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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ISSUES REMINDER
ON MAY 16-17 AQUILA RATE CASE MEETINGS**

LINCOLN – Public Service Commissioner Rod Johnson of Sutton reminds residents of District 4 that the Commission will be conducting two meetings within the district May 16 on a proposed rate increase by natural gas supplier Aquila.

The meetings will be:

10 a.m. – Courtroom 3, Madison County Courthouse, 1313 Main Street, Madison.

2 p.m. – York County Commissioner’s Room, Lower Level, York County Courthouse, 510 Lincoln Avenue, York.

In addition, the Commission will conduct meetings on May 17 at 9 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of Blair City Hall and at noon in the Papillion City Hall Council Chambers.

Commissioner Johnson will host the meeting. He said the town hall meetings will give the public an opportunity to ask questions as well as comment on the proposed rates to the Commission. The Commission also expects Aquila to participate in the meetings.

“Basically, the Commission wants to gauge public opinion on the rate proposals,” Johnson said.

The rate proposal generated by Aquila affects all of its Nebraska customers in Rate Areas 1, 2, and 3. The meetings are open to the public. Residents from any of the Commission’s five districts may attend any of the meetings.

Aquila operates natural gas franchises in 108 Nebraska communities and filed for a \$16.3 million increase on November 15. In addition to the four town hall meetings, a public hearing will be conducted at the Commission’s Hearing Room on the Third Floor of the Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, beginning at 10 a.m. on May 30. Commissioner Frank Landis of Lincoln will preside as the hearing officer.

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