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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DESTEFANO JOHN J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle)  (Street)  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GREAT PLAINS ENERGY INC [ GXP ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President-Great Plains Power</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/20/2003</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/20/2003	05/21/2003	S		500	D	27.55	2,282	D	
Common Stock	05/20/2003	05/21/2003	S		500	D	27.45	1,782	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	05/21/2003	05/21/2003	P <sup>(1)</sup>		3,057	A	27.65	12,363	I	401-k <sup>(1)</sup>

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Options (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	0 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	J <sup>(2)</sup>		0 <sup>(2)</sup>		08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	0 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	12,000	D	
Performance Shares <sup>(3)</sup>	0 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	J <sup>(3)</sup>		0 <sup>(3)</sup>		08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	0 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>	5,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Through participation in Company's 401-k Plan, converted/transferred funds from other 401-k investments to acquire Company Common Stock.
- Options were granted in tandem with stock appreciation rights exercisable automatically in the event of a change in control as defined in the Long-Term Incentive Plan under which they are granted. Options may be exercised with cash or previously-owned shares of Common Stock.
- Award of Performance Shares under the Long-Term Incentive Plan. Payment to which Grantee shall be entitled at the end of 2004 upon the performance of certain goals will be equal to the Fair Market Value of the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock equal to the Performance Shares earned. Payment will be made in Common Stock unless deemed otherwise.

/s/John J. DeStefano                      05/22/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

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

\* 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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