FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> WEST ROBERT H |   |  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GREAT PLAINS ENERGY INC [ GXP ] |   |       |                  |                                 |  |  |                     |   |                | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |                                       |   |   |  |   |  |
|  |   |  |  |   |   |       |                  |                                 |  |  |                     |   |                | X   | Direc                                 | ctor  |   | 10% C  | wner  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4401 WORNALL ROAD                          |   |  |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2005 |       |                  |                                 |  |  |                     |   |                |   | Office                                | er (give title<br>w)  |   | Other (<br>below)                                  | (specify  |  |
|  |   |  |  | 4. If   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |       |                  |                                 |  |  |                     |   |                | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable                   |                                       |   |   |  |   |  |
| (Street) KANSAS CITY MO 64111                                      |   |  |  |   |   |       |                  |                                 |  |  |                     |   |                | ine)<br>X   | Form filed by One Reporting Person    |   |   |  | on  |  |
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|  |   | Tab  | le I - No  | n-Deriv   | ative   | Se    | curitie          | s Acc                           | quired,  | Dis  | posed o             | f, or   | Ben            | efici   | ally O                                | wne   | ed  |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)      |   |  |  |   | Execution Date  |       | n Date,          | Transaction D<br>Code (Instr. 5 |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>5) |                     |   |                | 4 and Se  |                                       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following |   | ownership<br>m: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership               |  |
|  |   |  |  |   |   |       |                  |                                 | Code   | v  | Amount              | (   | A) or<br>D)    | Price   | .   1                                 | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)                      |   |  |   | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 01/20/                                 |   |  |  | )/2006  | 2006 01/23/2006   |       | P <sup>(1)</sup> |                                 | 1,205  |  | A \$29              |   | .05            | 7,008   |                                       | D   |   |  |   |  |
| Common Stock   |   |  |  |   |   |       |                  |                                 |  |  |                     |   |                |   |                                       |   | 1,000   |  | I   | Wife   |
|  |   | Ta   |  |   |   |       |                  |                                 |  |  | sed of,<br>onvertib |   |                |   | y Ow                                  | ned   |   |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Dat<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Ye | Date,   | Code (Ins   |       |                  |                                 | 6. Date Exercisable<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | е                   | And 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) |                | str. 3  | 8. Pric<br>Deriva<br>Secur<br>(Instr. | vative<br>ırity<br>r. 5)                                      | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s<br>(Instr. 4) | ·   [  | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |  |  |   | Code  | v     | (A)              | (D)                             | Date<br>Exercisa   |  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | or<br>Nu<br>of | ount<br>mber<br>ares  |                                       |   |   |  |   |  |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Shares acquired with optional cash payment through participation in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan.

### Remarks:

Executed on behalf of Robert
H. West, by Mark G. English,
Attorney-in-Fact

O1/23/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the undersigned, Robert H. West, does hereby constitute and appoint Barbara B. Curry or Mark G. English, his/her true and lawful attorney and agent, with full power and authority to execute in the name and on behalf of the undersigned individual a Report on Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5, and all amendments thereto; hereby granting unto such attorney and agent full power of substitution and revocation in the premises; and hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney and agent may do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of January 2006.

/s/Robert H. West Signature Name Printed: Robert H. West

| STATE OF MISSOURI | )    |
|-------------------|------|
|                   | ) ss |
| COUNTY OF JACKSON | )    |

On this 23rd day of January 2006, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public, personally appeared Robert H. West, to be known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who, being by me first duly sworn, acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

/s/Jacquetta L. Hartman Notary Public Ray County, Missouri

My Commission Expires:

April 8, 2008