BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of Great Plains Energy Incorporated, Kansas City Power & Light Company, and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company for a Variance from the Commission's Affiliate Transaction Rule, 4 CSR 240-20.015

Case No. EE-2017-0113

JOINT APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO STAFF'S MOTION FOR ORDER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Great Plains Energy Incorporated ("GPE"), Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L"), and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO") (collectively, "Joint Applicants") state the following in response to the *Staff's Motion for Order to Provide Information and Motion For Expedited Treatment* ("Staff's Motion") filed on January 5, 2017:

1. On January 4, 2017, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff to Submit Report.* In Staff's Motion filed on January 5, 2017, Staff seeks an order from the Commission directing Great Plains Energy Incorporated to provide Staff the direct testimony, recommendation, and any attached exhibits – including all portions identified as "Highly Confidential" – submitted by the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission in Docket 16-KCPE-593-ACQ. Staff also seeks expedited treatment to allow sufficient time to perform a review before the January 18 deadline to submit its report.

2. On January 5, 2017, the Commission established a deadline of January 6, 2017, for GPE to respond to the Staff's Motion.

3. In response to the Staff's Motion, GPE states that it intends to comply with the Staff's request as expeditiously as possible. In addition to the KCC Staff testimony, GPE will also provide to Staff a copy of the testimony (including confidential information) that GPE and

Westar Energy will be filing with the KCC on January 9, 2017, in response to the KCC Staff and intervenors.

4. GPE respectfully requests that the Commission direct Staff to also include in its Staff Report a summary of the rebuttal testimony of GPE and Westar Energy that will be filed on January 9, 2017, in response to the KCC Staff and intervenors in order that the Commission will have a more complete understanding of the record in the KCC proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Applicants request that the Commission accept its response, and further direct Staff to include in its Staff Report a summary of the rebuttal testimony of GPE and Westar Energy that will be filed on January 9, 2017, in response to the KCC Staff and intervenors in Docket 16-KCPE-593-ACQ.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 6th day of January, 2017.

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