

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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IN RE: AQUILA, INC. d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS	DOCKET NO. WRU-05-53-225
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**ORDER GRANTING WAIVER**

(Issued December 21, 2005)

On December 14, 2005, Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for a limited waiver of 199 IAC 33.5(3) to extend the filing deadline. This subrule requires Aquila to update its cost allocation manual and file the updated manual with the Board on an annual basis; for the past four years, Aquila has complied with this subrule by filing an updated manual in December. Aquila's last update was filed on December 20, 2004, and accepted by the Board by order issued February 22, 2005. Aquila asked that the subrule be waived to allow it until March 1, 2006, to file an updated manual.

In support of its waiver request, Aquila said it was installing new software on January 1, 2006. The new software will allow direct charges to Aquila's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) accounts, decreasing the time required to produce an updated cost allocation manual. Aquila said granting the extension to March 1, 2006, will save Aquila unnecessary time and expense in preparing an updated manual without the benefit of the new software.

The Board will grant the waiver. Granting the limited time extension does not pose a hardship or prejudice the substantial legal rights of any party. The deadline is not mandated by statute or other provision of law and does not impact public health, safety, or welfare. The extension will allow Aquila to better use its resources and take advantage of its new computer software. The standards for granting this limited waiver contained in 199 IAC 1.3 have been satisfied.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The request for limited waiver of 199 IAC 33.5(3) filed by Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, on December 14, 2005, is granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2005.