

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Great Plains	)	
Energy Incorporated, Kansas City Power & Light	)	
Company and Aquila, Inc. for Approval of the	)	Case No. EM-2007-0374
Merger of Aquila, Inc. with a Subsidiary of Great	)	
Plains Energy Incorporated and for other related	)	
relief	)	

**AQUILA, INC'S REPLY TO RESPONSE OF STAFF, ET AL.**

Applicant Aquila, Inc. (Aquila) states the following in reply to the Response of Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) and certain industrial intervenors (collectively, Staff, et al.):

1. On February 20, 2008, the Aquila, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL), and Great Plains Energy Incorporated (GPE) (collectively Joint Applicants) filed a Detailed Status Report proposing a procedural schedule that setting the filing dates for rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony in March and reconvening the hearings on April 21 through May 2.

2. On February 25, Joint Applicants filed the additional supplemental direct testimony narrowing the scope of this proceeding by withdrawing several controversial issues as described in KCPL's and GPE's reply brief.

3. Aquila continues to support the proposed procedural schedule Joint Applicants filed on February 20 setting the hearing dates on April 21 through May 2. Aquila urges the Commission to adopt the proposed procedural schedule so that this matter can be heard and resolved expeditiously. As the Commission is aware, the merger agreement that is the subject of this case, terminates on August 6, 2008, and Aquila believes that no one's interest is served by delaying the hearings, which could compromise the Commission's ability to hear the evidence and offer its decision before the merger agreement terminates.

4. Additionally, Staff, et al. have informally requested Aquila to identify a witness(es) who would have knowledge about developments respecting the Iatan 1 and Iatan 2 projects. Aquila identified two witnesses and has agreed to produce those witnesses for depositions for purposes of sharing their knowledge about the developments of Iatan 1 and 2.

WHEREFORE, the Aquila requests that the procedural schedule proposed in the Detailed Status Report be adopted and that other relief be granted consistent with the Aquila's positions stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has hand-delivered, emailed or mailed postage prepaid, first class, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, to all counsel of record.

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