

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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Kansas City Power & Light Company ) File No. EF-2018-0114  
For Authority to Issue Debt Securities. )

**APPLICATION AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

COMES NOW Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L” or “Applicant” or “Company”), pursuant to Sections 393.180 and 393.200, RSMo. 2000, 4 CSR 240-3.120, 4 CSR 240-2.060, and 4 CSR 240-4.017(1)(D), respectfully requests authority from the Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) to issue debt securities. In support thereof, Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, with its principal office and place of business located at 1200 Main St., Kansas City, Missouri 64105. Applicant is primarily engaged in the business of generating, transmitting, distributing, and selling electric energy in portions of eastern Kansas and western Missouri. KCP&L is an electric corporation and public utility as defined in Section 386.020, Mo. Rev. Stat. (2010), as amended.<sup>1</sup> Applicant’s Certificate of Good Standing is attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and incorporated herein.

2. Applicant holds Certificates of Convenience and Necessity from the Commission to transact business as an electric public utility in certain areas of the State of Missouri. In addition, Applicant has heretofore filed with this Commission a certified copy of the Articles of Consolidation under which it was organized and of all amendments thereto.

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Missouri Revised Statutes (2010), as amended to date.

3. Exhibit 6 outlines Applicant's proposed Financing Plan for the period beginning on or about February 26, 2018 through September 30, 2019, including the projected issuance of debt securities for new financing and refinancing requirements.

4. In addition to undersigned counsel, communications in regard to this matter should be addressed to:

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5. KCP&L has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court that involves customer service or rates, which has occurred within three years of the date of this Application other than the following pending actions: *Michael H. Klugman v. Kansas City Power & Light Company*, Case No. EC-2018-0102 and *Gene Edward Dudley v. Kansas City Power & Light Company*, Case No. EC-2018-0103. No annual report or assessment fees are overdue.

6. The status of Applicant's Capital Stock outstanding at September 30, 2017, under its Articles of Consolidation, as amended, was as follows:

<u>Class of Stock</u>	<u>Number of Par Value Shares Authorized</u>	<u>Par Value</u>	<u>Number of Shares Without Par Value Authorized</u>	<u>Number of Shares Outstanding</u>
Common Stock	--	--	1,000	1

7. As of September 30, 2017, Applicant's long-term indebtedness (including current maturities and net of unamortized discounts and issuance costs) was \$2,581.7 million, represented by (i) \$1,933.8 million of Senior Unsecured Notes; (ii) \$478.4 million of General Mortgage Bonds (consisting of \$79.1 million of tax-exempt debt and \$399.3 million of taxable General Mortgage Bonds); and (iii) \$169.5 million of Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding bonds.

8. Applicant had \$202.0 million of short-term indebtedness outstanding on September 30, 2017 (consisting of \$72.0 million of commercial paper and \$130.0 million of collateralized note payable related to an accounts receivable facility).

9. None of the outstanding stock or stock certificates or bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of Applicant have been issued or used in capitalizing its rights to be a corporation, or any franchise or permit, or the right to own, operate or enjoy any such franchise or permit, or any contract for consolidation or lease.

10. Applicant's last authorization to issue debt securities (up to \$350 million) was provided under Commission Order in Case No. EF-2017-0242.

11. In connection with this request for authority from the Commission to issue debt securities, the Applicant hereby agrees in advance to the imposition on the authority to be granted to Applicant the following general conditions, namely:

- (a) That nothing in the Commission's order shall be considered a finding by the Commission of the value of this transaction for rate-making purposes, and

that the Commission reserves the right to consider the rate-making treatment to be afforded the financing transaction and its impact on cost of capital, in any future proceeding;

- (b) That [Applicant] shall file with the Commission within ten (10) days of the issuance of any financing authorized pursuant to a Commission order in this proceeding, a report including the amount of secured indebtedness issued, date of issuance, interest rate (initial rate if variable), maturity date, redemption schedules or special terms, if any, use of proceeds, estimated expenses, and loan or indenture agreement concerning each issuance;
- (c) That the interest rate for any debt issuance covered by the application is not to exceed the greater of (i) nine percent (9%) or (ii) a rate that is consistent with similar securities of comparable credit quality and maturities issued by other issuers;
- (d) That [Applicant] shall file with the Commission through its electronic filing and information system (EFIS) in this case any information concerning communication with credit rating agencies concerning this issuance;
- (e) That [Applicant] shall file with the Commission as a non-case-related submission in EFIS under “Resources” - “Non-Case Related Query” - “Ordered Submission” any credit rating agency reports published on [Applicant’s] or Great Plains Energy Incorporated’s (“GPE”) corporate credit quality or the credit quality of its securities;
- (f) That the amount of secured debt [Applicant] can issue be limited to an amount not to exceed net additions to plant in service; construction work in progress to the extent this is intended to be added to plant in service; and refinancing of existing long-term debt; and
- (g) That to the extent that any non-regulated investments made by [Applicant] or GPE and affiliated companies may potentially impact [Applicant’s] credit quality and resulting credit ratings, [Applicant] shall notify Staff of such possibility and provide a status report to the Commission regarding the amount of financing used under this authority and the intended use of any remaining authorized but unissued funds.

12. To meet the new financing and refinancing requirements outlined in Exhibit 6, Applicant seeks authority to issue, in principal amount, up to Seven Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$750,000,000) of debt securities through September 30, 2019, and to enter into interest rate hedging instruments in connection with such debt securities. Applicant will issue such debt, up to the authorized amount, through one or a number of offerings to be determined from time to time

by the Applicant. By providing flexibility and ability to take advantage of rapidly changing market conditions, such an approach allows the Applicant to obtain the most advantageous terms and conditions at the time of issuance, thereby enabling the Applicant to maintain its low-cost debt structure.

13. The debt securities will have maturities of one year to 40 years and will be issued by the Applicant or through agents or underwriters for the Applicant in multiple offerings of differing amounts with different interest rates (including variable interest rates) and other negotiated terms and conditions. Interest rates on the debt securities, represented by either (i) the coupon on fixed rate debt securities or (ii) the initial rate on any variable debt securities, will not exceed nine percent (9%).

14. The debt securities may be senior or subordinated and may be either unsecured or secured under the Applicant's existing general mortgage debt indentures, depending on cost differentials and market conditions at the time of issuance. The debt may also take the form of "fall-away" mortgage debt in which it is initially secured but then converts to unsecured based on certain conditions.

15. Applicant also requests authority to enter into interest rate hedging instruments in conjunction with debt securities to be issued under this authorization. Applicant anticipates potentially using such hedging instruments for two purposes: (1) to "lock in" the key underlying rate of all or a portion of an upcoming debt issuance in advance of the issuance itself; and/or (2) at the time of debt issuance, to change the interest rate mode on the issued security from floating to fixed or vice versa, depending on Applicant's desired mix of fixed and floating rate debt. Depending on investor appetite at the time of issuance, it is sometimes more economical to issue floating rate securities and swap them to a fixed rate or cap them at some interest rate, rather than issue fixed rate securities. Alternatively, it may be more economical to issue fixed rate securities

and swap them to floating rather than issue floating rate securities. By having the flexibility to use hedging instruments to alter the interest rate from that on the debt securities issued to the market, Applicant will be able to optimize the cost of the debt at the time of issuance. Because the Applicant's decision to use interest rate hedging instruments is dependent on market conditions at the time the debt securities are issued, both the use and cost of hedging instruments is difficult to forecast. Interest rate swaps require no upfront costs, while any upfront costs associated with the use of interest rate caps and/or collars, would be expected to be partially or fully offset by the economic savings resulting from their use.

16. Proceeds of the securities will be used by Applicant to refinance outstanding long-term debt.

17. On March 12, 2015, Applicant filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for an unlimited amount of debt and trust preferred securities, which is referenced in Exhibit 1 to this Application. Such registration statement expires on March 11, 2018, and as such, Applicant expects to file a new registration statement on or before March 11, 2018, which registration statement shall be designed to register securities contemplated to be issued over a three-year period from the date of such filing.

18. Applicant is entitled, with the authorization of the Commission, to issue up to Seven Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$750,000,000) of debt securities and related interest rate hedging instruments and to enter into the agreements necessary for the transactions. Applicant further submits that such issuance and execution are in the public interest.

19. Applicant believes that this verified Application and exhibits will provide the Commission with sufficient facts and information to make a proper disposition of this Application without a hearing.

20. Applicant will file with the Commission within ten (10) days of the issuance of any debt securities authorized in this case a report including the amount of debt securities issued, date of issuance, interest rate (initial rate if variable), maturity date, and redemption schedules or special terms, if any. Applicant will also file a statement of the portion of the issuance of the debt securities, if any, which is subject to the fee schedule in Section 386.300, Mo. Rev. Stat. and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.120(1)(F). Applicant states that because this debt is intended to be issued for the purpose of retiring existing indebtedness, it is expected that none of these debt issuances will be subject to the fee schedule in Section 386.300, Mo. Rev. Stat.

21. The following exhibits were filed with the Company's Application or are herewith filed and made a part hereof:

- Exhibit 1: Registration Statements filed by Applicant with the SEC on March 12, 2015, including forms of indentures, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.120(1)(C).
- Exhibit 2: Certified copy of resolutions of the Applicant's Board of Directors authorizing, among other things, the issuance of the debt securities pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.120(1)(D).
- Exhibit 3: Certificate of Good Standing
- Exhibit 4: Revised *pro forma* financial statements of the Applicant as of September 30, 2017, giving effect to the transactions and accounting adjustments herein described pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.120(1)(E).
- Exhibit 5: Confidential Five-year capital expenditure schedule pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.120(1)(G) and 393.200 RSMo. 2000.
- Exhibit 6: Confidential Two-year financing plan.

The information presented in Exhibits 5 and 6 include financial information which has not yet been publicly disclosed by the Applicant. Applicant therefore requests that Exhibits 5 and 6 be treated as “Confidential” pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135.

22. Applicant filed a 60-day Notice of Filing on October 31, 2017. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-4.017(1)(D), KCP&L requests a waiver for good cause of the requirement that the notice occur 60 days before the filing of the application. Attached is a verified statement that the Company has had no communication regarding substantive issues in this case with the office of the Commission within the prior 150 days and the harm that will occur by delaying the application filing to December 30, 2017.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests the Commission enter an appropriate Order, with an effective date of February 25, 2018 or earlier, authorizing Applicant:

- (a) to issue during the period ending September 30, 2019, up to Seven Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$750,000,000) principal amount of debt securities, which may take the form of secured or unsecured senior or subordinated debt, “fall away” mortgage debt, or subordinated debt issued to special purpose financing entities, and with fixed or variable interest rates not to exceed nine percent (9%) on (i) fixed-rate notes or (ii) the initial rate on any variable rate notes;
- (b) to enter into interest rate hedging instruments with one or more counterparties in conjunction with the debt securities issued under this authorization; and
- (c) to execute all documents necessary for the issuance and take all other actions necessary for the issuance and maintenance of the debt securities authorized in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robert J. Hack

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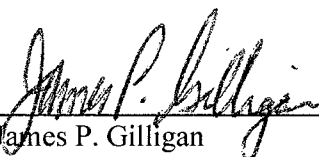
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LIGHT COMPANY**

**VERIFICATION**

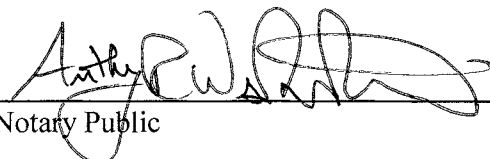
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COUNTY OF JACKSON    )     ss

James P. Gilligan, being first duly sworn, on his oath and in his capacity as Assistant Treasurer of Kansas City Power & Light Company, states that he is authorized to execute this Application on behalf of Kansas City Power & Light Company, and has knowledge of the matters stated in this Application, and that said matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Pursuant to the requirements of 4 CSR 240-4.017(D), I hereby certify that KCP&L personnel have had no communications with the office of the Missouri Public Service Commission within the prior one hundred fifty (150) days regarding any substantive issues likely to be in this case. KCP&L needs to have Commission financing authority in advance of March 1, 2018 in order to refinance existing indebtedness that will mature on that date. The Company has previously discussed this application with Staff and believes that an application filed before December 30 will help to avoid any unnecessary delay in obtaining Commission approval for new financing before the March 1, 2018 maturity date.

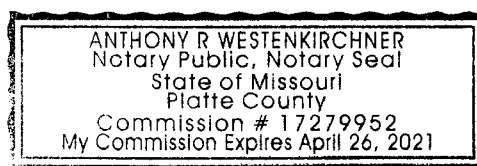
  
James P. Gilligan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2017.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

4/26/2021



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and copy of the foregoing application was emailed on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2017, to the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of the Public Counsel.

*/s/ Robert J. Hack*

Robert J. Hack

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**Great Plains Energy Incorporated**  
**Kansas City Power & Light Company**  
(Exact name of registrant  
as specified in its charter)

**Missouri**  
**Missouri**  
(State of  
incorporation)

**43-1916803**  
**44-0308720**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**1200 Main Street**  
**Kansas City, Missouri 64105**  
**(816) 556-2200**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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**General Counsel and Senior Vice President—Human Resources**  
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**(816) 556-2200**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

*with copies to:*

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. ☐

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. ☒

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. ☐

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. ☐

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box. ☒

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Great Plains Energy Incorporated	Large accelerated filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>
	Non-accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company <input type="checkbox"/>
Kansas City Power & Light Company	Large accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>
	Non-accelerated filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company <input type="checkbox"/>

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to Be Registered	Amount to be Registered/ Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit/ Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price/ Amount of Registration Fee (1)(2)
Senior Debt Securities, Subordinated Debt Securities, Common Stock, Warrants, Stock Purchase Contracts and Stock Purchase Units (3) of Great Plains Energy Incorporated .....	—
Notes and General Mortgage Bonds of Kansas City Power & Light Company .....	—

- (1) An indeterminate amount or number of the securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be offered by Great Plains Energy Incorporated or Kansas City Power & Light Company at indeterminate prices, along with an indeterminate number of securities that may be issued upon exercise, settlement, exchange or conversion of securities offered hereunder. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable upon exercise, settlement, conversion or exchange of other securities or that are issued in units.
- (2) In reliance on and in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrants are deferring payment of all of the registration fee.
- (3) Each Stock Purchase Unit consists of (a) a Stock Purchase Contract, under which the holder, upon settlement, will purchase an indeterminate number of shares of Common Stock of Great Plains Energy Incorporated and (b) a beneficial interest in Debt Securities of Great Plains Energy Incorporated, or debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury securities, purchased with the proceeds from the sale of the Stock Purchase Units. Each beneficial interest will be pledged to secure the obligation of such holder to purchase such shares of Common Stock. No separate consideration will be received for the Stock Purchase Contracts or the related beneficial interests.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This registration statement contains two separate prospectuses:

1. The first prospectus relates to the offering by Great Plains Energy Incorporated of Senior Debt Securities, Subordinated Debt Securities, Common Stock, Warrants, Stock Purchase Contracts and Stock Purchase Units.
2. The second prospectus relates to the offering by Kansas City Power & Light Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Great Plains Energy Incorporated, of investment grade, non-convertible Notes and General Mortgage Bonds.

**PROSPECTUS**

# **GREAT PLAINS ENERGY INCORPORATED**

**Senior Debt Securities  
Subordinated Debt Securities  
Common Stock  
Warrants  
Stock Purchase Contracts  
Stock Purchase Units**

Great Plains Energy Incorporated (“Great Plains Energy”) may offer and sell, from time to time, these securities in one or more offerings. We may offer the securities simultaneously or at different times, in one or more separate series, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at or prior to the time or times of sale.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of these securities. We will provide specific information about the offering and the terms of these securities in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The supplements may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus may not be used to offer and sell our securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and the related prospectus supplements before you invest in these securities.

The common stock of Great Plains Energy Incorporated is listed on The New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “GXP.”

Our principal executive offices are located at 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105 and our telephone number is (816) 556-2200.

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**Investing in these securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the information referred to under the heading “Risk Factors” beginning on page 5 of this prospectus.**

We may offer and sell these securities through one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. We will set forth in the related prospectus supplement the specific terms of the plan of distribution, including the name of the underwriters, dealers or agents, the discount or commission received by them from us as compensation, our other expenses for the offering and sale of these securities and the net proceeds we receive from the sale. See “Plan of Distribution.”

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

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**The date of this prospectus is March 12, 2015.**

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## **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, utilizing a “shelf” registration process. By using this process, we may, from time to time, sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. We may offer any of the following securities: senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities, each of which may be convertible into our common stock, common stock, stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units. We may also offer warrants to purchase shares of our common stock.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide you with a supplement to this prospectus that will describe the specific terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change the information contained in this prospectus, including information about us. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. The registration statement we filed with the SEC includes exhibits that provide more detail on descriptions of the matters discussed in this prospectus. Therefore, for a complete understanding of our securities being offered, we urge you to read carefully the registration statement (including the exhibits thereto), this prospectus and any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, together with the information incorporated herein by reference under “Where You Can Find More Information”, before deciding whether to invest in any of our securities being offered.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, or in any free writing prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information and neither we nor the underwriters of any offering of securities will authorize anyone else to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed materially since those dates.

