

**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**

**ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO THE STAFF OF THE MISSOURI**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO FILE RESPONSE OUT-OF-TIME**

Issue Date: December 28, 2007

Effective Date: December 28, 2007

On December 13, 2007, the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed a Motion to Dismiss this matter. On December 14, the Commission set December 26 as the deadline for responses to OPC’s motion. On December 27, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a motion for leave to file its response out-of-time and simultaneously filed its response. Staff asserts that the intervening holidays and the press of other business precluded the timely filing of its response.

The Commission finds that Staff’s delay was not for any improper purpose, nor does it cause any unnecessary delay in this proceeding. No party will be prejudiced by Staff’s delayed response. The Commission finds Staff’s request to be reasonable and shall grant it.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission’s Motion for Leave to File Response to Public Counsel’s Motion to Dismiss Out-Of-Time is granted.

2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Response to the Office of the Public Counsel's December 13, 2007 Motion to Dismiss is received and admitted as part of the record in this matter.

3. This order shall become effective on December 28, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 28th day of December, 2007.