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KCP&L CREW MEMBERS TO ASSIST ARKANSAS UTILITY WITH ICE STORM RESTORATION EFFORTS

Kansas City, Mo. (Jan. 28, 2009) – This morning, KCP&L will dispatch 105 crew members to assist AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company with restoration efforts following this week’s ice storm. The KCP&L crews will work to restore power to approximately 50,000 of AEP’s customers in Fayetteville, Ark. The recent ice storm resulted in ice accumulation of up to one inch throughout the northwest part of the state.

The team consists of 89 linemen and 16 support personnel, including safety employees, managers, supervisors, materials reps and mechanics. With Fayetteville several hours away, KCP&L can quickly recall its crews if needed. However, current weather forecasts don’t indicate any threat of major storms over the next several days.

“Before KCP&L committed to going out of state, we called neighboring utilities, like Ameren and Empire District, to make sure they would not require any assistance from us during the next five days,” said Bill Herdegen, vice president of Transmission and Distribution at KCP&L. “Before committing ourselves to companies in another state, we wanted to make sure that we assisted those companies closest to home.”

Herdegen said the recent 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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“KCP&L is proud to support the other utilities in our region following this ice storm,” Herdegen added. “Our crews will work diligently to restore power to AEP’s customers in Fayetteville as quickly and safely as possible.”

According to restoration estimates from AEP, they hope to restore the majority of its customers by midnight Saturday, January 31.

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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.