BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of Great Plains Energy Incorporated, Kansas City Power & Light Company, and Aquila, Inc., for Approval of the Merger of Aquila, Inc., with a Subsidiary of Great Plains Energy Incorporated and for Other Related Relief

EM-2007-0374

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO SECOND MOTION IN LIMINE OF INDICATED INDUSTRIALS

COME NOW the SEDALIA INDUSTRIAL ENERGY USERS' ASSOCIA-TION ("SIEUA"), AG PROCESSING INC A COOPERATIVE ("AGP") and PRAXAIR, INC ("Praxair") (collectively "Indicated Industrials") and reply to the opposition to their Second Motion in Limine as follows:

1. Joint Applicants appear to recognize that the controlling statute, in relevant part, provides:

393.190. 1. No . . . electrical corporation . . . shall hereafter sell, assign, lease, transfer, mortgage or otherwise dispose of or encumber the whole or any part of its franchise, works or system, necessary or useful in the performance of its duties to the public, nor by any means, *direct or indirect*, merge or consolidate such works or system, or franchises, or any part thereof, with any other corporation, person or public utility, without having first secured from the commission an order authorizing it so to do. Every such sale, assignment, lease, transfer, mort-gage, disposition, encumbrance, merger or consolidation made other than in accordance

with the order of the commission authorizing same *shall be void*. (Emphasis added).

2. They also concede that no such authorization has been sought, but characterize a plain reading of the above statute as "hyper-technical."

3. The language chosen by the legislature to force utilities to seek commission authorization does not require "hyper-technical" reading to see its application to the transaction that the Joint Applicants propose, whether they choose to call it "integration," "combination," "sharing," or engage in other efforts at sophistry. As noted by Staff's Response in Support, filed this date, it is, rather, the Joint Applicants who are attempting to slip their transaction between the regulatory supervision of the FERC, this commission and, perhaps even other federal authorities. Unfortunately, their efforts, and the purpose behind them, have been "outed."

4. Their efforts are confounded by the General Assembly's words. They cannot sneak their attempt past "directly or indirectly." "Hyper-technical"? We think not.

WHEREFORE, the Commission should reject and not consider, at a minimum, the previously-identified items of testimony for the reasons stated in the original motion and above and generally should not take into consideration testimony that is not relevant to the scope of the transaction for which approval is requested by the Application or testimony that is not properly presented to the Commission in accord with the procedural orders previously issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing Pleading 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: March 20, 2008