

**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)

**STAFF’S MOTION TO LATE FILE RESPONSE TO
PUBLIC COUNSEL’S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and requests leave to late-file the Staff’s Response to the Public Counsel’s Motion For Reconsideration for which a filing deadline of December 26, 2007 had been set. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

1. On December 13, 2007, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a Motion For Reconsideration of the December 10, 2007 Order Regarding Responses To Motion For Partial Summary Determination, which postponed the December 11, 2007, 5:00 p.m. deadline for filing responses to the Motion For Partial Summary Determination filed by AG Processing Inc., Sedalia Industrial Energy Users’ Association, and Praxair, Inc. On December 14, 2007, the Regulatory Law Judge issued an Order Setting Response Time directing that responses to the Public Counsel’s Motion For Reconsideration should be filed no later than December 26, 2007.

2. Due to the press of other Commission business the undersigned counsel was unable to timely file the Staff Response To Public Counsel’s Motion For Reconsideration on December 26, 2007. Undersigned counsel apologizes for any inconvenience this delay may have caused or may cause the Commissioners, the Regulatory Law Judge and the parties.

Wherefore the Staff requests leave of the Commission to late-file the Staff Response To Public Counsel's Motion For Reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 27th day of December 2007.

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