Unless the context otherwise requires or as otherwise indicated, when we refer to “Great Plains Energy,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our” in this prospectus or when we otherwise refer to ourselves in this prospectus, we mean Great Plains Energy Incorporated and its subsidiaries, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

## **CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS REGARDING CERTAIN FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This prospectus and the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference as described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information” contain forward-looking statements that are not based on historical facts. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by use of the words “may,” “should,” “expect,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential,” or “continue.” Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the outcome of regulatory proceedings, cost estimates of capital projects and other matters affecting future operations. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions, expectations, and assessments made by our management in light of their experience and their perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors they believe to be appropriate. Any forward-looking statements are not guarantees of our future performance and are subject to risks and uncertainties, including those discussed under the heading “Risk Factors” in this prospectus, in any prospectus supplement, and in our other SEC filings. These risks and uncertainties could cause actual results, developments and business decisions to differ materially from those contemplated or implied by forward-looking statements. Consequently, you should recognize these statements for what they are and we caution you not to rely upon them as facts. We claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the

Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for all forward-looking statements. We disclaim any duty to update the forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this prospectus. Some of the factors that may cause actual results, developments and business decisions to differ materially from those contemplated by these forward-looking statements include the following:

- future economic conditions in regional, national and international markets and their effects on sales, prices and costs;
- prices and availability of electricity in regional and national wholesale markets;
- market perception of the energy industry and the Company;
- changes in business strategy, operations or development plans;
- the outcome of contract negotiations for goods and services;
- effects of current or proposed state and federal legislative and regulatory actions or developments, including, but not limited to, deregulation, re-regulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry;
- decisions of regulators regarding rates the Company can charge for electricity;
- adverse changes in applicable laws, regulations, rules, principles or practices governing tax, accounting and environmental matters including, but not limited to, air and water quality;
- financial market conditions and performance including, but not limited to, changes in interest rates and credit spreads and in availability and cost of capital and the effects on nuclear decommissioning trust and pension plan assets and costs;
- impairments of long-lived assets or goodwill;
- credit ratings;
- inflation rates;
- effectiveness of risk management policies and procedures and the ability of counterparties to satisfy their contractual commitments;
- impact of terrorist acts, including, but not limited to, cyber terrorism;
- ability to carry out marketing and sales plans;
- weather conditions including, but not limited to, weather-related damage and their effects on sales, prices and costs;
- cost, availability, quality and deliverability of fuel;
- the inherent uncertainties in estimating the effects of weather, economic conditions and other factors on customer consumption and financial results;
- ability to achieve generation goals and the occurrence and duration of planned and unplanned generation outages;
- delays in the anticipated in-service dates and cost increases of generation, transmission, distribution or other projects;
- Great Plains Energy's ability to successfully manage transmission joint venture;
- the inherent risks associated with the ownership and operation of a nuclear facility including, but not limited to, environmental, health, safety, regulatory and financial risks;
- workforce risks including, but not limited to, increased costs of retirement, health care and other benefits; and
- other risks and uncertainties.

This list of factors is not all-inclusive because it is not possible to predict all factors. You should also carefully consider the information contained under the heading “Risk Factors” in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, and in our other SEC filings.

## **GREAT PLAINS ENERGY INCORPORATED**

Great Plains Energy Incorporated, a Missouri corporation incorporated in 2001 and headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, is a public utility holding company and does not own or operate any significant assets other than the stock of its subsidiaries. Our wholly-owned direct subsidiaries with significant operations are as follows:

- Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L”) is an integrated, regulated electric utility that provides electricity to customers primarily in the states of Missouri and Kansas. KCP&L has one active wholly-owned subsidiary, Kansas City Power & Light Receivables Company.
- KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (“GMO”) is an integrated, regulated electric utility that provides electricity to customers in the state of Missouri. GMO also provides regulated steam service to certain customers in the St. Joseph, Missouri area. GMO has two active wholly-owned subsidiaries, GMO Receivables Company and MPS Merchant Services, Inc. (“MPS Merchant”). MPS Merchant has certain long-term natural gas contracts remaining from its former non-regulated trading operations.

## **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves risks. Our business is influenced by many factors that are difficult to predict, involve uncertainties that may materially affect actual results and are often beyond our control. You should carefully consider the information under the heading “Risk Factors” in:

- any prospectus supplement relating to any securities we are offering;
- our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus; and
- documents we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus and which are deemed incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

### **RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table shows our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

<b>Fiscal Years Ended December 31,</b>				
<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>2.72</b>	<b>2.75</b>	<b>2.31</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>2.28</b>

For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges: (i) earnings consist of income before deducting net provisions for income taxes, equity investment losses, and fixed charges; and (ii) fixed charges consist of interest on debt, amortization of debt discount, premium and expense, and the estimated interest component of lease payments and rentals.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we inform you otherwise in a supplement to this prospectus, we anticipate using any net proceeds received by us from the issuance of any of the offered securities for general corporate purposes, including, among others:

- repayment of debt;
- repurchase, retirement or refinancing of other securities;
- funding of construction expenditures;
- investments in subsidiaries; and
- acquisitions.

Pending such uses, we may also invest the proceeds in certificates of deposit, United States government securities or certain other short-term interest-bearing securities. If we decide to use the net proceeds from a particular offering of securities for a specific purpose, we will describe that in the related prospectus supplement.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

### General

The senior debt securities and the subordinated debt securities, which we refer to collectively as the debt securities, will represent unsecured obligations of Great Plains Energy Incorporated exclusively, and not the obligation of any of our subsidiaries. We may issue one or more series of debt securities directly to the public or as part of a stock purchase unit from time to time. We expect that each series of senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities will be issued as a new series of debt securities under one of two separate indentures, as each may be amended or supplemented from time to time. We will issue the senior debt securities in one or more series under the senior indenture, dated as of June 1, 2004, that we entered into with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee. We will issue the subordinated debt securities in one or more series under the subordinated indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009, that we entered into with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. The senior indenture, the subordinated indenture and the form of any supplemental indenture or other instrument establishing the debt securities of a particular series are filed as exhibits to, or will be subsequently incorporated by reference in, the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Each indenture has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. The following summaries of certain provisions of the senior indenture, the subordinated indenture and the applicable debt securities do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by, all of the provisions of the senior indenture or the subordinated indenture, as the case may be, and the applicable debt securities. We may also sell hybrid or novel securities now existing or developed in the future that combine certain features of the debt securities and other securities described in this prospectus.

We may authorize the issuance and provide for the terms of a series of debt securities by or pursuant to a resolution of our Board of Directors or any duly authorized committee thereof or pursuant to a supplemental indenture or to a company order, as described in the indentures. There will be no requirement under either the senior indenture or the subordinated indenture that our future issuances of debt securities be issued exclusively under either indenture. We will be free to employ other indentures or documentation containing provisions different from those included in either indenture or applicable to one or more issuances of senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities, as the case may be, in connection with future issuances of other debt securities. The senior indenture and the subordinated indenture will provide that the applicable debt securities will be issued in one or more series, may be issued at various times, may have differing maturity dates, may bear interest at differing rates and may have other differing terms and conditions, as described below. We need not issue all debt securities of one series at the same time and, unless otherwise provided, we may reopen a series, without the consent of the holders of the senior debt securities or the subordinated debt securities of that series, as the case may be, for issuances of additional senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities of that series, as applicable. One or more series of the debt securities may be issued with the same or various maturities at par, above par or at a discount. Debt securities bearing no interest or interest at a rate which, at the time of issuance, is below the market rate (“Original Issue Discount Securities”) will be sold at a discount (which may be substantial) below their stated principal amount. Federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to any such Original Issue Discount Securities will be described in the prospectus supplement relating thereto. Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, neither indenture described above will limit the aggregate amount of debt, including secured debt, we or our subsidiaries may incur. Both indentures will also permit us to merge or consolidate or to transfer our assets, subject to certain conditions (see “—Consolidation, Merger and Sale or Disposition of Assets” below).

### Ranking

The debt securities will be direct unsecured obligations of Great Plains Energy Incorporated exclusively, and not the obligation of any of our subsidiaries. The senior debt securities will rank equally with all of Great Plains Energy Incorporated’s unsecured and unsubordinated debt and the subordinated debt securities will be junior in right of payment to our Senior Indebtedness (including senior debt securities), as described under the

heading “—Subordination.” At December 31, 2014, Great Plains Energy Incorporated had approximately \$840.3 million of outstanding Senior Indebtedness (as defined below) (including guarantees of \$98.8 million of GMO indebtedness).

Great Plains Energy Incorporated is a holding company that derives substantially all of its income from its operating subsidiaries. As a result, our cash flows and consequent ability to service our debt, including the debt securities, are dependent upon the earnings of our subsidiaries and distribution of those earnings to us and other payments or distributions of funds by our subsidiaries to us, including payments of principal and interest under intercompany indebtedness. Our operating subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and will have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay any dividends or make any other distributions (except for payments required pursuant to the terms of intercompany indebtedness) to us or to otherwise pay amounts due with respect to the debt securities or to make specific funds available for such payments. Furthermore, except to the extent we have a priority or equal claim against our subsidiaries as a creditor, the debt securities will be effectively subordinated to debt at the subsidiary level because, as the common shareholder of our subsidiaries, we will be subject to the prior claims of creditors of our subsidiaries. At December 31, 2014, our subsidiaries had approximately \$3,123.4 million of aggregate outstanding debt (including debt guaranteed by Great Plains Energy Incorporated).

### **Provisions of a Particular Series**

The prospectus supplement applicable to each issuance of debt securities will specify, among other things:

- the title and any limitation on aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;
- the original issue date of the debt securities;
- the date or dates on which the principal of any of the debt securities is payable;
- the fixed or variable interest rate or rates, or method of calculation of such rate or rates, for the debt securities, and the date from which interest will accrue;
- the terms, if any, regarding the optional or mandatory redemption of any debt securities, including the redemption date or dates, if any, and the price or prices applicable to such redemption;
- the denominations in which such debt securities will be issuable;
- the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which any debt securities may be repaid, in whole or in part, at the option of the holder thereof;
- our obligation, if any, to redeem, purchase, or repay the debt securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provision or at the option of a holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which the debt securities shall be redeemed, purchased, or repaid pursuant to such obligation;
- whether the debt securities are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one of more global securities and, if so, the identity of the depository for such global security or global securities;
- the place or places where the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest, if any, shall be payable;
- any addition, deletion or modification to the events of default applicable to that series of debt securities and the covenants for the benefit of the holders of that series;
- any restrictions on the declaration of dividends or the requirement to maintain certain asset ratios or the creation and maintenance of reserves;
- any remarketing features of the debt securities;
- any collateral, security, assurance, or guarantee for the debt securities;

- if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity of the debt securities;
- the securities exchange(s), if any, on which the debt securities will be listed;
- the terms, if any, pursuant to which debt securities may be converted into or exchanged for shares of our capital stock or other securities;
- any interest deferral or extension provisions;
- the applicability of or any change in the subordination provisions for a series of debt securities;
- the terms of any warrants we may issue to purchase debt securities; and
- any other terms of the debt securities not inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable indenture.

Subordination. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to all of our Senior Indebtedness, as defined below.

In the event:

- of any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other similar proceedings or any dissolution, winding-up, liquidation or reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary, of Great Plains Energy Incorporated,
- that a default shall have occurred with respect to the payment of principal of or interest on or other monetary amounts due and payable on any Senior Indebtedness, and such default continues beyond any applicable grace period and shall not have been cured, waived or ceased to exist, or
- any other default has occurred and continues without cure or waiver (after the expiration of any applicable grace period) pursuant to which the holders of Senior Indebtedness are permitted to accelerate the maturity of such Senior Indebtedness,

then all Senior Indebtedness must be paid, or provision for such payment be made, in full before the holders of the subordinated debt securities are entitled to receive or retain any payment (including redemption and sinking fund payments).

In addition, upon the maturity of the principal of any Senior Indebtedness by lapse of time, acceleration or otherwise, all matured principal of and interest and premium, if any, on such Senior Indebtedness, must be paid in full before any payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, the subordinated debt securities may be made or before any subordinated debt securities can be acquired by Great Plains Energy Incorporated.

Upon the payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness, the rights of the holders of the subordinated debt securities will be subrogated to the rights of the holders of Senior Indebtedness to receive payments or distributions applicable to Senior Indebtedness until all amounts owing on the subordinated debt securities are paid in full. If provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, limited subordination periods may apply in the event of non-payment defaults relating to Senior Indebtedness in situations where there has not been an acceleration of Senior Indebtedness.

As defined in the subordinated indenture, the term “Senior Indebtedness” means:

(1) obligations (other than non-recourse obligations, the indebtedness issued under, and subject to the subordination provisions of, the subordinated indenture and other obligations which are either effectively by their terms or expressly made subordinate to or pari passu with the subordinated debt securities) of, or guaranteed (except to the extent our payment obligations under any such guarantee are effectively by their terms or expressly made subordinate to or pari passu with the subordinated debt securities) or assumed by, us for

- borrowed money (including both senior and subordinated indebtedness for borrowed money (other than the subordinated debt securities and other indebtedness which is effectively by its terms or expressly made subordinate to or pari passu with the subordinated debt securities)); or

- the payment of money relating to any lease which is capitalized on our balance sheet in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time;

(2) indebtedness evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments issued by us (other than such instruments that are effectively by their terms or expressly made subordinate to or pari passu with the subordinated debt securities),

and in each case, amendments, renewals, extensions, modifications and refundings of any such indebtedness or obligations with Senior Indebtedness, whether existing as of the date of the subordinated indenture or subsequently incurred by us.

However, trade accounts payable and accrued liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business will not be Senior Indebtedness.

The subordinated indenture will not limit the aggregate amount of Senior Indebtedness that we may issue. At December 31, 2014, the outstanding Senior Indebtedness of Great Plains Energy Incorporated totaled approximately \$840.3 million (including guarantees of \$98.8 million of GMO indebtedness).

### **Registration, Transfer and Exchange**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, each series of debt securities will initially be issued in the form of one or more global securities, in registered form, without coupons, as described under “Book-Entry System.” The global securities will be registered in the name of a depository, or its nominee, and deposited with, or on behalf of, the depository. Except in the circumstances described under “Book-Entry System,” owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have debt securities registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any debt securities and will not be considered the registered holders thereof under the applicable indenture.

Debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other debt securities of the same series of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate principal amount and tenor. Subject to the terms of the applicable indenture and the limitations applicable to global securities, debt securities may be presented for exchange or registration of transfer duly endorsed or accompanied by a duly executed instrument of transfer at the office of any transfer agent we may designate for such purpose, without service charge but upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges, and upon satisfaction of such other reasonable requirements as are described in the applicable indenture.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the transfer agent will be the trustee under the applicable indenture. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of each series.

### **Payment and Paying Agents**

Principal of and interest and premium, if any, on debt securities issued in the form of global securities will be paid in the manner described under “Book-Entry System” or as otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the principal of and any premium and interest on debt securities of a particular series in the form of certificated securities will be payable at the office of the applicable trustee or at the authorized office of any paying agent or paying agents upon presentation and surrender of such debt securities. We may at any time designate additional paying agents or rescind the

designation of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of a particular series. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, interest on the debt securities of a particular series, other than interest at maturity, that are in the form of certificated securities will be paid by check payable in clearinghouse funds mailed to the person entitled thereto at such person's address as it appears on the register for such debt securities maintained by the applicable trustee. All monies we pay to a trustee or a paying agent for the payment of the principal of, and premium or interest, if any, on, any debt security which remain unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal, premium or interest shall have become due and payable will be repaid to us, and the holder of such debt security thereafter may look only to us for payment thereof. However, any such payment shall be subject to escheat pursuant to state abandoned property laws.

### **Redemption**

Any terms for the optional or mandatory redemption of the debt securities will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, debt securities that are redeemable by us will be redeemable only upon notice by mail not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, and, if less than all the debt securities of a series are to be redeemed, the particular debt securities to be redeemed will be selected by such method as shall be provided for any particular series, or in the absence of any such provision, by the trustee in such manner as it shall deem fair and appropriate.

Any notice of redemption at our option may state that such redemption will be conditional upon receipt by the trustee or the paying agent or agents, on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, of money sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on, such debt securities and that if such money has not been so received, such notice will be of no force and effect and we will not be required to redeem such debt securities.

