

**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,	)	<u>Case No. EM-2007-0374</u>
Inc. for Approval of the Merger of Aquila,	)	
Inc. with a Subsidiary of Great Plains Energy	)	
Incorporated and for Other Related Relief	)	

**RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING EXPEDITED RESPONSE BY
ALL PARTIES AND MOTION FOR LEAVE TO LATE FILE**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and for its Response to Order Directing Expedited Response by All Parties and Motion for Leave to Late File states as follows:

1. Public Counsel does not object to reopening the hearing as requested by (the Industrial Intervenors). Indeed, Public Counsel agrees that the Commission may discover new, relevant information that may have a bearing on the Commission's decision in this case.
2. Public Counsel also does not object to scheduling a hearing on June 11, 2008.
3. Public Counsel requests leave to file this response two hours after the deadline established in the Commission's May 30, 2008 order. This brief delay should not hinder the Commission in its decision nor detrimentally affect the other parties, particularly because Public Counsel's response is squarely in line with the Industrial Intervenors and the Commission Staff.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits this Response to Order
Directing Expedited Response by All Parties and Motion for Leave to Late File.

Respectfully submitted,

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