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### **PUC APPROVES REFUND PLAN FOR AQUILA NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS**

DENVER – The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC), a division of the Department of Regulatory Agencies, has approved a plan in which Aquila Networks-PNG will refund about \$8.85 million to its Colorado natural gas customers in February.

The refund is due to an over-collection of gas costs paid by Aquila customers from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. The amount was created because of lower-than-expected gas prices during this period.

The one-time refund, which will be based on customers' billed usage plus interest during the over-collection period, will average about \$113.24 for residential customers and \$460.08 for commercial customers. Current Aquila customers will receive the refund as a credit on their February bills. Customers who have left Aquila's system will receive their refunds by check.

Aquila serves about 65,000 natural gas customers in nine counties in Colorado, including the towns of Monument, Fountain, Castle Rock, Woodland Park, Burlington and Limon.

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