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CITY MANAGERS OFFICE LAWRENCE, KS

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

David Corliss, City Manager City of Lawrence P. O. Box 708 Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: Franchise Transfer Consent Request

Dear Dave:

As you know, Aquila entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Black Hills Energy earlier this year. We expect the transaction to close during the first quarter of 2008.

Our franchise with the City requires us to provide a written request for approval to assign the franchise. In accordance with that requirement, please find enclosed a Franchise Transfer Consent Request.

If you or the Mayor and Commissioners would like additional information about the Asset Purchase Agreement or our request for assignment, please let me know. I'll be happy to meet with you and/or request time on a future meeting agenda.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, Dave.

Sincerely,

Larissa Long

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