

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Great Plains)
Energy, Inc., Kansas City Power & Light Company,)
And Aquila, Inc. for Approval of the Merger of Aquila,) Case No. EM-2007-0374
Inc. with a Subsidiary of Great Plains Energy, Inc. and)
For Other Related Relief)

**STAFF RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF INDICATED INDUSTRIALS’
APPLICATION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through undersigned counsel of the General Counsel’s Office, and submits the instant response in support of the Application For Reconsideration By Indicated Industrials. The Staff joins in said Application For Reconsideration in as much as the Staff requests clarification that the Commission’s March 11, 2008 Second Order Adopting Procedural Schedule did not constitute a predispositive ruling on the admissibility of the Joint Applicants’ testimony submitted on February 25, 2008. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

1. On March 13, 2008, Praxair, Inc. (Praxair), AG Processing, Inc. (AGP) and Sedalia Industrial Energy Users’ Association (SIEUA) (Praxair, AGP and SIEUA, collectively referred to as Indicated Industrials) filed an Application For Reconsideration By Indicated Industrials respecting a March 11, 2008 Commission Second Order Adopting Procedural Schedule. At the prehearing conference on February 28, 2008 Presiding Officer, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge Nancy Dippell solely granted leave for the testimony that was submitted on February 25, 2008 to be filed. (Vol. 8, Tr. 1184, ls. 6-16).

2. The Staff joins in said Application For Reconsideration in as much as the Staff requests clarification that the Commission's Order did not constitute a predispositive ruling on the admissibility of the Joint Applicants' testimony submitted on February 25, 2008.

3. On March 18, 2008, Great Plains Energy Incorporated (GPE) and Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) filed Response Of Great Plains Energy Inc. And Kansas City Power & Light Co. To Application For Reconsideration By Indicated Industrials wherein GPE/KCPL state, in part:

. . . there was no pre-judgment by the Commission in the Second Order Adopting Procedural Schedule on the admissibility of the testimony. Nothing in that order precludes any party from objecting to testimony that is offered by any other party.

Wherefore the Staff submits the instant response in support of the Application For Reconsideration By Indicated Industrials.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 20th day of March 2008.

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