

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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 of Aquila,)
Inc., with a Subsidiary of Great)
Plains Energy Incorporated and for)
Other Related Relief)

Case No. EM-2007-0374

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE RESPONSE TO PUBLIC
COUNSEL'S MOTION TO DISMISS OUT-OF-TIME**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Commission's General Counsel, and hereby moves the Commission for leave to file its Response to Public Counsel's Motion to Dismiss out-of-time. In support whereof, the undersigned states that the intervening holidays and the press of other business has precluded timely filing of this Response.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will grant it leave to late-file its Response to Public Counsel's Motion to Dismiss; and such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **27th day of December, 2007**, to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

s/ Kevin A. Thompson