

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) **Case No. EM-2007-0374**
of Aquila, Inc., with a Subsidiary of Great Plains)
Energy Incorporated and for Other Related Relief.)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE
AND ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: April 9, 2007

Effective Date: April 9, 2007

On April 4, 2007, Great Plains Energy Incorporated, Kansas City Power & Light Company, and Aquila, Inc., filed a joint application with the Missouri Public Service Commission. The applicants requested authority for a series of transactions whereby Aquila will become a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Great Plains Energy.

Great Plains Energy is a Missouri corporation located at 1201 Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri. Great Plains is the holding company for KCPL, a regulated public utility, and for Strategic Energy, L.L.C., a competitive electricity supplier located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Aquila is a Delaware corporation with its principal office and place of business at 20 West Ninth Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Aquila is engaged in providing electric and steam utility service in Missouri as a certificated public utility.

The Commission finds that proper persons should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene. The Commission finds its Data Center should send a copy of this notice to all the electric and industrial steam companies regulated by the Commission and

to the mayors of all municipalities and the county commissions located within the service area of Aquila. In addition, the Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Aquila's service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing the residents of Aquila's service area.

The Commission would be aided by a recommendation of its Staff and will set a time for filing that recommendation or a statement indicating when it expects to file such a recommendation, or requesting an early prehearing conference. The Commission further finds that the parties to this case should advise the Commission as to whether individual customer notice of the pending application is necessary.

The requirement of a hearing is met when an opportunity to be heard has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence.¹ If there are no requests for a hearing, the requested relief may be granted based on the verified petition and pleadings.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Data Center of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to every electric and steam company regulated by the Commission.
2. The Data Center of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to the mayors of all municipalities and the county commissions located within the service area of Aquila, Inc.

¹ *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d, 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

3. The Public Information Officer of the Commission shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Aquila, Inc.'s service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing the residents of the company's service area.

4. Any interested party wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to do so no later than April 30, 2007, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

and send copies to:

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5. No later than May 9, 2007, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation, a status report, or a request for a prehearing conference.

6. No later than April 19, 2007, the parties shall advise the Commission of the necessity to direct individual customer notice regarding this pending application.

7. This order shall become effective on April 9, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of April, 2007.