

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Great Plains)
Energy, Inc., Kansas City Power & Light Company,)
And Aquila, Inc. for Approval of the Merger of Aquila,) Case No. EM-2007-0374
Inc. with a Subsidiary of Great Plains Energy, Inc. and)
For Other Related Relief)

STAFF MOTION TO LATE-FILE STAFF’S UPDATED PREHEARING BRIEF

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and files this Motion To Late File Staff’s Updated Prehearing Brief. In support thereof, the Staff states as follows:

1. On April 14, 2008 the Staff filed Staff Motion For Extension To File Second List Of Issues, Proposed Order Of Witnesses, Opening Statements, And Cross-Examination And Updated Prehearing Briefs from April 15, 2008 to April 16, 2008. On April 14, 2008 the Commission issued an Order authorizing an extension in the filing date of updated prehearing briefs from April 15, 2008 to April 16, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

2. Try as it did to meet the April 16, 2008, 3:00 p.m. time set by the Commission, the Staff was unable to do so, for which it apologizes. The considerable demands of this case and the various other cases pending before the Commission have greatly challenged the Staff’s resources.

3. The Staff is late-filing its updated prehearing brief, which is a redlined version of the prehearing brief that the Staff filed on November 27, 2007. Undersigned Staff counsel apologizes for the inconvenience to the Commissioners, Regulatory Law Judges, Joint Applicants and other parties.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests leave to late-file the Staff's updated prehearing brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 17th day of April 2008.

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