

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

**Case No. EM-2007-0374**

## **NOTICE REGARDING EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Issue Date: April 17, 2008

On April 17, 2008, I received the attached letter from Bob Marcusse, President and  
Chief Executive Officer of the Kansas City Area Development Council.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 17th day of April, 2008.  
Davis, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JD" or similar, written in a cursive style.

April 10, 2008

Mr. Jeff Davis  
Chairman of the Public Service Commission  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
PO Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Chairman Davis:

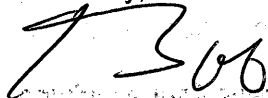
In order for the Kansas City region to continue to grow, and to grow qualitatively, not just in sheer number, it is important that we regularly evaluate threats to our continued economic prosperity. As energy consumption and prices continue to rise, it is more critical than ever that in Kansas City we offer clean, affordable, reliable, energy.

The acquisition of Aquila by Great Plains Energy (GPE) makes sense because it will create a single, financially strong regional utility that will address the future energy needs of our community. This is a unique opportunity to combine two contiguous utilities in western Missouri that have complimentary strengths.

Building a strong regional utility is not only good for customers and communities; it's also good for business. As we recruit new business to our region, a key selling point is the availability and reliability of low-cost energy. This is a key competitive advantage that we can highlight. I believe that this transaction will create a financially strong, locally headquartered utility which can continue to make the long-term investments in supply and infrastructure to further strengthen this competitive advantage and allow us to build on our successes in bringing new businesses to the region. This, in turn, creates jobs and generates revenues for our communities.

Kansas City needs clean, low-cost, reliable energy for our region. Clearly, the best way to achieve this is to control our own destiny instead of putting our future in the hands of outsiders. The Missouri Public Service Commission should approve this acquisition and ensure our region's continued growth and success.

Sincerely,



Bob Marcusse  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Kansas City Area Development Council