

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>AQUILA, INC., d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS, BLACK HILLS CORPORATION, AND BLACK HILLS/IOWA GAS UTILITY COMPANY, LLC</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. SPU-07-12</p>
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**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION**

(Issued May 3, 2007)

On April 4, 2007, Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila), Black Hills Corporation (Black Hills), and Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC (BH Iowa Gas), filed a joint proposal for reorganization pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 476.76 and 476.77 (2007) and 199 IAC 32, along with an application for permission for Aquila to discontinue providing utility service in Iowa pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.20(1) and 199 IAC 7.1(6). The filing is the result of the Asset Purchase Agreement dated February 6, 2007, entered into by and among Aquila, Black Hills, Great Plains Energy Incorporated, and Gregory Acquisition Corporation. On April 12, 2007, the Board issued an order docketing the proposal for reorganization and application to discontinue service and establishing a procedural schedule that included an intervention deadline of April 23, 2007.

On April 20, 2007, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed an application to intervene. In support of its application, MidAmerican states that it provides natural gas service to customers in communities adjacent to some served

by Aquila and MidAmerican could be affected by the transaction because of this proximity. MidAmerican also indicates the proceeding may develop regulatory policy regarding gas distribution utilities that could affect MidAmerican operations.

On April 27, 2007, Aquila, Black Hills, and BH Iowa Gas filed a joint response to the application to intervene. In the response, the companies state that they do not resist MidAmerican's application to intervene, however, they reserve the right to request the Board, pursuant to 199 IAC 7.13(5), to limit or otherwise impose conditions on MidAmerican if and when they deem it necessary.

The Board finds that MidAmerican has met the requirements of subrule 7.13(1) and has demonstrated an interest in the issues that may be raised in this docket. Aquila, Black Hills, and BH Iowa Gas indicate they do not oppose the intervention. MidAmerican will be granted intervention in this proceeding.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

MidAmerican Energy Company's petition to intervene filed April 20, 2007, is granted.

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/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2007.