

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

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: February 25, 2008

Effective Date: February 25, 2008

On February 20, 2008, the Joint Applicants filed their Detailed Status Report in which they proposed a procedural schedule for the remainder of this case. Joint Applicants propose to file additional supplemental direct testimony on February 25, 2008, and suggest dates for the filing of rebuttal, surrebuttal, cross-surrebuttal testimony, and for the list of issues and order of witnesses, as well as dates for the evidentiary hearing.

On February 21, 2008, a response was filed jointly by the Commission's Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Industrial Intervenors (the Sedalia Industrial Energy Users' Association, AG Processing, Inc., and Praxair, Inc.). Staff, OPC, and the Industrial Intervenors advise that they cannot respond to the Applicants' schedule proposal until they have had an opportunity to at least quickly review the extent, volume, and nature of additional material submitted by the Applicants. The responding parties request that the Commission set a scheduling conference for February 28, 2008. They submit that that timing would be sufficient to allow the parties to make an initial review of the Joint Applicants' additional supplemental direct testimony filed on February 25, and to discuss a

subsequent procedural schedule among themselves and with the Applicants. Staff, OPC, and the Industrial Intervenors further recommend that the Commission establish a March 4, 2008 filing deadline for an agreed-to procedural schedule or any alternative proposed schedules.

The Commission has reviewed the Joint Applicants' status report and the response of Staff, OPC, and the Industrial Intervenors. Expecting that the Joint Applicants will file their additional supplemental direct testimony on February 25, 2008, the Commission will schedule a prehearing conference as requested by Staff, OPC, and the Industrial Intervenors for the parties to discuss the remainder of the procedural schedule, and will set a filing deadline for a joint proposed procedural schedule or separate proposed schedules. The Commission will allow parties to participate by telephone as set out below.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A prehearing conference is scheduled for February 28, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 310, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the conference is requested to call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.

2. Any party wishing to appear at the prehearing conference by telephone shall notify the Regulatory Law Judge by telephone at 573-751-4393, or by e-mail at: nancy.dippell@psc.mo.gov, no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 27, 2008.

3. The parties shall jointly or separately file proposed procedural schedule(s) no later than March 4, 2008.

4. This order shall become effective on February 25, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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 25th day of February, 2008.