

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03V-446E

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION BY AQUILA INC., DOING BUSINESS AS AQUILA NETWORKS-WPC FOR A VARIANCE IN THE FILING DATE OF ITS ELECTRIC LEAST-COST RESOURCE PLAN.

ORDER SHORTENING RESPONSE TIME

Mailed Date: October 22, 2003
Adopted Date: October 22, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On October 14, 2003, Aquila Network – WPC (Aquila) filed its Verified Petition for a Variance in the Filing Date of its Electric Least-Cost Resource Plan and for Shortened Response Time. The Petition requests that we extend the time an additional three months within which Aquila must file its Least-Cost Resource Plan (LCP). Under the Commission's Least-Cost Planning Rules, specifically Rule 3603, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-3, Aquila is required to file its LCP on October 31, 2003. For reasons stated in the Petition, Aquila requests that we extend the filing date for three months. However, there was no request in the petition that we shorten the time within which interested persons may respond to the Petition.

2. In order to allow the Commission to consider this matter at its October 29, 2003 Weekly Meeting, the Commission will shorten the response time to October 28, 2003. Aquila is directed to serve, by overnight delivery or by hand-delivery, a copy of the Petition to the persons who were parties to the Company's proceeding concerning its 1999 Integrated Resource Plan, Docket No. 00A-528E. When Aquila serves the Petition upon those parties, it shall also notify

them by cover letter that responses to the Petition must be filed with the Commission by October 28, 2003. Aquila shall serve the Petition upon these parties by October 24, 2003.

II. ORDER

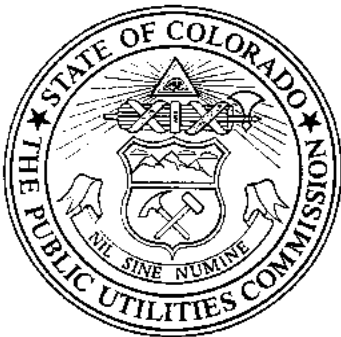
A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Aquila Inc., doing business as Aquila Networks –WPC shall serve a copy of the Verified Petition for a Variance in the Filing Date of its Electric Least-Cost Resource Plan on all parties to its 1999 Integrated Resource Plan by October 24, 2003 consistent with the above discussion.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING October 22, 2003.

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Director

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