BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. P-0008 of Aquila, Inc., Omaha,)
Nebraska, seeking resolution of) a dispute under Nebraska Revised) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER Statute Section 57-1306.)
September 10, 2004

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On August 10, 2004, an application was filed by Aquila, Inc. (Aquila) seeking a determination that natural gas main extensions proposed by Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD) to served the planned Stonecrest/Meridian Park subdivision are in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 57-1301 et seq. MUD filed an Answer on August 30, 2004.

In order to process the application, the Commission held a planning conference in this matter on September 8, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. at the Commission, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and via telephone conference.

As a result of the planning conference, several issues were decided. Therefore, this order serves to memorialize those decisions and to provide a timeline for proceeding in this docket.

Deadline Event.

September 15, All written discovery served. No 2004 further written discovery between the parties shall take place after this date. Each party shall serve no more than 25 interrogatories and document requests.

October 15, Answers to Interrogatories and 2004 Responses to Requests for Production and Responses to Requests for Admissions are due. Preliminary witness lists exchanged by the parties and filed with the Commission.

November 15, All depositions completed. Final 2004 witness lists exchanged by the parties and filed with the Commission.

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Any stipulations and exhibits (including demonstrative exhibits) must be exchanged by the parties and filed with the Commission.

Finally, the hearing in Application No. P-0008 will be held on **December 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Sarpy County Courthouse, Sarpy County Board Room, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, Nebraska.

Any remaining pre-hearing issues that the parties would like to address should be brought before the Commission prior to hearing.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in the above-captioned matter that the foregoing schedule for submission and service of the items discussed above is hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing in Application No. P-0008 will be held on **December 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Sarpy County Courthouse, Sarpy County Board Room, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 10th day of September 2004.

BY: