

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of the Joint |) | Application No. NG-0044 |
| Application of Aquila Inc. D/B/A |) | |
| Aquila Networks, Kansas City, |) | |
| Missouri; Black Hills Corpora- |) | |
| tion, and Black Hills/Nebraska |) | |
| Gas Utility Company, LLC, both |) | ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. HS-0010 |
| of Rapid City, South Dakota, |) | |
| seeking approval of the proposed |) | |
| transfer of Aquila's Certificate |) | |
| of Convenience and for a Change |) | |
| of Control of Aquila's Nebraska |) | |
| jurisdictional assets. |) | Entered: February 26, 2008 |

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received a letter dated January 25, 2008, from Harding & Shultz (HS) and invoices for services of Public Advocate's Consultant costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$17,702.00. Commission staff has reviewed the invoices and found them to conform to the Agreement for the Base Public Advocate Services dated November 15, 2004, subsequently amended, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz, as well as a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 11, 2007. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice from Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (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 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 amount be made upon receipt of payment by Aquila, Inc.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th day of February, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Gerald F. Vop

Frank E. Landis

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//s// Anne C. Boyle
//s// Frank E. Landis

Anne Boyle
Chair

ATTEST:

Michael J. Hill
Executive Director