

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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)	Case No. EM-2007-0374
of Aquila, Inc. with a Subsidiary of Great Plains)	
Energy Incorporated and for Other Related Relief)	

**JOINT APPLICANTS' MOTION TO WITHDRAW THEIR PENDING MOTION TO
ESTABLISH A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, AND IN LIEU THEREOF, ESTABLISH A
TIME FOR THE FILING OF A STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080, Great Plains Energy Incorporated ("Great Plains Energy"), Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL"), and Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila") (collectively, "Joint Applicants") hereby respectfully file their Motion To Withdraw Their Pending Motion To Establish A Procedural Schedule, and In Lieu Thereof, Establish a Time For the Filing of a Status Report. In support thereof, Joint Applicants state as follows:

1. On January 31, 2008, the Joint Applicants filed their Response To Order Directing Filing And Motion To Establish A Procedural Schedule ("Joint Applicants' Response") in response to a January 17, 2008 Order of the Commission which, *inter alia*, directed that "Great Plains Energy Incorporated, Kansas City Power & Light Company, and Aquila, Inc., shall file a proposed procedural schedule, including the date on which they shall file a new proposed merger plan and/or a settlement agreement or the date on which they are prepared to resume the hearing on the original merger plan, no later than January 31, 2008." (Order, p. 4) In the Joint Applicants' Response, the Joint Applicants proposed that, in the event that a settlement is not reached by February 11, 2008, Joint Applicants would propose to file supplemental direct testimony supporting their revised merger plan on February 11, 2008. In addition, the Joint Applicants suggested a proposed procedural schedule with evidentiary

hearings during two consecutive weeks during the following dates: March 17-21, March 24-28, and March 31-April 4, 2008.

2. On February 1, 2008, the Commission issued its Order Shortening Time For Response directing that any responses to the Joint Applicants' Response To Order Directing Filing and Motion to Establish a Procedural Schedule shall be filed no later than February 6, 2008.

3. Since the filing of the Joint Applicants' Response on January 31, 2008, additional settlement meetings have been held among the parties to discuss potential settlement of this case. These settlement discussions are ongoing, and the Joint Applicants continue to believe that these discussions are productive and should continue. In addition, the Joint Applicants wish to inform the Commission that the date for consummation of the proposed transaction in this case has been initially extended by Great Plains Energy and Aquila until May 1, 2008.

4. The Joint Applicants believe that it would be prudent and reasonable to continue the ongoing settlement discussions among the parties with the hope of resolving this matter without the need for additional hearings. However, additional time beyond February 11 is needed for the parties to explore the possibility of settlement. Therefore, the Joint Applicants desire to withdraw their pending motion to establish a proposed procedural schedule, and in lieu thereof, request that the parties be permitted to continue to discuss the possibility of settlement until February 20, 2008, and if a settlement proposal is not filed by February 20, 2008, then the parties would file a Status Report with the Commission to inform the Commission of the current status of the discussions. The Status Report would also address whether a procedural schedule should be adopted at that time.

5. The undersigned counsel has been authorized to indicate that the following parties do not object to this request: Staff, Public Counsel, Black Hills Corporation, the City of Kansas City, Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission, the City of St. Joseph, Dogwood Energy, the City of Independence, IBEW Locals 412, 1464 and 1613, and IBEW Locals 814 and 695.

WHEREFORE, Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission accept this Motion To Withdraw Their Pending Motion To Establish A Procedural Schedule, allow the parties to continue to discuss possible settlement of the case until February 20, 2008, at which time a Status Report would be filed with the Commission, if a settlement agreement had not already been filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand delivered, emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, this 6th day of February, 2008, to all counsel of record.

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