### **Consolidation, Merger and Sale or Disposition of Assets**

We may, without the consent of the holders of any debt securities, consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of our properties as or substantially as an entirety to any person, provided that:

- the successor or transferee corporation or the person which receives such properties pursuant to such sale, transfer or other disposition is a corporation or person organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- the successor or transferee corporation or the person which receives such properties pursuant to such sale, transfer or other disposition assumes by supplemental indenture the due and punctual payment of the principal of and premium and interest, if any, on all the debt securities outstanding under each indenture and the performance of every covenant of each indenture to be performed or observed by us;
- we have delivered to the trustee for such debt securities an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel as will be provided in each of the indentures; and
- immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no event of default (see "—Events of Default" below) or event that, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an event of default, shall have occurred and be continuing.

Upon any such consolidation, merger, sale, transfer or other disposition of our properties (except transfers related to a lease of our properties) as or substantially as an entirety, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation or into which we are merged or the person to which such sale, transfer or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, us under the applicable indenture with the same effect as if such successor corporation or person had been named as us therein, and we will be released from all obligations under the applicable indenture.

## Modification

Without the consent of any holder of debt securities, the trustee for such debt securities and we may enter into one or more supplemental indentures for any of the following purposes:

- to supply omissions, cure any ambiguity or inconsistency or correct or supplement any defective or inconsistent provision, which actions, in each case, are not inconsistent with the applicable indenture or prejudicial to the interests of the holders of debt securities of any series in any material respect;
- to change or eliminate any provision of the applicable indenture, provided that any such change or elimination will become effective with respect to such series only when there is no debt security of such series outstanding created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture which is entitled to the benefit of such provision, or such change or elimination is applicable only to debt securities of such series issued after the effective date of such change or elimination;
- to establish the form or terms of debt securities of any series as permitted by the applicable indenture;
- to evidence the assumption of our covenants in the applicable indenture and the debt securities by any permitted successor;
- to grant to or confer upon the trustee for any debt securities, for the benefit of the holders of such debt securities, any additional rights, remedies, powers or authority;
- to permit the trustee for any debt securities to comply with any duties imposed upon it by law;
- to specify further the duties and responsibilities of, and to define further the relationship among, the trustee for any debt securities, any authenticating agent and any paying agent, and to evidence the succession of a successor trustee as permitted under the applicable indenture;
- in the case of the subordinated indenture and in connection with the appointment of a successor trustee with respect to the debt securities of one or more (but not all) series, to add to or change any provisions of the subordinated indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts thereunder by more than one trustee pursuant to the subordinated indenture;
- to add to our covenants for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of outstanding debt securities, to add to the security of all debt securities, to surrender any right or power conferred upon us by the applicable indenture or to add any additional events of default with respect to all or any series of outstanding debt securities; and
- to make any other change that is not prejudicial to the holders of any debt securities.

The senior indenture provides that, except as provided above, the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the senior debt securities of all series then outstanding, considered as one class, is required for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner, or eliminating any of the provisions of, the senior indenture pursuant to one or more supplemental indentures or of modifying or waiving in any manner the rights of the holders of the senior debt securities; provided, however, that if less than all of the series of senior debt securities outstanding are directly affected by a proposed supplemental indenture, then the consent only of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of all series so directly affected, considered as one class, will be required.

The subordinated indenture provides that, except as provided above, the consent of the holders of (i) a majority in aggregate principal amount of debt securities of all series then outstanding under the subordinated indenture that are subject to the subordination provision of the subordinated indenture, considered as one class and (ii) a majority in aggregate principal amount of debt securities of all series then outstanding under the subordinated indenture that are not subject to the subordination provision of the subordinated indenture, considered as one class, is required for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner, or eliminating any of the provisions of, the subordinated indenture pursuant to one or more supplemental indentures or of modifying or waiving in any manner the rights of the holders of the debt securities issued under the

subordinated indenture; provided, however, that if less than all series of debt securities outstanding under the subordinated indenture are directly affected by a proposed supplemental indenture, then the consent only of the holders of (i) a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt securities issued under the subordinated indenture of all series so directly affected that are subject to the subordination provisions of the subordinated indenture, considered as one class, and (ii) a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt securities issued under the subordinated indenture of all series so directly affected that are not subject to the subordination provisions of the subordinated indenture, considered as one class, will be required.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such amendment or modification may, without the consent of each holder of outstanding debt securities affected thereby:

- change the maturity date of the principal of any debt security;
- reduce the principal amount of, or premium payable on, any debt security;
- reduce the rate of interest or change the method of calculating such rate, or extend the time of payment of interest, on any debt security;
- change the coin or currency of any payment of principal of, or any premium or interest on, any debt security;
- change the date on which any debt security may be redeemed;
- adversely affect the rights of a holder to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment of principal of or any premium or interest on any debt security; or
- modify the foregoing requirements or reduce the percentage of outstanding debt securities necessary to modify or amend the applicable indenture or to waive events of default.

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of the applicable indenture or any other supplemental indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more series of debt securities, or which modifies the rights of the holders of debt securities of such series with respect to such covenant or provision, will be deemed not to affect the rights under the applicable indenture of the holders of the debt securities of any other series.

## **Events of Default**

Unless specifically deleted in a supplemental indenture or company order under which a series of debt securities is issued, or modified in any such supplemental indenture or company order, each of the following will constitute an event of default under the senior indenture or the subordinated indenture with respect to senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities, as the case may be, of any series:

- failure to pay principal of or premium, if any, on any debt security of such series, as the case may be, within one day after the same becomes due and payable;
- failure to pay interest on the debt securities of such series within 30 days after the same becomes due and payable;
- failure to observe or perform any of our other covenants or agreements in the applicable indenture (other than a covenant or agreement solely for the benefit of one or more series of debt securities other than such series) for 60 days after written notice to us by the trustee or to us and the trustee by the holders of at least 33% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series;
- certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, assignment or receivership; or
- any other event of default specified in the applicable prospectus supplement with respect to debt securities of a particular series.

Additional events of default with respect to a particular series of debt securities may be specified in a supplemental indenture or resolution of the Board of Directors establishing that series.

No event of default with respect to the debt securities of a particular series necessarily constitutes an event of default with respect to the debt securities of any other series issued under the applicable indenture.

If an event of default with respect to any series of debt securities occurs and is continuing, then either the trustee for such series or the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series, by notice in writing, may declare the principal amount of and interest on all of the debt securities of such series to be due and payable immediately; provided, however, that if an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to more than one series of debt securities under a particular indenture, the trustee for such series or the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all such series, considered as one class, may make such declaration of acceleration and not the holders of the debt securities of any one of such series.

At any time after an acceleration with respect to the debt securities of any series has been declared, but before a judgment or decree for the payment of the money due has been obtained, the event or events of default giving rise to such acceleration will be waived, and the acceleration will be rescinded and annulled, if:

- we pay or deposit with the trustee for such series a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest on all debt securities of such series, the principal of and premium, if any, on the debt securities of such series which have become due otherwise than by acceleration and interest thereon at the rate or rates specified in such debt securities, interest upon overdue installments of interest at the rate or rates specified in such debt securities, to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, and all amounts due to the trustee for such series under the applicable indenture; and
- any other event or events of default with respect to the debt securities of such series, other than the nonpayment of the principal of and accrued interest on the debt securities of such series which has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in the applicable indenture.

However, no such waiver or rescission and annulment shall extend to or shall affect any subsequent default or impair any related right.

Subject to the provisions of the applicable indenture relating to the duties of the trustee in case an event of default shall occur and be continuing, the trustee generally will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the applicable indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders unless such holders have offered to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity satisfactory to it. Subject to such provisions for the indemnification of the trustee and certain other limitations contained in the applicable indenture, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee, or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, with respect to the debt securities of that series; provided, however, that if an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to more than one series of debt securities, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all those series, considered as one class, will have the right to make such direction, and not the holders of the debt securities of any one series. Any direction provided by the holders shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with the senior indenture or the subordinated indenture, as the case may be, and will not involve the trustee in personal liability in circumstances where reasonable indemnity would not, in the trustee's sole discretion, be adequate and the trustee may take any other action it deems proper that is not inconsistent with such direction.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive any past default or event of default under the applicable indenture on behalf of all holders of debt securities of that series with respect to the debt securities of that series, except a default in the payment of

principal of or any premium or interest on such debt securities. No holder of debt securities of any series may institute any proceeding with respect to the applicable indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or a trustee, or for any other remedy, unless such holder has previously given to the trustee for such series written notice of a continuing event of default with respect to the debt securities of such series, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series in respect of which an event of default has occurred and is continuing, considered as one class, have made written request to the trustee for such series to institute such proceeding and have offered reasonable indemnity, and the trustee for such series has failed to institute such proceeding within 60 days after such notice, request and offer. Furthermore, no holder of debt securities of any series will be entitled to institute any such action if and to the extent that such action would disturb or prejudice the rights of other holders of those debt securities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, each holder of debt securities of any series has the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and premium and interest, if any, on such debt securities when due and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights may not be impaired without the consent of that holder of debt securities.

The trustee, within 90 days after the occurrence of a default actually known to the trustee with respect to the debt securities of any series, is required to give the holders of the debt securities of that series notice of such default, unless cured or waived, but, except in the case of default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities of that series, the trustee may withhold such notice if it determines in good faith that it is in the interest of such holders to do so. We will be required to deliver to the applicable trustee for the debt securities each year a certificate as to whether or not, to the knowledge of the officers signing such certificate, we are in compliance with all conditions and covenants under the applicable indenture, determined without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice under such indenture.

### **Conversion Rights**

Any resolution of the Board of Directors or supplemental indenture establishing a series of debt securities may provide for conversion rights. We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the particular terms and conditions, if any, on which debt securities may be convertible into other securities. These terms will include the conversion rate, the conversion period, provisions as to whether conversion will be at our option or the option of the holder, events requiring an adjustment of the conversion rate and provisions affecting conversion in the event of the redemption of the debt securities. If we issue convertible debt securities, we will need to supplement the indenture to add applicable provisions regarding conversion.

### **Defeasance**

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement states otherwise, we may elect either:

- (1) to defease and be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the debt securities of any series then outstanding under the applicable indenture (except for certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the debt securities of such series, replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities, maintain paying agencies and hold monies for payment in trust); or
- (2) to be released from the obligations of the senior indenture with respect to the senior debt securities of any series or the subordinated indenture with respect to the subordinated debt securities of any series under any covenants applicable to the debt securities of such series which are subject to covenant defeasance as described in the applicable indenture, supplemental indenture or other instrument establishing such series.

In the case of either (1) or (2), the following conditions, among others, must be met:

- we will be required to deposit, in trust, with the applicable trustee money or U.S. government obligations, which through the payment of interest on those obligations and principal of those obligations in accordance with their terms will provide money, in an amount sufficient (in the opinion

of a nationally recognized firm of independent accountants, certified to the applicable trustee in writing), without reinvestment, to pay all the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities of such series on the dates payments are due (which may include one or more redemption dates designated by us),

- no event of default or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an event of default under the applicable indenture must have occurred and be continuing on the date of the deposit, and 91 days must have passed after the deposit has been made and, during that period, certain events of default must not have occurred and be continuing as of the end of that period,
- the deposit must not cause the applicable trustee to have any conflicting interest with respect to our other securities,
- we must have delivered an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes (and, in the case of paragraph (1) above, such opinion of counsel must be based on a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or other change in applicable federal income tax law) as a result of the deposit or defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax in the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as if the deposit and defeasance had not occurred, and
- we must have delivered an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel to the trustee as provided in the applicable indenture.

We may exercise our defeasance option under paragraph (1) with respect to debt securities of any series notwithstanding our prior exercise of our covenant defeasance option under paragraph (2). If we exercise our defeasance option under paragraph (1) for debt securities of any series, payment of the debt securities of such series may not be accelerated because of a subsequent event of default. If we exercise our covenant defeasance option for debt securities of any series, payment of the debt securities of such series may not be accelerated by reference to a subsequent breach of any of the covenants noted under paragraph (2) above. In the event we fail to comply with our remaining obligations with respect to the debt securities of any series under the applicable indenture after exercising our covenant defeasance option and the debt securities of such series are declared due and payable because of the subsequent occurrence of any event of default, the amount of money and U.S. government obligations on deposit with the applicable trustee may be insufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities of such series at the time of the acceleration resulting from that event of default. However, we will remain liable for those payments.

### **Resignation or Removal of Trustee**

The trustee may resign at any time upon written notice to us specifying the day upon which the resignation is to take effect and such resignation will take effect immediately upon the later of the appointment of a successor trustee and such specified day. The trustee may be removed at any time with respect to debt securities of any series by an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing filed with the trustee and signed by the holders, or their attorneys-in-fact, of a majority in aggregate principal amount of that series of debt securities then outstanding. In addition, so long as no event of default or event which, with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, would become an event of default has occurred and is continuing, we may remove the trustee upon notice to the holder of each debt security outstanding and the trustee, and appointment of a successor trustee.

### **Concerning the Trustee for Senior Debt Securities and the Subordinated Debt Securities**

As of December 31, 2014, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., which is the trustee under the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture, and its affiliates were the trustees for \$737.5 million of our unsecured debt, and \$1,916.3 million of KCP&L's secured and unsecured debt (including Environmental Improvement Revenue debt and Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding debt issued by certain governmental entities), under several separate indentures. In addition, an affiliate of The Bank of New York

Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is one of the lenders under separate credit agreements with us, KCP&L and GMO and is the trustee under a KCP&L nuclear decommissioning fund trust. Affiliates of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. also perform other services for, and transact other banking business with our affiliates and us in the normal course and may do so in the future. Each indenture will provide that our obligations to compensate the trustee and reimburse the trustee for expenses, disbursements and advances will be secured by a lien prior to that of the applicable debt securities upon the property and funds held or collected by the trustee as such, except funds held in trust for the benefit of the holders of particular debt securities.

#### **Governing Law**

The senior indenture is, and any senior debt securities will be, governed by New York law. The subordinated indenture is, and any subordinated debt securities will be, governed by New York law.

## DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

### General

The following descriptions of our common stock and the relevant provisions of our Articles of Incorporation and by-laws are summaries and are qualified by references to our Articles of Incorporation and by-laws which have been previously filed with the SEC and are exhibits to this registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, as well as the applicable Missouri General and Business Corporation Law.

Under our Articles of Incorporation, we are authorized to issue 262,962,000 shares of stock, divided into classes as follows:

- 390,000 shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock with a par value of \$100;
- 1,572,000 shares of Cumulative No Par Preferred Stock with no par value;
- 11,000,000 shares of Preference Stock with no par value; and
- 250,000,000 shares of Common Stock with no par value.

At December 31, 2014, 390,000 shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock and 154,162,756 shares of common stock were outstanding. No shares of Cumulative No Par Preferred Stock or Preference Stock are currently outstanding but such shares may be issued from time to time in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation. The voting powers, designations, preferences, rights and qualifications, limitations, or restrictions of any series of Preference Stock are set by our Board of Directors when it is issued.

### Dividend Rights and Limitations

The holders of our common stock are entitled to receive such dividends as our Board of Directors may from time to time declare, subject to any rights of the holders of our preferred and preference stock. Our ability to pay dividends depends primarily upon the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or otherwise transfer funds to us.

Except as otherwise authorized by consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the total number of shares of the total outstanding shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock and Cumulative No Par Preferred Stock, we may not pay or declare any dividends on common stock, other than dividends payable in common stock, or make any distributions on, or purchase or otherwise acquire for value, any shares of common stock if, after giving effect thereto, the aggregate amount expended for such purposes during the 12 months then ended (a) exceeds 50% of net income available for dividends on Preference Stock and common stock for the preceding 12 months, in case the total of Preference Stock and common stock equity would be reduced to less than 20% of total capitalization, or (b) exceeds 75% of such net income in case such equity would be reduced to between 20% and 25% of total capitalization, or (c) except to the extent permitted in subparagraphs (a) and (b), would reduce such equity below 25% of total capitalization.

Subject to certain limited exceptions, no dividends may be declared or paid on common stock and no common stock may be purchased or redeemed or otherwise retired for consideration (a) unless all past and current dividends on Cumulative Preferred Stock and Cumulative No Par Preferred Stock have been paid or set apart for payment and (b) except to the extent of retained earnings (earned surplus).

### Voting Rights

Except as otherwise provided by law and subject to the voting rights of the outstanding Cumulative Preferred Stock, Cumulative No Par Preferred Stock, and Preference Stock, the holders of our common stock have the exclusive right to vote for all general purposes and for the election of directors through cumulative voting. Cumulative voting means each shareholder has a total vote equal to the number of shares they own

multiplied by the number of directors to be elected. These votes may be divided among all nominees equally or may be voted for one or more of the nominees either in equal or unequal amounts. The nominees with the highest number of votes are elected.

The consent of specified percentages of holders of outstanding shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock and Cumulative No Par Preferred Stock is required to authorize certain actions which may affect their interests; and if, at any time, dividends on any of the outstanding shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock and Cumulative No Par Preferred Stock shall be in default in an amount equivalent to four or more full quarterly dividends, the holders of outstanding shares of all preferred stock, voting as a single class, shall be entitled (voting cumulatively) to elect the smallest number of directors necessary to constitute a majority of the full Board of Directors, which right shall continue in effect until all dividend arrearages shall have been paid.

