

**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)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RESPOND

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through undersigned counsel, and states that Staff intends to respond to the *Joint Applicants' Response To Order Directing Filing And Motion To Establish A Procedural Schedule* filed yesterday, Thursday, January 31, 2008, as does the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel), Praxair, Inc. (Praxair), AG Processing, Inc. (AGP), and Sedalia Industrial Energy Users Association (SIEUA). The Staff, these other parties and various additional parties to this proceeding have been, and continue to be, occupied in settlement discussions with the Joint Applicants. Undersigned counsel has been authorized to state that the Staff, Public Counsel, Praxair, AGP, and SIEUA will make a joint responsive filing or separate responsive filings by February 8, 2008.

Wherefore the Staff files this *Notice Of Intent To Respond* to the *Joint Applicants' Response To Order Directing Filing And Motion To Establish A Procedural Schedule*.

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 1st day of February 2008.

/s/ Steven Dottheim