

**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**

**NOTICE REGARDING EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Issue Date: April 30, 2008

On April 29, 2008 we received the attached letter by facsimile from Senator Chris  
Koster.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 30th day of April, 2008.

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**CHRIS KOSTER**

31ST DISTRICT

April 28, 2008

Missouri Public Service Commission  
Governor Office Building  
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Dear Commissioners:

As you know, I've been a strong proponent of having a comprehensive energy policy that promotes, among other things, greater energy efficiency. An important enabling factor in achieving that goal is having strong utilities at the state and local level that are committed to investing in energy efficiency programs which allow customers to reduce energy use and hang on to their hard-earned dollars.

I support the proposed acquisition of Aquila by Great Plains Energy currently being considered by the Commission because I believe it will create a stronger combined utility with the financial wherewithal to fund further investments in clean, affordable energy in general and energy efficiency in specific.

Great Plains Energy, as part of its Comprehensive Energy Plan for the region, already has introduced 14 new energy efficiency programs for residential and business use, with the potential to conserve some 79,000 megawatt-hours of electricity. This is an important first step but we will need further investments in the future. I am confident that a combined regional utility managed by Great Plains Energy will have the financial strength and commitment to help Missouri businesses and residents become more even more energy efficient in the years ahead.

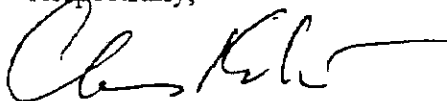
A second benefit of this proposed acquisition has to do with the operational efficiencies which will be achieved through the integration of these two utilities and ultimately passed along to customers in the form of \$350 million in savings over the next few years. During a time of rising cost pressures, we have a responsibility to take advantage of every opportunity to mitigate the impact of these cost pressures and keep electric prices down

as much as possible here in Missouri. This acquisition represents a simple step we can take to offset rising energy costs for residential and business customers.

While the reality of transactions like these don't always match perception, I believe this merger is grounded in logic and has the potential to yield many positive benefits for Missourians, and would urge the Commission to rule in favor of the current proposal on the table.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Koster", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**CHRIS KOSTER**  
State Senator