER  
Rev. Stat. §66-1854 and to                    ) HSD-005  
recover the gas cost portion of                )  
uncollectible accounts through                 )  
its Gas Cost Adjustment tariff.                ) Entered: January 11, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission received an invoice dated December 1, 2005, from Harding, Shultz & Downs for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$2,047.52. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement for Base Public Advocate Services dated November 15, 2004, between the Commission and Harding, Shultz & Downs. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice from Aquila, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1840.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment from Aquila of the expenses reflected in the above-mentioned invoice from Harding, Shultz & Downs should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-mentioned assessment is approved and hereby made.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of January, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director