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**Kansas City Power & Light Named the Recipient of the National Reliability Excellence Award at the 2007 ReliabilityOne™ Awards**

*Award recognizes the most reliable electric utility nationwide*

KANSAS CITY, MO, (October 19, 2007) – PA Consulting Group has named Kansas City Power & Light (KCP&L) the winner of the National Reliability Excellence Award at the 2007 ReliabilityOne™ awards. KCP&L was also selected as the recipient of the ReliabilityOne™ award in the Plains Region.

The ReliabilityOne™ National Reliability Excellence Award is given to the ReliabilityOne™ regional award recipient that has demonstrated sustained leadership, innovation and achievement in the area of electric reliability. The selection criteria for the National Reliability Excellence Award are both quantitative and qualitative including:

- superior regional performance
- sustained performance over time
- improved performance over time
- leadership in outage data collection and reporting systems, processes, procedures and controls
- organizational and cultural focus on reliability
- communication, planning, preparation, and response to major events
- contributions to regional system security and reliability

“Being named the most reliable electric utility in the nation is quite an accomplishment,” said Bill Herdegen, vice president of customer operations for KCP&L. “By maintaining the highest reliability standards in the industry, we are focused on delivering outstanding service and reliable power to our customers.”

The ReliabilityOne™ award is given annually to utilities that have excelled in delivering reliable electric service to their customers. All utilities operating electric delivery networks in North America are eligible for consideration for the ReliabilityOne™ award. There are a total of six regional awards, five awarded to investor-owned utilities in the following regions: Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Midwest, Plains, and West; and one to a community utility. Selection of provisional winners is based primarily on system reliability statistics that measure outage frequency and outage duration. After provisional winners are selected, each company undergoes an on-site certification process, which provides an independent review of the policies, processes and systems used to collect, analyze and report a company's reliability results.

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“The customers who depend on KCP&L’s services are fortunate to benefit from their sustained commitment to reliable performance,” said Jeff Lewis, PA’s ReliabilityOne™ Program Director. “Over the past year utilities nationwide were faced with a variety of challenges that placed significant strain on their systems – from oppressive heat and tropical storms to wildfires and snowstorms. KCP&L serves as an exemplary representative of the difference utilities committed to reliable service can make for their customers.”

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#### **About Kansas City Power & Light**

Headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., KCP&L ([www.kcpl.com](http://www.kcpl.com)) is a leading regulated provider of electricity in the Midwest. KCP&L is a wholly owned subsidiary of Great Plains Energy Incorporated (NYSE: GXP), the holding company for KCP&L and Strategic Energy L.L.C., a competitive electricity supplier.

#### **About PA Consulting Group**

PA Consulting Group is a leading management, systems and technology consulting firm. Operating worldwide in more than 35 countries, PA draws on the knowledge and experience of 3,000 people, whose skills extend from the initial generation of ideas, insights and solutions all the way through to detailed implementation. This benefits-driven approach is founded on our strength in innovation, our responsiveness to our clients’ needs, and our unyielding focus on delivery. All of our work and support is based on deep sector insight and expertise, and we work across the private and public sectors, with particular strengths in energy, financial services, life sciences & healthcare, government & public services, manufacturing, defense and telecommunications.