

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: AQUILA, INC., d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS	DOCKET NO. RPU-08-3
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ORDER SCHEDULING CONSUMER COMMENT HEARINGS

(Issued July 15, 2008)

On June 2, 2008, Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a proposed gas tariff pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476 (2007) designed to increase Iowa gas rates to produce a permanent annual revenue increase of approximately \$13,560,000, or an overall annual revenue increase of 7.63 percent. The tariff has been identified as TF-08-83. This represents an average increase of 10.3 percent for residential customers. On June 30, 2008, the Board issued an order docketing TF-08-83 and establishing a procedural schedule and a hearing date in Docket No. RPU-08-3 to consider the proposed general rate increase.

To allow an opportunity for consumers to appear and comment on the proposed general rate increase, the Board is scheduling several consumer comment hearings throughout Aquila's service territory. Since the service territory extends to almost all sections of Iowa, the Board will be conducting some of the hearings through the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) system in order to maximize the opportunity for public comment while minimizing costs. The dates and locations of the comment hearings are set out in the ordering clauses below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. A consumer comment hearing shall be held on Thursday, August 7, 2008, in Room 118 on the Polytechnic Campus of Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC), 600 N 2nd Avenue W, Newton, Iowa. The hearing is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and end after public comment. The consumer comment hearing in Newton shall be carried over the ICN network and consumers may also appear and provide oral comments at the following locations:

- a. Decorah High School, 100 East Claiborne Drive, Decorah, Iowa.
- b. Forest City High School, 206 W School Street, Forest City, Iowa.
- c. Spencer High School, 800 E 3rd Street, Spencer, Iowa.
- d. Webster City High School, 1001 Lynx Avenue, Webster City, Iowa.

2. A consumer comment hearing shall be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, in the Town Clock Center for Professional Development, Northeast Iowa Community College, 680 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa. The hearing is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and end after public comment.

3. A consumer comment hearing shall be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2008, in the Council Bluffs Public Library, 400 Willow Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa. The hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end after public comment.

4. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate at any of the consumer comment hearing locations should

contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled hearing date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of July, 2008.