

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 CANCELING HEARING AND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND RESCHEDULING HEARING

(Issued June 25, 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.

On June 22, 2007, Aquila, Black Hills, BH Iowa Gas, and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Settling Parties) filed a Settlement

Agreement purporting to resolve all of the issues in this docket. Also on June 22, 2007, Settling Parties filed a motion for suspension of the current procedural schedule. Settling Parties request that the Board schedule a hearing, if one is determined to be necessary, on the settlement during the week of July 9, 2007. On June 25, 2007, Settling Parties made a supplemental filing that indicated that MidAmerican Energy Company will not contest the Settlement Agreement.

The Board will cancel the hearing scheduled for June 27, 2007, and tentatively reschedule the hearing for July 25, 2007, to consider the Settlement Agreement. The Board is unable to grant the request to hold the hearing the week of July 9, 2007, because of prior commitments. The Board will review the Settlement Agreement to determine whether there are issues about which the Board will need additional information and will issue an order requesting the additional information. Once the Board has received responses to any questions, it will determine whether a hearing is necessary.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The hearing scheduled for June 27, 2007, and the remaining procedural schedule established in the April 12, 2007, order is canceled.
2. A hearing on the Settlement Agreement filed on June 22, 2007, by Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, Black Hills Corporation, and Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC, and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice is tentatively scheduled for July 25, 2007, at 9 a.m. for the purpose of

addressing any unresolved questions about the Settlement Agreement. The hearing shall be held in the Utilities Board Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

UTILITIES BOARD

/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 25th day of June, 2007.