### **Liquidation Rights**

In the event of any dissolution or liquidation of Great Plains Energy Incorporated, after there shall have been paid to or set aside for the holders of shares of outstanding Cumulative Preferred Stock, Cumulative No Par Preferred Stock, and Preference Stock the full preferential amounts to which they are respectively entitled, the holders of outstanding shares of common stock shall be entitled to receive pro rata, according to the number of shares held by each, the remaining assets available for distribution.

### **Miscellaneous**

The outstanding shares of common stock are, and the shares of common stock sold hereunder will be, upon payment for them, fully paid and nonassessable. The holders of our common stock are not entitled to any preemptive or preferential rights to subscribe for or purchase any part of any new or additional issue of stock or securities convertible into stock. Our common stock does not contain any sinking fund provisions, redemption provisions or conversion rights.

### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. acts as transfer agent and registrar for our common stock.

### **Business Combinations**

The affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the outstanding shares of common stock is required for the approval or authorization of certain business combinations with interested shareholders; provided, however, that such 80% voting requirement shall not be applicable if:

- the business combination shall have been approved by a majority of the continuing directors; or
- the cash or the fair market value of the property, securities, or other consideration to be received per share by holders of the common stock in such business combination is not less than the highest per-share price paid by or on behalf of the acquiror for any shares of common stock during the five-year period preceding the announcement of the business combination.

### **Listing**

The common stock of Great Plains Energy Incorporated is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "GXP."

## **DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND STOCK PURCHASE UNITS OR WARRANTS FOR STOCK**

We may issue stock purchase contracts, including contracts obligating holders to purchase from us, and obligating us to sell to the holders shares of our common stock at a future date or dates. We may fix the price and the number of shares of common stock subject to the stock purchase contract at the time we issue the stock purchase contracts or we may provide that the price and number of shares of common stock will be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may be issued separately or as part of units, often known as stock purchase units, consisting of a stock purchase contract and:

- our senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities, and/or
- debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. treasury securities,

securing the holders' obligations to purchase the common stock under the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the stock purchase units or vice versa, and these payments may be unsecured or prefunded on some basis. The stock purchase contracts may require holders to secure their obligations under those contracts in a specified manner and, in certain circumstances, we may deliver newly issued prepaid stock purchase contracts, often known as prepaid securities, upon release to a holder of any collateral securing such holder's obligation under the original stock purchase contract.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units, including, if applicable, collateral or depository arrangements. The description in the applicable prospectus supplement will not contain all of the information you may find useful and reference will be made to the stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units and, if applicable, the collateral or depository arrangement relating to the stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units.

We may also issue warrants to purchase our common stock with the terms of such warrants and any related warrant agreement between us and a warrant agent being described in a prospectus supplement.

## BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, each series of debt securities will initially be issued in the form of one or more global securities, in registered form, without coupons. The global securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the depository, and registered in the name of the depository or a nominee of the depository. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the depository for any global securities will be The Depository Trust Company, or DTC.

So long as the depository, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a global security, such depository or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the owner of such global security for all purposes under the applicable indenture, including for any notices and voting. Except in limited circumstances, the owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have securities registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any such securities and will not be considered the registered holder thereof under the applicable indenture. Accordingly, each person holding a beneficial interest in a global security must rely on the procedures of the depository and, if such person is not a direct participant, on procedures of the direct participant through which such person holds its interest, to exercise any of the rights of a registered owner of such security.

Except as otherwise provided in any applicable prospectus supplement, global securities may be exchanged in whole for certificated securities only if the depository notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the global securities or the depository has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, we thereupon fail to appoint a successor depository within 90 days. We may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository), subject to DTC's or such successor's procedures, as the case may be.

In any such case, we have agreed to notify the applicable trustee in writing that, upon surrender by the direct participants and indirect participants of their interest in such global securities, certificated securities representing the applicable securities will be issued to each person that such direct participants and indirect participants and the depository identify as being the beneficial owner of such securities.

The following is based solely on information furnished by DTC:

DTC will act as depository for the global securities. The global securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered global security certificate will be issued for each issue of the global securities, each in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue of a series of debt securities exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such series. DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for securities that its direct participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among direct participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between direct participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates.

Direct participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as

both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly, which are referred to as indirect participants and, together with the direct participants, the participants. The DTC rules applicable to its participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com). The contents of such website do not constitute part of this prospectus.

Purchases of global securities under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, who will receive a credit for the global securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each global security, or beneficial owner, is in turn to be recorded on the direct and indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial owners, however, are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participant through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the global securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of direct and indirect participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the global securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the global securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all global securities deposited by direct participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of global securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the global securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such global securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The direct and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial owners of global securities may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the global securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the security documents. For example, beneficial owners of global securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the global securities for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to beneficial owners. In the alternative, beneficial owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of the notices be provided directly to them.

If the global securities are redeemable, redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the global securities are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the global securities unless authorized by a direct participant in accordance with DTC's procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an omnibus proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the global securities are credited on the record date, identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy.

Principal, distributions, interest and premium payments, if any, on the global securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us or the trustee for such securities, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered

in “street name,” and will be the responsibility of such participant and not of DTC, the trustee for such securities, or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal, distributions, interest and premium, if any, on any of the aforementioned securities represented by global securities to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the appropriate trustee and us. Disbursement of such payments to direct participants shall be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners shall be the responsibility of the participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the global securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to us or the applicable trustee. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, securities certificates will be required to be printed and delivered to the holders of record. Additionally, we may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository) with respect to the global securities.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC’s book-entry system has been obtained from sources, including DTC, that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

The underwriters, dealers or agents of any of the securities may be direct participants of DTC.

**None of the trustees, us or any agent for payment on or registration of transfer or exchange of any global security will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in such global security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.**

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities in one or more of the following ways from time to time: (i) to underwriters for resale to the public or to institutional investors; (ii) directly to institutional investors; or (iii) through dealers or agents to the public or to institutional investors. The prospectus supplement with respect to each series of securities will set forth the specific terms of the offering of such securities, including the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents, the purchase price of such securities, and the proceeds to us from such sale, any underwriting discounts or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters', dealers' or agents' compensation, any initial public offering price, any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers and any securities exchange on which such securities may be listed.

If underwriters participate in the sale, such securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more of those firms. The specific managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, will be named in the prospectus supplement relating to the particular securities together with the members of the underwriting syndicate, if any.

Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase any series of securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of such securities being offered, if any are purchased.

We may sell the securities directly or through agents we designate from time to time. The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the name of any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities in respect of which such prospectus supplement is delivered and any commissions payable by us to such agent. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, any agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

Underwriters and agents may be entitled under agreements entered into with us to indemnification against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Underwriters and agents may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business.

Each series of securities will be a new issue of securities and, other than our common stock, which is listed on The New York Stock Exchange, will have no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom securities are sold for public offering and sale may make a market in such securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. The securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Legal matters with respect to the securities offered under this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Jaileah X. Huddleston, Assistant Secretary and Corporate Counsel—Securities and Finance and Hunton & Williams LLP. Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP will pass on certain matters for the underwriters, dealers, purchasers, or agents. At February 13, 2015, Ms. Huddleston owned beneficially a number of shares of the Company's common stock, including restricted stock, and performance shares which may be paid in shares of common stock at a later date based on the Company's performance, which represented less than 0.1% of the total outstanding common stock.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements, and the related financial statement schedules, incorporated in this prospectus by reference from Great Plains Energy Incorporated and its subsidiaries' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the effectiveness of Great Plains Energy Incorporated and its subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports which are incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and financial statement schedules have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, and proxy statements and other information with the SEC through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system and these filings are publicly available through the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). You may read and copy such material at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this prospectus the information we file with them. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to the documents containing the information. The information we incorporate by reference is considered to be included in and an important part of this prospectus and should be read with the same care. Information that we file later with the SEC that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus will automatically update and supersede this information. We are incorporating by reference into this prospectus the following documents that we have filed with the SEC and any subsequent filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (excluding information deemed to be furnished and not filed with the SEC) until the offering of the securities described in this prospectus is completed:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on February 25, 2015; and
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K dated January 2, 2015 and filed with the SEC on January 2, 2015; and February 10, 2015 and filed with the SEC on February 17, 2015.

Our website is [www.greatplainsenergy.com](http://www.greatplainsenergy.com). Information contained on our website is not incorporated herein. We make available, free of charge, on or through our website, our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. In addition, we make available on or through our website all other reports, notifications and certifications filed electronically with the SEC. You may obtain a free copy of our filings with the SEC by writing or telephoning us at the following address: Great Plains Energy Incorporated, 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105 (Telephone No.: 816-556-2200), Attention: Corporate Secretary, or by contacting us on our website.

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# KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

## Notes General Mortgage Bonds

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**These securities are not obligations of, nor guaranteed by, Great Plains Energy Incorporated, our corporate parent.**

Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L”) may offer and sell, from time to time, notes and general mortgage bonds in one or more offerings. We may offer the securities simultaneously or at different times, in one or more separate series, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at or prior to the time or times of sale.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of these securities. We will provide specific information about the offering and the terms of these securities in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The supplements may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus may not be used to offer and sell our securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and the related prospectus supplements before you invest in these securities.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105 and our telephone number is (816) 556-2200.

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**Investing in these securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the information referred to under the heading “Risk Factors” beginning on page 5 of this prospectus.**

We may offer and sell these securities through one or more underwriters, dealers or agents or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. We will set forth in the related prospectus supplement the specific terms of the plan of distribution, including the name of the underwriters, dealers or agents, the discount or commission received by them from us as compensation, our other expenses for the offering and sale of these securities and the net proceeds we receive from the sale. See “Plan of Distribution.”

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

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The date of this prospectus is March 12, 2015.

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, utilizing a “shelf” registration process. By using this process, we may, from time to time, sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide you with a supplement to this prospectus that will describe the specific terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change the information contained in this prospectus, including information about us. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. The registration statement we filed with the SEC includes exhibits that provide more detail on descriptions of the matters discussed in this prospectus. Therefore, for a complete understanding of our securities being offered, we urge you to read carefully the registration statement (including the exhibits thereto), this prospectus and any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, together with the information incorporated herein by reference under “Where You Can Find More Information”, before deciding whether to invest in any of our securities being offered.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement, or in any free writing prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information and neither we nor the underwriters of any offering of securities will authorize anyone else to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed materially since those dates.

As described in more detail below under “Where You Can Find More Information,” we and Great Plains Energy Incorporated (“Great Plains Energy”), our parent company, separately file combined annual, quarterly and current reports. However, only the information related to KCP&L and its consolidated subsidiaries is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should not rely on any information relating solely to Great Plains Energy or its subsidiaries (other than the information provided separately by KCP&L or the subsidiaries of KCP&L) in determining whether to invest in any securities offered hereby. The securities are not guaranteed by Great Plains Energy or any of its or our subsidiaries. None of those entities has any obligation to make any capital contribution or to advance funds to us for the purpose of paying the principal of, or premium, if any, and interest on the securities or any other amount that may be required to be paid under any indenture, preventing or curing an event of default under the terms of any indenture, complying with any other obligation under any indenture or the securities or otherwise.

Unless the context otherwise requires or as otherwise indicated, when we refer to “Kansas City Power & Light,” “KCP&L,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our” in this prospectus or when we otherwise refer to ourselves in this prospectus, we mean Kansas City Power & Light Company and, except as expressly stated or if the context requires otherwise, not any of its subsidiaries.

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS REGARDING  
CERTAIN FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This prospectus and the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference as described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information” contain forward-looking statements that are not based on historical facts. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by use of the words “may,” “should,” “expect,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential,” or “continue.” Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the outcome of regulatory proceedings, cost estimates of capital projects and other matters affecting future operations. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions, expectations, and assessments made by our management in light of their experience and their perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors they believe to be appropriate. Any forward-looking statements are not guarantees of our future performance and are subject to risks and uncertainties, including those described or referred to under the heading “Risk Factors” in this prospectus, in any prospectus supplement, and in our other SEC filings. These risks and uncertainties could cause actual results, developments and business decisions to differ materially from those contemplated or implied by forward-looking statements. Consequently, you should recognize these statements for what they are and we caution you not to rely upon them as facts. We claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for all forward-looking statements. We disclaim any duty to update the forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this prospectus. Some of the factors that may cause actual results, developments and business decisions to differ materially from those contemplated by these forward-looking statements include the following:

- future economic conditions in regional, national and international markets and their effects on sales, prices and costs;
- prices and availability of electricity in regional and national wholesale markets;
- market perception of the energy industry and the Company and Great Plains Energy;
- changes in business strategy, operations or development plans;
- the outcome of contract negotiations for goods and services;
- effects of current or proposed state and federal legislative and regulatory actions or developments, including, but not limited to, deregulation, re-regulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry;
- decisions of regulators regarding rates the Company can charge for electricity;
- adverse changes in applicable laws, regulations, rules, principles or practices governing tax, accounting and environmental matters including, but not limited to, air and water quality;
- financial market conditions and performance including, but not limited to, changes in interest rates and credit spreads and in availability and cost of capital and the effects on nuclear decommissioning trust and pension plan assets and costs;
- impairments of long-lived assets or goodwill;
- credit ratings;
- inflation rates;
- effectiveness of risk management policies and procedures and the ability of counterparties to satisfy their contractual commitments;
- impact of terrorist acts, including, but not limited to, cyber terrorism;
- ability to carry out marketing and sales plans;
- weather conditions including, but not limited to, weather-related damage and their effects on sales, prices and costs;
- cost, availability, quality and deliverability of fuel;

- the inherent uncertainties in estimating the effects of weather, economic conditions and other factors on customer consumption and financial results;
- ability to achieve generation goals and the occurrence and duration of planned and unplanned generation outages;
- delays in the anticipated in-service dates and cost increases of generation, transmission, distribution or other projects;
- the inherent risks associated with the ownership and operation of a nuclear facility including, but not limited to, environmental, health, safety, regulatory and financial risks;
- workforce risks including, but not limited to, increased costs of retirement, health care and other benefits; and
- other risks and uncertainties.

This list of factors is not all-inclusive because it is not possible to predict all factors. You should also carefully consider the information contained under the heading “Risk Factors” in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and in our other SEC filings.

## **KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L”) is an integrated, regulated electric utility, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, that engages in the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity. As of December 31, 2014, we served approximately 520,700 customers located in western Missouri and eastern Kansas. Our customers included approximately 459,000 residences, 59,600 commercial firms, and 2,100 industrials, municipalities and other electric utilities as of December 31, 2014. Our retail revenues averaged approximately 87% of our total operating revenues over the last three years. Wholesale firm power, bulk power sales and miscellaneous electric revenues accounted for the remainder of our revenues. We are significantly impacted by seasonality with approximately one-third of our retail revenues recorded in the third quarter.

## **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves risks. Our business is influenced by many factors that are difficult to predict, involve uncertainties that may materially affect actual results and are often beyond our control. You should carefully consider the information under the heading “Risk Factors” in:

- any prospectus supplement relating to any securities we are offering;
- our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus; and
- documents we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus and which are deemed incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

### **RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table shows our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

<b>Fiscal Years Ended December 31,</b>				
<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>2.69</b>	<b>2.76</b>	<b>2.58</b>	<b>2.52</b>	<b>2.86</b>

For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges: (i) earnings consist of income before deducting net provisions for income taxes and fixed charges; and (ii) fixed charges consist of interest on debt, amortization of debt discount, premium and expense, and the estimated interest component of lease payments and rentals.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we inform you otherwise in a supplement to this prospectus, we anticipate using any net proceeds received by us from the issuance of any of the offered securities for general corporate purposes, including, among others:

- repayment of debt;
- repurchase, retirement or refinancing of other securities;
- funding of construction expenditures; and
- acquisitions.

Pending such uses, we may also invest the proceeds in certificates of deposit, United States government securities or certain other short-term interest-bearing securities. If we decide to use the net proceeds from a particular offering of securities for a specific purpose, we will describe that in the related prospectus supplement.

## DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

### General

The notes will represent unsecured obligations of the Company. We will issue each series of notes under the Indenture, dated as of May 1, 2007, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. We refer to this Indenture in this prospectus as the “Indenture” and to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as the “trustee.” If at any time there is more than one trustee under the Indenture, the term “trustee” as used in this section with respect to the notes of any series means the trustee with respect to the notes of that series.

