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KCP&L CREW MEMBERS TO ASSIST EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC WITH STORM RESTORATION EFFORTS

Kansas City, Mo. (May 8, 2009) – This evening at 6:00 p.m., KCP&L will dispatch approximately 100 crew members to assist Empire District Electric with restoration efforts following this morning's storm. Due to the extensive damage caused by the storm, Empire District Electric is still finalizing the number of customers without power. The KCP&L crews will be going to Joplin, Mo. The storm produced record wind speeds of up to 80 miles per hour.

The KCP&L team consists of approximately 90 linemen and several support personnel, including safety employees, managers, supervisors, materials reps and mechanics. The crew members are prepared to stay in southern Missouri for up to one week. Because Joplin is several hours away, KCP&L can quickly recall its crews if needed.

"KCP&L is proud to support the other utilities in our region following this storm," said Bill Herdegen, vice president of Transmission and Distribution at KCP&L. "Our crews will work diligently to restore power to Empire's customers in southern Missouri as quickly and safely as possible."

Herdegen said that last year's acquisition of Aquila has allowed KCP&L to commit more personnel and resources to other utilities during times of need. The linemen group is made up of crews from throughout KCP&L's expanded service territory.

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About the Companies:

Headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., Great Plains Energy Incorporated (NYSE: GXP) is the holding company of Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri

Operations Company, two of the leading regulated providers of electricity in the Midwest. Kansas City Power & Light and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations use KCP&L as a brand name. More information about the companies is available on the Internet at: www.greatplainsenergy.com or www.kcpl.com.