

**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

STAFF REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO LATE-FILE POSTHEARING BRIEF

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) in response to the March 11, 2008 Order of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), which, among other things, amended the procedural schedule in this case to require the Filing of Posthearing Briefs on June 2, 2008. The Staff hereby requests leave to late-file the Highly Confidential version of its Posthearing Brief late afternoon, June 3, 2008, and the Non-Proprietary version to follow as soon as possible on June 4, 2008. In support of this request, the Staff states as follows:

1. The Staff and in particular undersigned counsel have endeavored to stay current with the procedural schedule set by the Commission in this matter. This effort places great demands on the Staff's resources at a time when there are many other cases (rate cases, rulemakings, financing applications, resource planning, appellate matters, etc.) pending before the Commission and elsewhere respecting the Commission.

2. The Staff does not request this leave to late-file the Staff's Posthearing Brief to unduly delay these proceedings or inconvenience the Commissioners, Regulatory Law Judges, Joint Applicants or any other parties. Undersigned counsel apologizes for the inconvenience that this late filing has caused to date and/or may further cause.

3. There is a considerable amount of material in the Staff's Posthearing Brief that is presently designated as Highly Confidential and the Staff wants to take all appropriate precautions in preparing the Non-Proprietary version of the Staff's Posthearing Brief for filing.

Wherefore the Staff hereby requests leave to late-file the Highly Confidential version of its Posthearing Brief late-afternoon June 3, 2008, and the Non-Proprietary version to follow as soon as possible on June 4, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 3rd day of June, 2008.

/s/ Steven Dottheim

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