We have summarized selected provisions of the Indenture below. However, the following statements are summaries only, do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by, all of the provisions of the Indenture, which is incorporated by reference herein. Certain of the terms used below are used herein with the meanings ascribed to such terms by the Indenture. You should carefully read the summary below and the provisions of the Indenture that may be important to you before investing. The Indenture, and not the description contained herein, defines the rights of the holders of the notes. Copies of the Indenture will be available at the offices of the trustee at 2 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the notes. The particular terms of the series of notes offered by any prospectus supplement will be described in that prospectus supplement. The Indenture provides that the notes may be issued in one or more series, may be issued at various times, may have differing maturity dates, may bear interest at differing rates and may have other differing terms and conditions, as described below. We need not issue all notes of one series at the same time and, unless otherwise provided, we may reopen a series, without the consent of the holder of the notes of that series for issuances of additional notes. One or more series of the notes may be issued with the same or various maturities at par, above par or at a discount. Notes bearing no interest or interest at a rate which, at the time of issuance, is below the market rate (“Original Issue Discount Securities”) will be sold at a discount (which may be substantial) below their stated principal amount. Federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to any such Original Issue Discount Securities will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to those securities. Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Indenture does not limit the aggregate amount of debt, including secured debt, that we or our subsidiaries may incur. There is no limitation of the amount of debt we may issue under the Indenture. The Indenture also permits us to merge or consolidate or to transfer or lease our assets, subject to certain conditions (see “—Consolidation, Merger and Sale or Disposition of Assets” below).

### Ranking

Each series of notes will be our direct unsecured general obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. As of December 31, 2014, our aggregate outstanding debt that would have ranked equally with the notes was approximately \$2,078.2 million.

Unless otherwise provided in a prospectus supplement, the notes will effectively rank junior to our mortgage bonds which were issued under our Mortgage Indenture. The Mortgage Indenture constitutes a mortgage lien upon substantially all of our fixed property and franchises, except property that has been, or may in the future be, released from the lien of the Mortgage Indenture. At December 31, 2014, there was approximately \$596.4 million aggregate principal amount of mortgage bonds outstanding. We have agreed with the issuer of certain bond insurance policies to not issue additional mortgage bonds without the insurer’s consent if, after giving effect to such additional mortgage bonds, the proportion of secured debt to total indebtedness exceeded 75%. Additionally, if the long term rating for such mortgage bonds by Standard & Poor’s or Moody’s Investors Service would be at or below A- or A3, respectively, such agreements would prohibit us from issuing additional mortgage bonds if, after giving effect to such additional mortgage bonds, the proportion of secured debt to total indebtedness exceeded 50%. At December 31, 2014, the proportion of secured debt to total indebtedness was approximately 22%.

## **Provisions of a Particular Series**

The prospectus supplement applicable to each issuance of notes will specify, among other things:

- the title and any limitation on aggregate principal amount of the notes;
- the original issue date of the notes;
- the date or dates on which the principal of any of the notes is payable;
- the fixed or variable interest rate or rates, or method of calculation of such rate or rates, for the notes, and the date from which interest will accrue;
- the terms, if any, regarding the optional or mandatory redemption of any notes, including the redemption date or dates, if any, and the price or prices applicable to such redemption;
- whether the notes are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one of more global securities and, if so, the identity of the depositary for such global security or global securities;
- the denominations in which such notes will be issuable;
- the maximum annual interest rate, if any, of the notes;
- the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which any notes may be repaid, in whole or in part, at the option of the holder thereof;
- the place or places where the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the notes shall be payable;
- any addition, deletion or modification to the events of default applicable to that series of notes and the covenants for the benefit of the holders of that series;
- our obligation, if any, to redeem, purchase, or repay the notes, including, but not limited to, pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provision or at the option of a holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which the notes shall be redeemed, purchased, or repaid pursuant to such obligation;
- any remarketing features of the notes;
- any collateral, security, assurance, or guarantee for the note;
- if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of the notes payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity of the notes;
- the securities exchange(s), if any, on which the notes will be listed;
- any interest deferral or extension provisions;
- the terms of any warrants we may issue to purchase notes;
- the right, if any, for us to extend the interest payment periods of the notes, including the maximum duration of any extension and additional interest payable upon exercise of such right; and
- any other terms of the notes not inconsistent with the provisions of the Indenture.

## **Registration, Transfer and Exchange**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, each series of notes will initially be issued in the form of one or more global securities, in registered form, without coupons, as described under “Book-Entry System.” The global securities will be registered in the name of a depositary, or its nominee, and deposited with, or on behalf of, the depositary. Except in the circumstances described under “Book-Entry System,” owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have notes registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any notes and will not be considered the registered holders thereof under the Indenture.

Notes of any series will be exchangeable for other notes of the same series of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate principal amount and tenor. Subject to the terms of the Indenture and the limitations applicable to global securities, notes may be presented for exchange or registration of transfer—duly endorsed or accompanied by a duly executed instrument of transfer—at the office of any transfer agent we may designate for such purpose, without service charge but upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges, and upon satisfaction of such other reasonable requirements as are described in the Indenture.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the transfer agent will be the trustee under the Indenture. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for the notes of each series.

### **Payment and Paying Agents**

Principal of and interest and premium, if any, on notes issued in the form of global securities will be paid in the manner described under “Book-Entry System” or as otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the principal of and any premium and interest on notes of a particular series in the form of certificated securities will be payable at the office of the trustee or at the authorized office of any paying agent or paying agents upon presentation and surrender of such notes. We may at any time designate additional paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for the notes of a particular series. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, interest on the notes of a particular series, other than interest at maturity, that are in the form of certificated securities will be paid by check payable in clearinghouse funds mailed to the person entitled thereto at such person’s address as it appears on the register for such notes maintained by the trustee.

All monies we pay to the trustee or a paying agent for the payment of the principal of, and premium or interest, if any, on, any note which remain unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal, premium or interest shall have become due and payable will be repaid to us, and the holder of such note thereafter may look only to us for payment thereof. However, any such payment shall be subject to escheat pursuant to state abandoned property laws.

### **Redemption**

Any terms for the optional or mandatory redemption of the notes will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, notes will be redeemable by us only upon notice by mail not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, and, if less than all the notes of a series are to be redeemed, the particular notes to be redeemed will be selected by such method as shall be provided for any particular series, or in the absence of any such provision, by the trustee in such manner as it shall deem fair and appropriate.

Any notice of redemption at our option may state that such redemption will be conditional upon receipt by the trustee or the paying agent or agents, on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, of money sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such notes and that if such money has not been so received, such notice will be of no force and effect and we will not be required to redeem such notes.

### **Consolidation, Merger and Sale or Disposition of Assets**

We may not, without the consent of the holders of any notes, consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of our properties as or substantially as an entirety to any person, unless:

- the successor or transferee corporation or the person which receives such properties pursuant to such sale, transfer, lease or other disposition is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- the successor or transferee corporation or the person which receives such properties pursuant to such sale, transfer, lease or other disposition assumes by supplemental indenture, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of and premium and interest, if any, on all the notes outstanding under the Indenture and the performance of every covenant of the Indenture to be performed or observed by us;
- we have delivered to the trustees for such notes an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that the transaction complies with the Indenture and the applicable conditions precedent; and
- immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Event of Default (see "—Events of Default") or event that, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have occurred and be continuing.

Upon any such consolidation, merger, sale, transfer, lease or other disposition of our properties as or substantially as an entirety, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation or into which we are merged or the person to whom such sale, transfer, lease or other disposition is made, shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, us under the Indenture with the same effect as if such successor corporation or person had been named as us therein, and we will be released from all obligations under the Indenture.

### **Modification**

Without the consent of any holder of notes, the trustee for such notes and we may enter into one or more supplemental indentures for any of the following purposes:

- to supply omissions, cure any ambiguity or inconsistency or correct defects, which actions, in each case, are not prejudicial to the interests of the holders of notes of any series in any material respect;
- to change or eliminate any provision of the Indenture, provided that any such change or elimination will become effective with respect to such series only when there is no note of such series outstanding created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture which is entitled to the benefit of such provision, or such change or elimination is applicable only to notes of such series issued after the effective date of such change or elimination;
- to establish the form or terms of notes of any series as permitted by the Indenture;
- to evidence the succession of another corporation to us, and the assumption of our covenants in the Indenture and the notes by any permitted successor;
- to grant to or confer upon the trustee for any notes, for the benefit of the holders of such notes, any additional rights, remedies, powers or authority;
- to permit the trustee for any notes to comply with any duties imposed upon it by law;
- to specify further the duties and responsibilities of, and to define further the relationship among, the trustee for any notes, any authenticating agent and any paying agent, and to evidence the succession of a successor trustee as permitted under the Indenture;

- to add to our covenants for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of outstanding notes, to add to the security of all notes, to surrender any right or power conferred upon us by the Indenture or to add any additional events of default with respect to all or any series of outstanding notes; and
- to make any other change that is not prejudicial to the holders of any notes.

Except as provided above, and except as otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes of all series then outstanding, considered as one class, is required for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner, or eliminating any of the provisions of, the Indenture pursuant to one or more supplemental indentures or of modifying or waiving in any manner the rights of the holders of the notes; provided, however, that if less than all of the series of notes outstanding are directly affected by a proposed supplemental indenture, then the consent only of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding applicable notes of all series so directly affected, considered as one class, will be required.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such amendment or modification may, without the consent of each holder of outstanding notes affected thereby:

- change the maturity date of the principal of any note;
- reduce the rate of interest or change the method of calculating such rate, or extend the time of payment of interest, on any note;
- reduce the principal amount of, or premium payable on, any note;
- change the coin or currency of any payment of principal of, or any premium or interest on, any note;
- change the date on which any note may be redeemed;
- adversely affect the rights of a holder to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment of principal of or any premium or interest on any note; or
- modify the foregoing requirements or reduce the percentage of outstanding notes necessary to modify or amend the Indenture or to waive any past default.

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of the Indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more series of notes, or which modifies the rights of the holders of notes of such series with respect to such covenant or provision, will be deemed not to affect the rights under the Indenture of the holders of the notes of any other series.

## **Events of Default**

Unless specifically deleted in a supplemental indenture or Board of Directors resolution under which a series of notes is issued, or modified in any such supplemental indenture or resolution, each of the following will constitute an event of default under the Indenture with respect to notes of any series:

- failure to pay interest on the notes of such series within 30 days after the same becomes due and payable;
- failure to pay principal of or premium, if any, on any note of such series, as the case may be, within one day after the same becomes due and payable;
- failure to perform or breach of any of our other covenants or warranties in the Indenture (other than a covenant or warranty solely for the benefit of one or more series of notes other than such series) for 60 days after written notice to us by the trustee or to us and the trustee by the holders of at least 33% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding applicable notes of such series;
- certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, assignment or receivership; or
- any other event of default specified in the applicable prospectus supplement with respect to notes of a particular series.

Additional events of default with respect to a particular series of notes may be specified in a supplemental indenture or resolution of the Board of Directors establishing that series.

No event of default with respect to the notes of a particular series necessarily constitutes an event of default with respect to the notes of any other series issued under the Indenture.

If an event of default with respect to any series of notes occurs and is continuing, then either the trustee for such series or the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of such series, by notice in writing, may declare the principal amount of and interest on all of the notes of such series to be due and payable immediately; provided, however, that if an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to more than one series of notes under the Indenture, the trustee for such series or the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of all such series, considered as one class, may make such declaration of acceleration and not the holders of the notes of any one of such series.

At any time after an acceleration with respect to the notes of any series has been declared, but before a judgment or decree for the payment of the money due has been obtained, the event or events of default giving rise to such acceleration will be waived, and the acceleration will be rescinded and annulled, if:

- we pay or deposit with the trustee for such series a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest on all notes of such series, the principal of and premium, if any, on the notes of such series which have become due otherwise than by acceleration and interest thereon at the rate or rates specified in such notes, interest upon overdue installments of interest at the rate or rates specified in such notes, to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, and all amounts due to the trustee for such series under the Indenture; and
- any other event or events of default with respect to the notes of such series, other than the nonpayment of the principal of and accrued interest on the notes of such series which has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in the Indenture.

However, no such waiver or rescission and annulment shall extend to or shall affect any subsequent default or impair any related right.

Subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to the duties of the trustee in case an event of default shall occur and be continuing, the trustee generally will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders unless such holders have offered to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity satisfactory to it. Subject to such provisions for the indemnification of the trustee and certain other limitations contained in the Indenture, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee, or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, with respect to the notes of that series; provided, however, that if an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to more than one series of notes, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of all those series, considered as one class, will have the right to make such direction, and not the holders of the notes of any one series. Any direction provided by the holders shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with the Indenture and will not involve the trustee in personal liability in circumstances where reasonable indemnity would not, in the trustee's sole discretion, be adequate and the trustee may take any other action it deems proper that is not inconsistent with such direction.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of any series may waive any past default or event of default under the Indenture on behalf of all holders of notes of that series with respect to the notes of that series, except a default in the payment of principal of or any premium or interest on such notes. No holder of notes of any series may institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or a trustee, or for any other remedy, unless such holder has previously given to the trustee for such series written notice of a continuing event of default with respect to the notes of such series, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of all series in respect of which an

event of default has occurred and is continuing, considered as one class, have made written request to the trustee for such series to institute such proceeding and have offered such reasonable indemnity as the trustee may require, and the trustee for such series has failed to institute such proceeding within 60 days after such notice, request and offer. Furthermore, no holder of notes of any series will be entitled to institute any such action if and to the extent that such action would disturb or prejudice the rights of other holders of those notes.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, each holder of notes of any series has the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such notes when due and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights may not be impaired without the consent of that holder of notes.

The trustee, within 90 days after it receives notice of the occurrence of a default with respect to the notes of any series, is required to give the holders of the notes of that series notice of such default, unless cured or waived, but, except in the case of default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, the notes of that series, the trustee may withhold such notice if it determines in good faith that it is in the interest of such holders to do so. We will be required to deliver to the trustees for the notes each year a certificate as to whether or not, to the knowledge of the officers signing such certificate, we are in compliance with all conditions and covenants under the Indenture, determined without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice under the Indenture.

### **Defeasance**

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement states otherwise, we may elect either:

- (1) to defease and be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the notes of any series then outstanding under the Indenture (except for certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the notes of such series, replace stolen, lost or mutilated notes, maintain paying agencies and hold monies for payment in trust); or
- (2) to be released from the obligations of the Indenture with respect to the notes of any series under any covenants applicable to the notes of such series which are subject to covenant defeasance as described in the Indenture, supplemental indenture or other instrument establishing such series.

In the case of either (1) or (2), the following conditions, among others, must be met:

- we will be required to deposit, in trust, with the trustee money or U.S. government obligations, which through the payment of interest on those obligations and principal of those obligations in accordance with their terms will provide money, in an amount sufficient (in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent accountants, certified to the trustee in writing), without reinvestment, to pay all the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on the notes of such series on the dates payments are due (which may include one or more redemption dates designated by us),
- no event of default or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an event of default under the Indenture must have occurred and be continuing on the date of the deposit, and 91 days must have passed after the deposit has been made and, during that period, certain events of default must not have occurred and be continuing as of the end of that period,
- the deposit must not cause the trustee to have any conflicting interest with respect to our other securities,
- we must have delivered an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes (and, in the case of paragraph (1) above, such opinion of counsel must be based on a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or other change in applicable federal income tax law) as a result of the deposit or defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax in the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as if the deposit and defeasance had not occurred, and
- we must have delivered an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel to the trustee as provided in the Indenture.

We may exercise our defeasance option under paragraph (1) with respect to notes of any series notwithstanding our prior exercise of our covenant defeasance option under paragraph (2). If we exercise our defeasance option under paragraph (1) for notes of any series, payment of the notes of such series may not be accelerated because of a subsequent event of default. If we exercise our covenant defeasance option for notes of any series, payment of the notes of such series may not be accelerated by reference to a subsequent breach of any of the covenants noted under paragraph (2) above. In the event we fail to comply with our remaining obligations with respect to the notes of any series under the Indenture after exercising our covenant defeasance option and the notes of such series are declared due and payable because of the subsequent occurrence of any event of default, the amount of money and U.S. government obligations on deposit with the trustee may be insufficient to pay amounts due on the notes of such series at the time of the acceleration resulting from that event of default. However, we will remain liable for those payments.

### **Resignation or Removal of Trustee**

The trustee may resign at any time upon written notice to us specifying the day upon which the resignation is to take effect and such resignation will take effect immediately upon the later of the appointment of a successor trustee and such specified day. The trustee may be removed at any time with respect to notes of any series by an instrument or concurrent instruments in writing filed with the trustee and signed by the holders, or their attorneys-in-fact, of a majority in aggregate principal amount of that series of notes then outstanding. In addition, so long as no event of default or event which, with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, would become an event of default has occurred and is continuing, we may remove the trustee upon notice to the holder of each note outstanding and the trustee, and appoint a successor trustee.

