

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Applica-)	
tion of Great Plains Energy Incor-)	
porated, Kansas City Power & Light)	
Company, and Aquila, Inc., for)	EM-2007-0374
Approval of the Merger of Aquila,)	
Inc., with a Subsidiary of Great)	
Plains Energy Incorporated and for)	
Other Related Relief)	

**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE BY
PRAXAIR, INC.**

COMES NOW PRAXAIR, INC. ("Praxair") pursuant to 4 C.S.R. 240-2.075 and applies to intervene herein and become a party hereto for all purposes with respect to the joint filing by Aquila, Inc., Great Plains Energy Incorporated ("Great Plains"), and Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") (collectively, "Joint Applicants") on April 4, 2007. In support of this motion, Praxair respectfully shows the following:

1. Praxair is a large industrial electric customer of Empire. Praxair operates a major air liquefaction and constituent gas separation facility in Kansas City, Missouri. Praxair is the successor in interest to the Linde Division of Union Carbide Corporation.

2. Through Praxair's own prior interventions and those of its predecessor, Praxair's interests in proceedings affecting the rates, terms and conditions of electric service from KCPL have been previously recognized by the Missouri Public

Service Commission in permitting Praxair's intervention in prior rate design and electric rate proceedings concerning KCPL, including the most recently concluded general rate case, ER-2006-0314.

3. Correspondence or communications regarding this application, including service of all notices and orders of this Commission, should be addressed to:

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4. On April 4, 2007, Joint Applicants sought authorization from this Commission to combine certain of their respective operations. Our understanding is that Aquila is proposed to be operated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Great Plains.

5. Praxair is vitally interested in this proposed transaction and in its impact on ratepayers generally and upon Praxair's continued operations. As a major electric customer of KCPL, Praxair is in a position to be directly affected by the proposed transaction and may be bound or adversely affected by any Commission order issued in this proceeding. Because KCPL

provides electricity to Praxair under separate contracts or rate schedules and because of Praxair's size, load factor, and conditions of service, Praxair is in the unique position of representing an interest which will not and cannot be represented adequately by any other party and which interest is direct and immediate and differs from that of the general public. Therefore, it will aid the Commission and protect and advance the public interest that Praxair be permitted to intervene in this proceeding so as to protect its interest.

6. For purposes of 4 C.S.R. 240-2.075(2), Praxair states that it is opposed to discriminatory pricing of electricity and related utility services. Moreover, utility ratepayers are not understood by Praxair to be the ultimate guarantors of a utility's financial health. Rather utility management should be accountable to its shareholders for the proper and prudent management of the assets that they have provided for public service.

7. Certain details of the proposed transaction are currently designated as Highly Confidential and are not available to Praxair representatives for review. Accordingly, a more detailed statement of position and identification of issues with respect to the April 4, 2007 filing may be submitted following review of these materials and others yet to be submitted.

WHEREFORE, Praxair prays (without prejudice to later requests for relief): (a) that Praxair be permitted to intervene herein and be made a party hereto with all rights to have notice

of and participate in hearings, to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, file briefs and participate in argument, should any be had; (b) that a procedural schedule be adopted providing for a hearing and the filing of exhibits and testimony; (c) that following such investigation the matter be set for investigation and hearing before the Commission in which the applicant utilities shall be put to their proof regarding all aspects of the proposed transaction; and (d) for all other needful and proper relief appropriate in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, CONRAD & PETERSON, L.C.

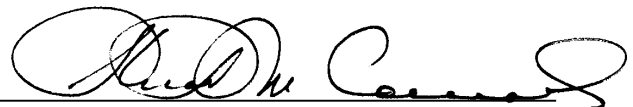


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing Application for Leave to Intervene by U.S. mail, postage prepaid or by electronic mail addressed to all parties by their attorneys of record as provided by the Secretary of the Commission.



Stuart W. Conrad

Dated: April 10, 2007