BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

)

)

)

)

)

)

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks - KGO, Black Hills Corporation and Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC ("BH Kansas Gas"), Joint Applicants, for an Order Approving the Transfer to BH Kansas Gas of Aquila's Certificates of Convenience and Necessity and Franchises with Respect to all of Aquila's Kansas Natural Gas Business, Including its Transmission and Distribution Facilities Located in the State of Kansas, and for Other Related Relief. APR 0 9 2007

Sumer Thingy Docket

Docket No. 07-BHCG-1063-ACQ

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF GREAT PLAINS ENERGY, INC. AND KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

COME NOW Great Plains Energy, Incorporated ("Great Plains Energy") and Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") and move the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an order permitting them to intervene in the above-captioned matter. In support of their Petition, Great Plains Energy and KCPL state:

1. On April 4, 2007, Aquila, Inc., Black Hills Corporation and BH Kansas Gas

(together referred to as "Joint Applicants") filed an application requesting Kansas Corporation

Commission ("Commission") approval of the transfer of Aquila's assets and certificates to BH

Kansas Gas.

2. KCPL is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, and is located at 1201 Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri. It is engaged in the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electric energy. KCPL distributes and sells electric service to the public in its certificated areas in the States of Kansas and Missouri, and is a "public utility"

subject to the jurisdiction, supervision and control of the Commission under Chapter 66 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

3. Great Plains Energy, 1201 Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri, is the holding company for KCPL. Great Plains Energy was established on October 1, 2001, and its stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") as "GXP." Great Plains Energy is a public utility holding company under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, which was enacted as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

4. This docket is related to the Merger involving Aquila, Great Plains Energy, and KCPL, an application for which was filed concurrently with this application on April 4, 2007, in Docket No. 07-KCPE-1064-ACQ. The Merger and the asset purchase transactions in this docket are contingent upon each other's approval. As such, Great Plains Energy and KCPL have a direct interest in this proceeding which cannot adequately be represented by any other party. Allowing Great Plains Energy and KCPL to intervene at this time will not prejudice any party to the proceeding and will not impair the orderly conduct thereof.

5. All pleadings, orders, notices or other documents should be served on counsel named below and on the following:

Terry D. Bassham Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Great Plains Energy Incorporated 1201 Walnut Kansas City, Missouri 64106 Terry.Bassham@kcpl.com

Chris B. Giles Vice President – Regulatory Affairs Kansas City Power & Light Company 1201 Walnut Kansas City, Missouri 64106 <u>Chris.Giles@kcpl.com</u>

2

WHEREFORE, Great Plains Energy and KCPL request that the Commission issue an

order allowing them to intervene and fully participate in any proceedings in this matter and for

such further and other relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Riggins (#12080) Vice President and General Counsel Kansas City Power & Light Company 1201 Walnut Kansas City, Missouri 64141 Telephone: (816) 556-2785 Facsimile: (816) 556-2787 Bill.Riggins@KCPL.com

Glænda Cafer (#13342) Cafer Law Office, L.L.C. 2921 SW Wanamaker Drive, Suite 101 Topeka, Kansas 66614 (785) 271-9991 (785) 271-9993 (fax) gcafer@sbcglobal.net

Karl Zobrist Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP 4520 Main Street, Suite 1100 Kansas City, Missouri 64111 Telephone: (816) 460-2545 Facsimile: (816) 531-7545 kzobrist@sonnenschein.com

ATTORNEYS FOR GREAT PLAINS ENERGY AND KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the above Petition to Intervene of Great Plains Energy and KCPL in Docket 07-BHCG-1063-ACQ was hand-delivered or mailed, postage prepaid, this 9th day of April, 2007 to:

Jon Empson, Aquila Inc. Sr. Vice President-Regulated Operations 1815 Capitol Avenue Omaha, NE 68102

Steven M. Jurek, Aquila Inc. Vice President, Regulated Services 1815 Capitol Avenue Omaha, NE 68102

Larry W. Headley, Aquila Inc. **Director**, Regulatory Services 1815 Capitol Avenue Omaha, NE 68102

Linden R. Evans President and COO 625 Ninth Street Rapid City, SD 57701

Kyle D. White Vice President-Regulatory Affairs 625 Ninth Street Rapid City, SD 57701

Steven J. Helmers **Black Hills Corporation** SVP and General Counsel 625 Ninth Street Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Brian G. Iverson, Senior Counsel **Black Hills Corporation** 625 Ninth Street Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

W. Robert Alderson 2101 S. W. 21st Street P. O. Box 237 Topeka, Kansas 66601-0237

Renee Parsons Aquila, Inc. 20 West Ninth Street Kansas City, Missouri 64105

David Springe, Consumer Counsel Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, Ks 66604

James G. Flaherty Anderson & Byrd, LLP **216 South Hickory** PO Box 17 Ottawa, Ks. 66067

Karl Zobrist Sonnenshein Nath & Rosenthal 4520 Main Street, Suite 1100 Kansas City, Mo 64111