### **Concerning the Trustee**

As of December 31, 2014, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., which is the trustee under the Indenture, and its affiliates were the trustees for \$1,916.3 million of our secured and unsecured debt (including Environmental Improvement Revenue debt and Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding debt issued by certain governmental entities) and \$737.5 million of the unsecured debt of Great Plains Energy Incorporated under several separate indentures. In addition, an affiliate of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is one of the lenders under separate credit agreements with us, our parent and an affiliate and is the trustee under our nuclear decommissioning fund trust. Affiliates of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. also perform other services for, and transact other banking business with, our affiliates and us in the normal course and may do so in the future. The Indenture provides that our obligations to compensate the trustee and reimburse the trustee for expenses, disbursements and advances will be secured by a lien prior to that of the notes upon the property and funds held or collected by the trustee as such, except funds held in trust for the benefit of the holders of particular notes.

### **Governing Law**

The Indenture is, and the related notes will be, governed by New York law.

## DESCRIPTION OF GENERAL MORTGAGE BONDS

We will issue each series of general mortgage bonds under the General Mortgage Indenture and Deed of Trust, dated as of December 1, 1986, as supplemented from time to time, executed by the Company to UMB Bank, N.A. (formerly United Missouri Bank of Kansas City, N.A.), as trustee. We refer in this prospectus to the general mortgage bonds as the “mortgage bonds,” to the mortgage as the “Mortgage Indenture” and to UMB Bank, N.A. as the “Mortgage Trustee.”

We have summarized selected provisions of the Mortgage Indenture below. However, the following statements are an outline only, do not purport to be complete, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Mortgage Indenture, which is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Certain of the terms used below are used in this prospectus with the meanings ascribed to such terms by the Mortgage Indenture.

The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the mortgage bonds. The particular terms of the series of mortgage bonds offered by any prospectus supplement will be described in that prospectus supplement. Any terms of the mortgage bonds that are not summarized herein will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### Security and Priority

The Company’s principal plants and properties, insofar as they constitute real estate, are owned; certain other facilities of the Company are located on premises held by the Company under leases, permits or easements; and the Company’s electric transmission and distribution lines and systems (which constitute a substantial portion of the Company’s investment in physical property) are for the most part located over or under highways, streets, other public places or property owned by others for which permits, grants, easements, licenses or franchises (deemed satisfactory but without examination of underlying land titles) have been obtained.

The Mortgage Indenture constitutes a mortgage lien upon substantially all of the fixed property and franchises of the Company (except property that has been, or may in the future be, released from the lien of the Mortgage Indenture, as described below), consisting principally of electric generating plants, electric transmission and distribution lines and systems, and buildings, subject to encumbrances permitted under the Mortgage Indenture. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 1.03(ff).*) The Mortgage Indenture subjects to the lien thereof property, of the character initially mortgaged, which is acquired by the Company subsequent to December 1, 1986. Such after-acquired property may be subject to prior liens which secure debt outstanding at the time of such acquisition in an amount not in excess of 75% of the cost or fair value, whichever is less, of such after-acquired property at such time. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 1.03(ff)(xv).*)

The property excepted from the lien of the Mortgage Indenture consists principally of: cash and securities (unless deposited with the Mortgage Trustee); accounts receivable; contracts and operating agreements not pledged or required to be pledged with the Mortgage Trustee; equipment, spare parts, tools, materials, supplies and fuel held for sale or lease in the ordinary course of business or for use or consumption in, or the operation of, any properties of, or for the benefit of, the Company, or held in advance of use thereof for maintenance or fixed capital purposes; electricity, gas, steam, water, ice and other materials, products or services for sale, distribution or use; vehicles; leasehold interests and leasehold improvements; minerals and mineral rights; nuclear fuel, cores and materials; communications equipment, computers and office furniture; and other real and personal property which is not an integral part of the electric and any steam generating, transmission and distribution operations of the Company. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 1.03(s).*)

The mortgage bonds will rank equally and ratably (except as to sinking funds and other analogous funds established for the exclusive benefit of a particular series) with all mortgage bonds, regardless of series, from time to time issued and outstanding under the Mortgage Indenture.

The Mortgage Indenture provides that the Mortgage Trustee shall have a lien on the mortgaged property, prior to the mortgage bonds, for the payment of its reasonable compensation and expenses and for indemnity against certain liabilities. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 14.09.*)

Issuance of Additional Mortgage Bonds. The maximum principal amount of mortgage bonds which may be issued under the Mortgage Indenture is not limited. Mortgage bonds of any series may be issued from time to time in principal amounts:

- not exceeding 75% of the amount of unbonded “bondable property;”
- equal to the principal amount of mortgage bonds and “prior lien bonds” which have been retired or purchased or acquired by the Company since the date of the Mortgage Indenture or are then being retired or purchased or acquired by the Company, and which have not theretofore been bonded; or
- equal to the amount of cash deposited with the Mortgage Trustee for such purpose.

(*Mortgage Indenture Articles III, IV, V and VI.*)

“Bondable property” includes: the Company’s electric and any steam generating, transmission and distribution properties; construction work in progress; property in the process of purchase to which the Company has legal title; fractional and undivided interests of the Company in certain property owned jointly or in common with other persons; engineering, financial, economic, environmental, geological and legal or other surveys, data processing equipment and software associated with the acquisition or construction of property; paving, grading and other improvements to property owned by others but used by the Company; and certain property owned by the Company located on property owned by others, including governments. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 1.03(h).*)

“Prior lien bonds” means any indebtedness secured by liens either (i) existing both at and immediately prior to the acquisition of the property by the Company, or (ii) created as purchase money mortgages at the time the Company acquires the property, and in each case ranking prior to, or on a parity with, the lien of the Mortgage Indenture. (*Mortgage Indenture Sections 1.03(hh) and 1.03(ii).*)

The amount of bondable property is the lesser of its cost or fair value determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect at December 1, 1986 or, at the option of the Company, at the date of their determination, minus 133 1/3% of the principal amount of all prior lien bonds which are (a) outstanding and secured by a prior lien on bondable property owned by the Company at December 1, 1986, and (b) outstanding and secured by a prior lien, other than due solely to an after-acquired property clause, on bondable property at the date of its acquisition by the Company after such date. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 1.03(h).*) In determining generally accepted accounting principles, the Company may conform to accounting orders from any governmental regulatory commission. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 1.03(u).*)

### **Withdrawal of Certain Cash**

Cash deposited with the Mortgage Trustee as a basis for the issue of additional mortgage bonds may be withdrawn by the Company in the amount of 75% of the lesser of the cost or fair value of unbonded bondable property that is bonded, after deducting 133 1/3% of the principal amount of all prior lien bonds which are (a) outstanding and secured by a prior lien on such bondable property owned by the Company at December 1, 1986, and (b) outstanding and secured by a prior lien, other than due solely to an after-acquired property clause, on bondable property at the date of its acquisition by the Company after such date.

Any other cash deposited with the Mortgage Trustee may be withdrawn by the Company in the amount of:

- 100% of the lesser of the cost or fair value of unbonded bondable property that is bonded, after deducting 133 1/3% of the principal amount of all prior lien bonds which are (a) outstanding and secured by a prior lien on such bondable property owned by the Company at December 1, 1986, and (b) outstanding and secured by a prior lien, other than due solely to an after-acquired property clause, on bondable property at the date of its acquisition by the Company after such date; or

- the principal amount of mortgage bonds and prior lien bonds which have been retired or purchased or acquired by the Company since the date of the Mortgage Indenture or are then being retired or purchased or acquired by the Company, and which have not theretofore been bonded.

*(Mortgage Indenture Article XI.)*

### **Release and Substitution of Property**

Mortgaged property may be released from the lien of the Mortgage Indenture:

- if after such release the fair value of the remaining mortgaged property equals or exceeds a sum equal to 133 1/3% of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding mortgage bonds and prior lien bonds outstanding; or
- if, with some limitations, the fair value of the mortgaged property to be released is less than 1/2 of 1% of the aggregate principal amount of mortgage bonds and prior lien bonds outstanding, provided that the aggregate fair value of mortgaged property released in this manner in any period of 12 consecutive calendar months shall not exceed 1% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding mortgage bonds and prior lien bonds outstanding; or
- on the basis of (a) the deposit of cash, governmental obligations or purchase money obligations, (b) bondable property to be acquired by the Company with the proceeds of, or otherwise in connection with, such release, or (c) a waiver of the right to issue mortgage bonds on the basis of mortgage bonds or prior lien bonds which have been retired or purchased or acquired by the Company after December 1, 1986, and have not theretofore been bonded.

*(Mortgage Indenture Article X.)*

### **Events of Default**

The Mortgage Indenture provides generally that a default occurs upon:

- failure for 90 days to pay interest when due on any mortgage bonds;
- failure to pay when due the principal of, and premium, if any, on any mortgage bonds issued under the Mortgage Indenture or the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on any outstanding prior lien bonds, beyond any specified grace period;
- failure to perform or observe for 90 days after notice of such failure any other of the covenants or conditions of the Company in the Mortgage Indenture, any applicable supplemental indenture, or any of the mortgage bonds issued under the Mortgage Indenture or any applicable supplemental indenture; and
- the occurrence of insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership or similar events.

In case of default, the Mortgage Trustee or the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding mortgage bonds may declare the principal of and interest on all mortgage bonds to be immediately due and payable, but the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding mortgage bonds may rescind such declaration if such default has been cured. *(Mortgage Indenture Sections 12.02 and 12.04.)*

The Company is required to file with the Mortgage Trustee such information, documents and reports with respect to compliance by the Company with the conditions and covenants of the Mortgage Indenture as may be required by the rules and regulations of the SEC. *(Mortgage Indenture Section 17.02.)* The Company is not required to furnish any statement as to the absence of any default.

### **Modification of the Mortgage Indenture**

In general, modifications or alterations of the Mortgage Indenture and any applicable supplemental indenture and of the rights or obligations of the Company and of the bondholders, as well as waivers of compliance with the Mortgage Indenture (including any applicable supplemental indenture) may be made, with the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding mortgage bonds affected by the proposed action, if approved by the Company. Provisions relating to such modifications or alterations and waivers of compliance are subject to certain restrictions designed to safeguard the positions of the bondholders and the Mortgage Trustee with respect to certain matters of basic importance, including payment of principal of and interest and premium (if any) on mortgage bonds and creation of liens ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of the Mortgage Indenture as to any mortgaged property. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 12.24 and Article XV.*)

### **Concerning the Mortgage Trustee**

As of December 31, 2014, the Mortgage Trustee was the trustee for \$400.0 million of mortgage bonds issued under the Mortgage Indenture. In addition, the Company and its affiliates maintain general banking accounts with the Mortgage Trustee. The Mortgage Trustee is also one of the lenders under separate credit agreements with us, our parent and one of our affiliates.

The Mortgage Indenture provides that the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding mortgage bonds have the right to require the Mortgage Trustee to take certain action on behalf of the bondholders, but under certain circumstances the Mortgage Trustee may decline to follow such directions or to exercise certain of its powers. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 12.05.*) Prior to taking any such action the Mortgage Trustee is entitled to indemnity satisfactory to the Mortgage Trustee against costs, expenses and liabilities which may be incurred in the course of such action. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 12.16.*) This right does not, however, impair the absolute right of any holder of mortgage bonds to enforce payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, and interest on such mortgage bonds when due. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 12.23.*) The Company has the right to remove the Mortgage Trustee and appoint a successor Mortgage Trustee not more frequently than once in any ten-year period. (*Mortgage Indenture Section 14.18.*)

## BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, each series of notes or general mortgage bonds will initially be issued in the form of one or more global securities, in registered form, without coupons. The global securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the depository, and registered in the name of the depository or a nominee of the depository. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the depository for any global securities will be The Depository Trust Company, or DTC.

So long as the depository, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a global security, such depository or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the owner of such global security for all purposes under the applicable indenture, including for any notices and voting. Except in limited circumstances, the owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have securities registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any such securities and will not be considered the registered holder thereof under the applicable indenture. Accordingly, each person holding a beneficial interest in a global security must rely on the procedures of the depository and, if such person is not a direct participant, on procedures of the direct participant through which such person holds its interest, to exercise any of the rights of a registered owner of such security.

Except as otherwise provided in any applicable prospectus supplement, global securities may be exchanged in whole for certificated securities only if the depository notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the global securities or the depository has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, we thereupon fail to appoint a successor depository within 90 days. We may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository), subject to DTC's or such successor's procedures, as the case may be.

In any such case, we have agreed to notify the applicable trustee in writing that, upon surrender by the direct participants and indirect participants of their interest in such global securities, certificated securities representing the applicable securities will be issued to each person that such direct participants and indirect participants and the depository identify as being the beneficial owner of such securities.

The following is based solely on information furnished by DTC:

DTC will act as depository for the global securities. The global securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered global security certificate will be issued for each issue of the global securities, each in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue of a series of debt securities exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such series. DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for securities that its direct participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among direct participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between direct participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates.

Direct participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is

owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly, which are referred to as indirect participants and, together with the direct participants, the participants. The DTC rules applicable to its participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com). The contents of such website do not constitute part of this prospectus.

Purchases of global securities under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, who will receive a credit for the global securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each global security, or beneficial owner, is in turn to be recorded on the direct and indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial owners, however, are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participant through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the global securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of direct and indirect participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the global securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the global securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all global securities deposited by direct participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of global securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the global securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such global securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The direct and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial owners of global securities may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the global securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the security documents. For example, beneficial owners of global securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the global securities for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to beneficial owners. In the alternative, beneficial owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of the notices be provided directly to them.

If the global securities are redeemable, redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the global securities are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the global securities unless authorized by a direct participant in accordance with DTC's procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an omnibus proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the global securities are credited on the record date, identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy.

Principal, distributions, interest and premium payments, if any, on the global securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us or the trustee for such securities, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and

customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in “street name,” and will be the responsibility of such participant and not of DTC, the trustee for such securities, or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal, distributions, interest and premium, if any, on any of the aforementioned securities represented by global securities to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the appropriate trustee and us. Disbursement of such payments to direct participants shall be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners shall be the responsibility of the participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the global securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to us or the applicable trustee. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, securities certificates will be required to be printed and delivered to the holders of record. Additionally, we may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository) with respect to the global securities.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC’s book-entry system has been obtained from sources, including DTC, that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

The underwriters, dealers or agents of any of the securities may be direct participants of DTC.

**None of the trustees, us or any agent for payment on or registration of transfer or exchange of any global security will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in such global security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.**

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities in one or more of the following ways from time to time: (i) to underwriters for resale to the public or to institutional investors; (ii) directly to institutional investors; or (iii) through dealers or agents to the public or to institutional investors. The prospectus supplement with respect to each series of securities will set forth the terms of the offering of such securities, including the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents, the purchase price of such securities, and the proceeds to us from such sale, any underwriting discounts or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters', dealers' or agents' compensation, any initial public offering price, any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers and any securities exchange on which such securities may be listed.

If underwriters participate in the sale, such securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more of those firms. The specific managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, will be named in the prospectus supplement relating to the particular securities together with the members of the underwriting syndicate, if any.

Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase any series of securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of such securities being offered, if any are purchased.

We may sell the securities directly or through agents we designate from time to time. The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the name of any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities in respect of which such prospectus supplement is delivered and any commissions payable by us to such agent. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, any agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

Underwriters and agents may be entitled under agreements entered into with us to indemnification against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Underwriters and agents may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business.

Each series of securities will be a new issue of securities and will have no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom securities are sold for public offering and sale may make a market in such securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. The securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Legal matters with respect to the securities offered under this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Jaileah X. Huddleston, Assistant Secretary and Corporate Counsel—Securities and Finance and Hunton & Williams LLP. Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP will pass on certain matters for the underwriters, dealers, purchasers, or agents. At February 13, 2015, Ms. Huddleston owned beneficially a number of shares of common stock of Great Plains Energy Incorporated, including restricted stock, and performance shares which may be paid in shares of common stock at a later date based on Great Plains Energy Incorporated's performance, which represented less than 0.1% of the total outstanding common stock of Great Plains Energy Incorporated.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements, and the related financial statement schedule, incorporated in this prospectus by reference from Kansas City Power & Light Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the effectiveness of Kansas City Power & Light Company and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports which are incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and financial statement schedule have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports and other information with the SEC through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system and these filings are publicly available through the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). You may read and copy such material at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this prospectus the information we file with them. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to the documents containing the information. The information we incorporate by reference is considered to be included in and an important part of this prospectus and should be read with the same care. Information that we file later with the SEC that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus will automatically update and supersede this information. We are incorporating by reference into this prospectus the following documents that we have filed with the SEC and any subsequent filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (excluding information deemed to be furnished and not filed with the SEC) until the offering of the securities described in this prospectus is completed:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on February 25, 2015;
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K dated January 2, 2015 and filed with the SEC on January 2, 2015; and February 10, 2015 and filed with the SEC on February 17, 2015.

