

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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-008
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: October 24, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated October 1, 2007, from Harding & Shultz (HS) for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$19,384.15. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it 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.

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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 24th day of October, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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*Frank E. Landis*

//s// Frank E. Landis

*Frank E. Landis*  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

*Michelle S. Hall*

Executive Director