

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 08I-113EG

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF REGULATORY AND RATE
INCENTIVES FOR GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES.**

COMMENTS OF AQUILA ON THE SCOPE OF THE PROCEEDING

Aquila, Inc., doing business as Aquila Networks-WPC (“Aquila”), pursuant to Rule 3662, 4 *Colo. Code Regs.* 723-3 (2007) herewith files this comment in response to Decision No. C08-0448, issued on April 29, 2008, address the appropriate scope of this inquiry and methods of inquiry.

By this pleading, Aquila advises the Commission that it intends to participate in this docket, and the undersigned counsel enters his appearance on behalf of Aquila.

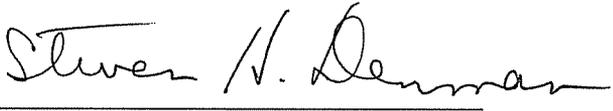
Aquila advises the Commission that the appropriate scope of this inquiry should be limited to the specific topics suggested in paragraph 5 of Decision No. C08-0448. Given the large number of complex dockets already on the Commission’s calendar during 2008 and the actual scope of questions and issues listed in paragraph 5 of Decision No. C08-0448, Aquila believes that these issues listed provide a sufficiently broad scope for this investigation. Aquila believes that past experience in these sorts of investigations has taught the lesson that it is more productive for the Commission, its Staff and the parties not to “bite off more than we can chew.” The enumerated list of issues seems to be the right sized “bite” for this investigation at this time.

As to methods of inquiry, Aquila suggests that the filing of written comments on issues, followed by “round-table” style work-shops and discussions would be best suited for this sort of investigation. If the Commission later determines that on-the-record hearings – with testimony

of witnesses, cross-examination, and so forth – are needed, the Commission could order such more formal proceedings later in the docket.

DATED this 29th day of May 2008.

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I hereby certify that on this 29th day of May 2008, the original and seven copies of the foregoing **COMMENTS OF AQUILA ON THE SCOPE OF THE PROCEEDING** were served via facsimile and overnight delivery on:

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