We and our parent company, Great Plains Energy Incorporated, separately filed the combined Annual Report on Form 10-K and the Current Reports on Form 8-K listed above. However, the information contained in those combined reports relating solely to our parent and its subsidiaries (other than KCP&L and its consolidated subsidiaries) was separately filed by Great Plains Energy Incorporated on its behalf, and the information contained in those combined reports relating solely to KCP&L and its consolidated subsidiaries was separately filed by us. We do not intend to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information relating to Great Plains Energy Incorporated and its subsidiaries (other than KCP&L and its consolidated subsidiaries), and we make no representation as to the information relating to Great Plains Energy Incorporated and its subsidiaries (other than KCP&L and its consolidated subsidiaries) contained in such combined reports. The only information you should rely upon in determining whether to invest in the securities offered hereby is the information of KCP&L and its consolidated subsidiaries contained in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, the information separately provided by KCP&L and its consolidated subsidiaries in the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein and any free writing prospectus used in connection with the offering of securities described in this prospectus.

Our website is [www.kcpl.com](http://www.kcpl.com). Information contained on our website is not incorporated herein. We make available, free of charge, on or through our website, our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. In addition, we make available on or through our website all other reports, notifications and certifications filed electronically with the SEC. You may obtain a free copy of our filings with the SEC by writing or telephoning us at the following address: Kansas City Power & Light Company, 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105 (Telephone No.: 816-556-2200), Attention: Corporate Secretary, or by contacting us on our website.

**PART II.**  
**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**ITEM 14: OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCES AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

Expenses payable by the registrants for the sale of its securities, other than underwriting discount and commissions, are estimated as follows:

Securities and Exchange Commission .....	\$ *
Legal Fees and Expenses (including Blue Sky Fees) .....	**
Accounting Fees and Expenses .....	**
Printing of Registration Statement, Prospectus, Bonds, etc. ....	**
Trustee and/or Transfer Agent and Registrar Fees and Expenses .....	**
Rating Agency Fees .....	**
Stock Exchange Listing Fees .....	**
Miscellaneous .....	**
Total .....	\$**

\* The payment of any additional filing fee is deferred pursuant to Rules 456(b) and 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933.

\*\* Because an indeterminate amount of securities are covered by this registration statement and the number of offerings is indeterminate, the expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities are currently not determinable.

**ITEM 15: INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**Great Plains Energy Incorporated**

Missouri Revised Statutes (RSMo) Section 351.355 (2011) provides as follows:

1. A corporation created under the laws of this state may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

2. The corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, including attorneys' fees, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation; except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or

matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability and in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

3. Except as otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, to the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in subsections 1 and 2 of this section, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding.

4. Any indemnification under subsections 1 and 2 of this section, unless ordered by a court, shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in this section. The determination shall be made by the board of directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to the action, suit, or proceeding, or if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or by the shareholders.

5. Expenses incurred in defending any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit, or proceeding as authorized by the board of directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this section.

6. The indemnification provided by this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under the articles of incorporation or bylaws or any agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

7. A corporation created under the laws of this state shall have the power to give any further indemnity, in addition to the indemnity authorized or contemplated under other subsections of this section, including subsection 6, to any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent, or to any person who is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, provided such further indemnity is either (i) authorized, directed, or provided for in the articles of incorporation of the corporation or any duly adopted amendment thereof or (ii) is authorized, directed, or provided for in any bylaw or agreement of the corporation which has been adopted by a vote of the shareholders of the corporation, and provided further that no such indemnity shall indemnify any person from or on account of such person's conduct which was finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to limit the power of the corporation under subsection 6 of this section to enact bylaws or to enter into agreements without shareholder adoption of the same.

8. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance or another arrangement on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this section. Without limiting the power of the corporation to procure or maintain any kind of insurance or other arrangement the corporation may for the benefit of persons

indemnified by the corporation create a trust fund, establish any form of self insurance, secure its indemnity obligation by grant of a security interest or other lien on the assets of the corporation, or establish a letter of credit, guaranty, or surety arrangement. The insurance or other arrangement may be procured, maintained, or established within the corporation or with any insurer or other person deemed appropriate by the board of directors regardless of whether all or part of the stock or other securities of the insurer or other person are owned in whole or in part by the corporation. In the absence of fraud the judgment of the board of directors as to the terms and conditions of the insurance or other arrangement and the identity of the insurer or other person participating in an arrangement shall be conclusive and the insurance or arrangement shall not be voidable and shall not subject the directors approving the insurance or arrangement to liability on any ground regardless of whether directors participating in the approval are beneficiaries of the insurance arrangement.

9. Any provision of this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding, the provisions of this section shall apply to all existing and new domestic corporations, including but not limited to banks, trust companies, insurance companies, building and loan associations, savings bank and safe deposit companies, mortgage loan companies, corporations formed for benevolent, religious, scientific or educational purposes and nonprofit corporations.

10. For the purpose of this section, references to “the corporation” include all constituent corporations absorbed in a consolidation or merger as well as the resulting or surviving corporation so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such a constituent corporation or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this section with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he or she would if he or she had served the resulting or surviving corporation in the same capacity.

11. For purposes of this section, the term “other enterprise” shall include employee benefit plans; the term “fines” shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan; and the term “serving at the request of the corporation” shall include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director, officer, employee, or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants, or beneficiaries; and a person who acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner “not opposed to the best interests of the corporation” as referred to in this section.

The officers and directors of Great Plains Energy Incorporated have entered into indemnification agreements with Great Plains Energy Incorporated indemnifying such officers and directors to the extent allowed under the above RSMo Section 351.355 (2011).

Article Thirteen of the Articles of Incorporation of Great Plains Energy Incorporated provides as follows:

ARTICLE THIRTEEN (a) Right to Indemnification. Each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director or officer of the Company or is or was an employee of the Company acting within the scope and course of his or her employment or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a Director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company to the fullest extent authorized by The Missouri General and Business Corporation Law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys’ fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid to or to be paid in settlement) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith. The Company may in its discretion by action of its Board of Directors provide indemnification to agents of the Company as provided for in this ARTICLE THIRTEEN. Such indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators.

(b) Rights Not Exclusive. The indemnification and other rights provided by this ARTICLE THIRTEEN shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which a person may be entitled under any applicable law, By-laws of the Company, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested Directors or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in any other capacity while holding the office of Director or officer, and the Company is hereby expressly authorized by the shareholders of the Company to enter into agreements with its Directors and officers which provide greater indemnification rights than that generally provided by The Missouri General and Business Corporation Law; provided, however, that no such further indemnity shall indemnify any person from or on account of such Director's or officer's conduct which was finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct. Any such agreement providing for further indemnity entered into pursuant to this ARTICLE THIRTEEN after the date of approval of this ARTICLE THIRTEEN by the Company's shareholders need not be further approved by the shareholders of the Company in order to be fully effective and enforceable.

Insurance. The Company may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who was or is a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Company, or was or is serving at the request of the Company as a Director, officer, employee or agent of another Company, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against or incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of this ARTICLE THIRTEEN.

Amendment. This ARTICLE THIRTEEN may be hereafter amended or repealed; however, no amendment or repeal shall reduce, terminate or otherwise adversely affect the right of a person entitled to obtain indemnification or an advance of expenses with respect to an action, suit or proceeding that pertains to or arises out of actions or omissions that occur prior to the later of (a) the effective date of such amendment or repeal; (b) the expiration date of such person's then current term of office with, or service for, the Company (provided such person has a stated term of office or service and completes such term); or (c) the effective date such person resigns his or her office or terminates his or her service (provided such person has a stated term of office or service but resigns prior to the expiration of such term).

### **Kansas City Power & Light Company**

Missouri Revised Statutes (RSMo) Section 351.355 (2011) provides as follows:

1. A corporation created under the laws of this state may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

2. The corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, including attorneys' fees, and amounts paid

in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation; except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability and in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

3. Except as otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, to the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in subsections 1 and 2 of this section, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding.

4. Any indemnification under subsections 1 and 2 of this section, unless ordered by a court, shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in this section. The determination shall be made by the board of directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to the action, suit, or proceeding, or if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or by the shareholders.

5. Expenses incurred in defending any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit, or proceeding as authorized by the board of directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this section.

6. The indemnification provided by this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under the articles of incorporation or bylaws or any agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

7. A corporation created under the laws of this state shall have the power to give any further indemnity, in addition to the indemnity authorized or contemplated under other subsections of this section, including subsection 6, to any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent, or to any person who is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, provided such further indemnity is either (i) authorized, directed, or provided for in the articles of incorporation of the corporation or any duly adopted amendment thereof or (ii) is authorized, directed, or provided for in any bylaw or agreement of the corporation which has been adopted by a vote of the shareholders of the corporation, and provided further that no such indemnity shall indemnify any person from or on account of such person's conduct which was finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to limit the power of the corporation under subsection 6 of this section to enact bylaws or to enter into agreements without shareholder adoption of the same.

8. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance or another arrangement on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity,

or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this section. Without limiting the power of the corporation to procure or maintain any kind of insurance or other arrangement the corporation may for the benefit of persons indemnified by the corporation create a trust fund, establish any form of self insurance, secure its indemnity obligation by grant of a security interest or other lien on the assets of the corporation, or establish a letter of credit, guaranty, or surety arrangement. The insurance or other arrangement may be procured, maintained, or established within the corporation or with any insurer or other person deemed appropriate by the board of directors regardless of whether all or part of the stock or other securities of the insurer or other person are owned in whole or in part by the corporation. In the absence of fraud the judgment of the board of directors as to the terms and conditions of the insurance or other arrangement and the identity of the insurer or other person participating in an arrangement shall be conclusive and the insurance or arrangement shall not be voidable and shall not subject the directors approving the insurance or arrangement to liability on any ground regardless of whether directors participating in the approval are beneficiaries of the insurance arrangement.

9. Any provision of this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding, the provisions of this section shall apply to all existing and new domestic corporations, including but not limited to banks, trust companies, insurance companies, building and loan associations, savings bank and safe deposit companies, mortgage loan companies, corporations formed for benevolent, religious, scientific or educational purposes and nonprofit corporations.

10. For the purpose of this section, references to “the corporation” include all constituent corporations absorbed in a consolidation or merger as well as the resulting or surviving corporation so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such a constituent corporation or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this section with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he or she would if he or she had served the resulting or surviving corporation in the same capacity.

11. For purposes of this section, the term “other enterprise” shall include employee benefit plans; the term “fines” shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan; and the term “serving at the request of the corporation” shall include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director, officer, employee, or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants, or beneficiaries; and a person who acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner “not opposed to the best interests of the corporation” as referred to in this section.

The officers and directors of Kansas City Power & Light Company have entered into indemnification agreements with Great Plains Energy Incorporated indemnifying such officers and directors to the extent allowed under the above RSMo Section 351.355 (2011).

Article XI of the Amended and Restated Articles of Consolidation of Kansas City Power & Light Company provides as follows:

ARTICLE ELEVENTH. (a) Right to Indemnification. Each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director or officer of the Company or is or was an employee of the Company acting within the scope and course of his or her employment or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a Director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company to the fullest extent authorized by The Missouri General and Business Corporation Law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys’ fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid to or to be paid in settlement) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith. The Company may in its

discretion by action of its Board of Directors provide indemnification to agents of the Company as provided for in this ARTICLE ELEVENTH. Such indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators.

(b) Rights Not Exclusive. The indemnification and other rights provided by this ARTICLE ELEVENTH shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which a person may be entitled under any applicable law, By-laws of the Company, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested Directors or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in any other capacity while holding the office of Director or officer, and the Company is hereby expressly authorized by the shareholders of the Company to enter into agreements with its Directors and officers which provide greater indemnification rights than that generally provided by The Missouri General and Business Corporation Law; provided, however, that no such further indemnity shall indemnify any person from or on account of such Director's or officer's conduct which was finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct. Any such agreement providing for further indemnity entered into pursuant to this ARTICLE ELEVENTH after the date of approval of this ARTICLE ELEVENTH by the Company's shareholders need not be further approved by the shareholders of the Company in order to be fully effective and enforceable.

(c) Insurance. The Company may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who was or is a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Company, or was or is serving at the request of the Company as a Director, officer, employee or agent of another Company, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against or incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of this ARTICLE ELEVENTH.

(d) Amendment. This ARTICLE ELEVENTH may be hereafter amended or repealed; however, no amendment or repeal shall reduce, terminate or otherwise adversely affect the right of a person entitled to obtain indemnification or an advance of expenses with respect to an action, suit or proceeding that pertains to or arises out of actions or omissions that occur prior to the later of (a) the effective date of such amendment or repeal; (b) the expiration date of such person's then current term of office with, or service for, the Company (provided such person has a stated term of office or service and completes such term); or (c) the effective date such person resigns his or her office or terminates his or her service (provided such person has a stated term of office or service but resigns prior to the expiration of such term).

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted against Registrant by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

#### **ITEM 16: EXHIBITS**

Reference is being made to the Index to the Exhibits at page E-1, such Index to Exhibits being incorporated into this Item 16 by reference.

## ITEM 17: UNDERTAKINGS

Each of the undersigned registrants hereby undertakes:

(a)(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*Provided, however,* that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is a part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) Each undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of each registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Kansas City, State of Missouri, on this 12th day of March, 2015.

**GREAT PLAINS ENERGY INCORPORATED**

By: /s/ TERRY BASSHAM  
Terry Bassham  
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief  
Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ TERRY BASSHAM Terry Bassham	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	March 12, 2015
/s/ JAMES C. SHAY James C. Shay	Senior Vice President—Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	March 12, 2015
/s/ STEVEN P. BUSSE Steven P. Busse	Vice President—Business Planning and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	March 12, 2015
* David L. Bodde	Director	March 12, 2015
* Randall C. Ferguson, Jr.	Director	March 12, 2015
* Gary D. Forsee	Director	March 12, 2015
* Scott D. Grimes	Director	March 12, 2015
* Thomas D. Hyde	Director	March 12, 2015
* James A. Mitchell	Director	March 12, 2015
* Ann D. Murtlow	Director	March 12, 2015

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<div style="text-align: center;">*</div> <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">John J. Sherman</div>	Director	March 12, 2015
<div style="text-align: center;">*</div> <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">Linda H. Talbott</div>	Director	March 12, 2015
*By: <u>/s/ TERRY BASSHAM</u> <div style="text-align: center;">Terry Bassham Attorney-in-fact</div>	Director	March 12, 2015

## Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Kansas City, State of Missouri, on this 12th day of March, 2015.

**KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

By: /s/ TERRY BASSHAM  
Terry Bassham  
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief  
Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ TERRY BASSHAM Terry Bassham	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	March 12, 2015
/s/ JAMES C. SHAY James C. Shay	Senior Vice President—Finance and Strategic Development and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	March 12, 2015
/s/ STEVEN P. BUSSER Steven P. Busser	Vice President—Business Planning and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	March 12, 2015
* David L. Bodde	Director	March 12, 2015
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*By: <u>/s/ TERRY BASSHAM</u> <div style="text-align: center;">Terry Bassham Attorney-in-fact</div>	Director	March 12, 2015

## EXHIBIT INDEX

### Great Plains Energy Incorporated

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
1.1.1	+ Form of Underwriting Agreement for debt securities.
1.1.2	+ Form of Underwriting Agreement for common stock.
1.1.3	+ Form of Underwriting Agreement for stock purchase units.
1.1.4	+ Form of Underwriting Agreement for warrants.
4.1.1	* Articles of Incorporation of Great Plains Energy Incorporated, as amended effective May 6, 2014 (Exhibit 3.1 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014).
4.1.2	* By-laws of Great Plains Energy Incorporated, as amended December 10, 2013 (Exhibit 3.1 to Form 8-K filed on December 16, 2013).
4.1.3	* Indenture, dated June 1, 2004, between Great Plains Energy Incorporated and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee, for senior debt securities (Exhibit 4.4 to Form 8-A/A filed on June 14, 2004).
4.1.4	* First Supplemental Indenture, dated June 14, 2004, between Great Plains Energy Incorporated and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as Trustee (Exhibit 4.5 to Form 8-A/A filed on June 14, 2004).
4.1.5	* Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 25, 2007, between Great Plains Energy Incorporated and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K filed on September 26, 2007).
4.1.6	* Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 13, 2010, between Great Plains Energy Incorporated and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K filed on August 13, 2010).
4.1.7	* Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 19, 2011, between Great Plains Energy Incorporated and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2011).
4.1.8	+ Form of supplemental indenture or other instrument establishing the issuance of one or more series of senior debt securities (including the form of senior debt security).
4.1.9	* Subordinated Indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009, between Great Plains Energy Incorporated and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2009).
4.1.10	* Supplemental Indenture No. 1, dated as of May 18, 2009, between Great Plains Energy Incorporated and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2009).
4.1.11	+ Form of supplemental indenture or other instrument establishing the issuance of one or more series of subordinated debt securities (including the form of subordinated debt security).
4.1.12	+ Form of Stock Purchase Contract Agreement.
4.1.13	+ Form of Pledge Agreement.
4.1.14	+ Form of Warrant Agreement (including the form of warrant).
5.1.1	Opinion of Jaileah X. Huddleston, Assistant Secretary and Corporate Counsel—Securities and Finance, regarding the legality of the securities.
5.1.2	Opinion of Hunton & Williams LLP, regarding the legality of the securities.

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12.1.1	*Schedule of computation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, and 2010 (Exhibit 12.1 to Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014).
23.1.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
23.1.2	Consent of Jaileah X. Huddleston, Assistant Secretary and Corporate Counsel—Securities and Finance (included in Exhibit 5.1.1).
23.1.3	Consent of Hunton & Williams LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1.2).
24.1.1	Powers of Attorney for Great Plains Energy Incorporated.
25.1.1	Form T-1 statement of eligibility of the trustee for the senior debt securities.
25.1.2	Form T-1 statement of eligibility of the trustee for the subordinated debt securities.

\* Incorporated by reference herein as indicated.

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## Kansas City Power & Light Company

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
1.2.1	+ Form of Underwriting Agreement for general mortgage bonds.
1.2.2	+ Form of Underwriting Agreement for notes.
4.2.1	* General Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of December 1, 1986, between Kansas City Power & Light Company and UMB Bank, N.A. (formerly United Missouri Bank of Kansas City, N.A.), Trustee (Exhibit 4-bb to Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1986).
4.2.2	* Fifth Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 15, 1992, to Indenture dated as of December 1, 1986 (Exhibit 4-a to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1992).
4.2.3	* Seventh Supplemental Indenture dated as of October 1, 1993, to Indenture dated as of December 1, 1986 (Exhibit 4-a to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1993).
4.2.4	* Eighth Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 1, 1993, to Indenture dated as of December 1, 1986 (Exhibit 4 to Form S-3 Registration Statement, Registration No. 33-51799).
4.2.5	* Eleventh Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 15, 2005, to the General Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of December 1, 1986, between Kansas City Power & Light Company and UMB Bank, N.A. (formerly United Missouri Bank of Kansas City, N.A.), Trustee (Exhibit 4.2 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005).
4.2.6	* Twelfth Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 1, 2009, to the General Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of December 1, 1986, between Kansas City Power & Light Company and UMB Bank, N.A. (formerly United Missouri Bank of Kansas City, N.A.), Trustee (Exhibit 4.2 to Form 8-K filed on March 24, 2009).
4.2.7	* Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 1, 2009, to the General Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of December 1, 1986, between Kansas City Power & Light Company and UMB Bank, N.A. (formerly United Missouri Bank of Kansas City, N.A.), Trustee (Exhibit 4.3 to Form 8-K filed on March 24, 2009).
4.2.8	* Fourteenth Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 1, 2009, to the General Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of December 1, 1986, between Kansas City Power & Light Company and UMB Bank, N.A. (formerly United Missouri Bank of Kansas City, N.A.), Trustee (Exhibit 4.4 to Form 8-K filed on March 24, 2009).
4.2.9	* Fifteenth Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 30, 2011, to the General Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of December 1, 1986, between Kansas City Power & Light Company and UMB Bank, N.A. (formerly United Missouri Bank of Kansas City, N.A.), Trustee (Exhibit 4.1 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2011).
4.2.10	+ Form of supplemental indenture or other instrument establishing the issuance of one or more series of general mortgage bonds (including the form of general mortgage bond).
4.2.11	* Indenture dated as of May 1, 2007 between Kansas City Power & Light Company and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Exhibit 4.1.b to Form 8-K filed on June 4, 2007).
4.2.12	* Supplemental Indenture No. 1 dated as of June 4, 2007, to Indenture dated as of May 1, 2007 between Kansas City Power & Light Company and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (Exhibit 4.2 to Form 8-K filed on June 4, 2007).
4.2.13	* Supplemental Indenture No. 2 dated as of March 11, 2008, between Kansas City Power & Light Company and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (Exhibit 4.2 to Form 8-K filed on March 11, 2008).

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
4.2.14	* Supplemental Indenture No. 3 dated as of September 20, 2011, between Kansas City Power & Light Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K filed on September 20, 2011).
4.2.15	* Supplemental Indenture No. 4 dated as of March 14, 2013, between Kansas City Power & Light Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K filed on March 14, 2013).
4.2.16	+ Form of supplemental indenture or other instrument establishing the issuance of one or more series of notes (including the form of note).
5.2.1	Opinion of Jaileah X. Huddleston, Assistant Secretary and Corporate Counsel—Securities and Finance, regarding the legality of the securities.
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KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

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I, Ellen E. Fairchild, Corporate Secretary of Kansas City Power & Light Company (the "Company"), do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held on August 8, 2017, at which a quorum for the transaction of business was present and acting throughout; that set forth in said excerpt is a true and correct copy of certain resolutions duly adopted at said meeting, which resolutions have not been amended nor rescinded and are now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Company as of this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

  
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Corporate Secretary

(SEAL)

# **KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

## **EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD**

**August 8, 2017**

### **MPSC Long-Term Debt Authorization Application**

WHEREAS, the Board previously provided the Company with the authorization to file an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“MPSC”), requesting authority to issue up to One Billion One Hundred Million Dollars (\$1,100,000,000) of long-term debt over a three-year period, which application was granted by the MPSC on May 15, 2017, but only in part, allowing the Company to complete an issuance of up to Three Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$350,000,000) of long-term debt to refinance existing debt that was due to expire June 15, 2017, but requiring, among other items, that the Company make further application with the MPSC prior to any additional long-term debt issuances.

RESOLVED, that the Company is authorized to file an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“MPSC”), requesting authority to issue up to an additional Seven Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$750,000,000) of long-term debt in the fourth quarter of 2017, or the first quarter of 2018, with such terms and conditions as the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Vice President – Corporate Planning, Investor Relations and Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer (the “Authorized Officers”) of the Company may deem necessary or advisable in order to refinance current long-term indebtedness that is maturing March 1, 2018; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to fully carry out the intent and effectuate the purposes of the foregoing resolution, the proper officers of the Company be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Company, to take all such actions, to execute and deliver all such further agreements, instruments and documents, to make all such filings with governmental or regulatory authorities, to pay all such fees and expenses and to do any and all other acts and things whatsoever, in each case which shall in such officer’s judgment be deemed necessary, proper and advisable, such determination to be evidenced conclusively by such officer’s execution and delivery thereof or taking of action in respect thereto.

# STATE OF MISSOURI



**John R. Ashcroft**  
**Secretary of State**

**CORPORATION DIVISION**  
**CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**

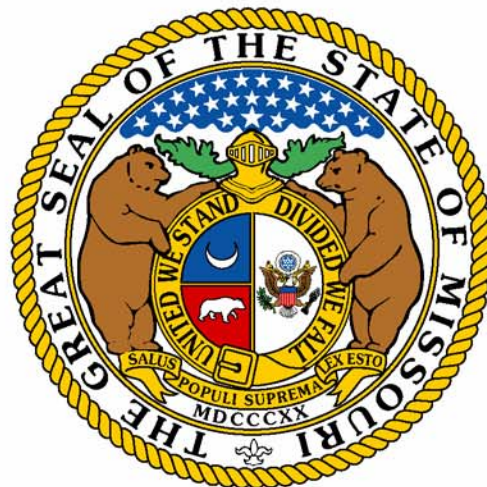
I, JOHN R. ASHCROFT, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records in my office and in my care and custody reveal that

***KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY***  
***00040080***

was created under the laws of this State on the 29th day of July, 1922, and is in good standing, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 28th day of November, 2017.

  
Secretary of State



Certification Number: CERT-11282017-0049

**Kansas City Power & Light Company**  
**MPSC LT Debt Authorization Application November 2017**  
**Pro forma**

*(dollars in millions)*

**Assumptions**

1) Authorization for debt issuance:	\$	750.0
2) Use of Proceeds:		
Refinance existing debt:		
6.375% Series Senior Note due 3/1/18	\$	350.0
7.15% Series 2009A General Mortgage Bond due 4/1/19	\$	400.0
Total proceeds	\$	<u>750.0</u>
3) Cost of new debt issuance	\$750.0	1.250%
4) New Debt Interest Rate		9.00%
5) New Debt Term (years)	\$750.0	30
6) Increase in commercial paper	\$9.4	1.37%
7) Debt issuance expense	\$9.4	
8) Tax rate		38.9%

**Kansas City Power & Light Company**  
**Pro Forma Adjustments**  
**As of September 30, 2017**  
*(dollars in millions)*

<b>(a)</b>	Cash	750.0	
	Unamortized debt expense	9.4	
	Commercial paper		9.4
	Long term debt		750.0
	<i>To adjust for new long term debt and increase in commercial paper for long-term debt redemption</i>		
<b>(b)</b>	Current maturities of long-term debt - Senior Note	350.0	
	Long-term debt - General Mortgage Bond	400.0	
	Cash		750.0
	<i>Redeem existing long term debt</i>		
<b>(c)</b>	Other Interest & Amortization expense	0.2	
	Unamortized debt expense		0.2
	<i>To adjust for amortization expense related to \$9.4M of new debt issue costs</i>		
	<i>(\$750.0M * 1.25% = \$9.4M)</i>		
	<i>(\$9.4M debt expense / 30yrs * 9/12)</i>		
<b>(d)</b>	Interest expense	50.7	
	Accrued Interest		50.7
	<i>To adjust for interest expense on new debt (\$750.0M * 9.00% * 9/12)</i>		
	<i>and increase in commercial paper (\$9.4M * 1.37% * 9/12)</i>		
<b>(e)</b>	Accrued Interest - 6.375% Series Senior Note	16.7	
	Accrued Interest - 7.15% Series 2009A General Mortgage Bond	21.5	
	Interest expense		38.2
	<i>To adjust for interest expense recorded in 2017 for debt being redeemed</i>		
	<i>6.375% Series Senior Note (\$350.0M * 6.375% * 9/12)</i>		
	<i>7.15% General Mortgage Bond (\$400.0M * 7.15% * 9/12)</i>		
<b>(f)</b>	Other receivables	No excess cash; used for refinancing of long-term debt maturities	
	Non-operating income		
	<i>To adjust for X year of interest income on short term invest for cash proceeds</i>		
<b>(g)</b>	Accrued Taxes	19.7	
	Income tax expense		19.7
	<i>To adjust for less income tax due to more interest expense on new debt (\$50.7M * 38.9%)</i>		
<b>(h)</b>	Accrued Taxes	0.1	
	Income tax expense		0.1
	<i>To adjust for less income tax due to more amortization expense on new debt (\$0.2M * 38.9%)</i>		
<b>(i)</b>	Income tax expense	14.9	
	Accrued Taxes		14.9
	<i>To adjust for more income tax due to less interest expense on debt redeemed (\$38.2M * 38.9%)</i>		
	Total Cash adjustments		-
	Total impact to net income / retained earnings		(7.8)
	Check to income statement tab		-

**KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**  
**Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet**  
**As of September 30, 2017**

		Adjustments			
	Actual	Refinance / Maturity	New Debt Issuance	Use of Proceeds	Pro Forma
(millions, except share amounts)					
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4.6	\$ (750.0) (b)	\$ 750.0 (a)		\$ 4.6
Receivables, net	143.8				143.8
Related party receivables	82.1				82.1
Accounts receivable pledged as collateral	130.0				130.0
Fuel inventories, at average cost	62.1				62.1
Materials and supplies, at average cost	126.1				126.1
Deferred refueling outage costs	10.2				10.2
Refundable income taxes	-				-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	26.9				26.9
Total	585.8	(750.0)	750.0	-	585.8
Utility Plant, at Original Cost					
Electric	10,120.8				10,120.8
Less-accumulated depreciation	4,012.7				4,012.7
Net utility plant in service	6,108.1	-	-	-	6,108.1
Construction work in progress	310.8				310.8
Nuclear fuel, net of amortization	64.9				64.9
Total	6,483.8	-	-	-	6,483.8
Investments and Other Assets					
Nuclear decommissioning trust fund	247.5				247.5
Regulatory assets	761.4				761.4
Other	39.1				39.1
Total	1,048.0	-	-	-	1,048.0
Total	\$ 8,117.6	\$ (750.0)	\$ 750.0	\$ -	\$ 8,117.6
LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION					
Current Liabilities					
Collateralized note payable	\$ 130.0				\$ 130.0
Commercial paper	72.0		9.4 (a)		81.4
Current maturities of long-term debt	350.0	(350.0) (b)			-
Accounts payable	154.1				154.1
Accrued taxes	137.2	14.9 (i)	(19.7) (g)		132.3
			(0.1) (h)		
Accrued interest	40.5	(38.2) (e)	50.7 (d)		53.0
Accrued compensation and benefits	51.9				51.9
Pension and post-retirement liability	1.6				1.6
Other	44.0				44.0
Total	981.3	(373.3)	40.3	-	648.3
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities					
Deferred income taxes	1,266.4				1,266.4
Deferred tax credits	122.0				122.0
Asset retirement obligations	228.7				228.7
Pension and post-retirement liability	473.1				473.1
Regulatory liabilities	201.6				201.6
Other	72.3				72.3
Total	2,364.1	-	-	-	2,364.1
Capitalization					
Common shareholder's equity					
Common stock - 1,000 shares authorized without par value					
1 share issued, stated value	1,563.1				1,563.1
Retained earnings	977.8	23.3 (e)(i)	(31.1) (c)(d)(g)(h)		970.0
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(0.4)				(0.4)
Total	2,540.5	23.3	(31.1)	-	2,532.7
Long-term debt (excluding current maturities)	2,231.7	(400.0) (b)	740.8 (a)(c)		2,572.5
Total	4,772.2	(376.7)	709.7	-	5,105.2
Total	\$ 8,117.6	\$ (750.0)	\$ 750.0	\$ -	\$ 8,117.6

**KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**  
**Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statement of Income**  
**Year to Date September 30, 2017**

	Actual	Adjustments			Pro Forma
		Refinance / Maturity	New Debt Issuance	Use of Proceeds	
<b>Operating Revenues</b>			(millions)		
Electric revenues	\$ 1,474.3				\$ 1,474.3
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Fuel and purchased power	314.4				314.4
Transmission	52.9				52.9
Operating and maintenance expenses	374.2				374.2
Costs to achieve the anticipated merger with Westar Energy, Inc.	10.3				10.3
Depreciation and amortization	199.9				199.9
General taxes	140.2				140.2
Other	0.5				0.5
Total	1,092.4	-	-	-	1,092.4
Operating income	381.9	-	-	-	381.9
Non-operating income	6.9				6.9
Non-operating expenses	(6.4)				(6.4)
Interest charges	(105.5)	38.2 (e)	(0.2) (c) (50.7) (d)		(118.2)
Income before income tax expense	276.9	38.2	(50.9)	-	264.2
Income tax (expense) benefit	(99.0)	(14.9) (i)	19.7 (g) 0.1 (h)		(94.1)
Net income	\$ 177.9	\$ 23.3	\$ (31.1)	\$ -	\$ 170.1

**KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**  
**Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow**  
**Year to Date September 30, 2017**

	Actual	Adjustments			Pro Forma
		Refinance / Maturity	New Debt Issuance	Use of Proceeds	
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			(millions)		
Net income	\$ 177.9	\$ 23.3	\$ (31.1)	\$ -	\$ 170.1
Adjustments to reconcile income to net cash from operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization	199.9				199.9
Amortization of:					
Nuclear fuel	24.1				24.1
Other	23.4		0.2		23.6
Deferred income taxes, net	33.4				33.4
Investment tax credit amortization	(0.8)				(0.8)
Other operating activities	68.7	(23.3)	30.9		76.3
Net cash from operating activities	526.6	-	-	-	526.6
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>					
Utility capital expenditures	(295.1)				(295.1)
Allowance for borrowed funds used during construction	(4.2)				(4.2)
Purchases of nuclear decommissioning trust investments	(23.8)				(23.8)
Proceeds from nuclear decommissioning trust investments	21.3				21.3
Other investing activities	(17.0)				(17.0)
Net cash from investing activities	(318.8)	-	-	-	(318.8)
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>					
Issuance of long-term debt	299.2		750.0		1,049.2
Issuance fees	(3.0)		(9.4)		(12.4)
Repayment of long-term debt	(281.0)	(750.0)			(1,031.0)
Net change in short-term borrowings	(60.9)		9.4		(51.5)
Net change in collateralized short-term borrowings	20.0				20.0
Dividends paid to Great Plains Energy	(182.0)				(182.0)
Net cash from financing activities	(207.7)	(750.0)	750.0	-	(207.7)
<b>Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	0.1				0.1
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year</b>	4.5				4.5
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period</b>	\$ 4.6	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.6

**EXHIBIT 5: Five-year capital expenditure schedule**

**AND**

**EXHIBIT 6: Two-year financing plan**

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