FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* SHAY JAMES C							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GREAT PLAINS ENERGY INC [GXP]									all app	olicable) ctor		Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O GREAT PLAINS ENERGY INCORPORATED 1200 MAIN STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2012									X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) SVP, CFO				
(Street) KANSAS CITY MO 64105 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ır) i	Execution if any	A. Deemed kecution Date, any lonth/Day/Year)					ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Securi Benefi	cially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
										v	Amount		A) or D)	Price		Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)		(msa: 4)
Common Stock 05/09/3											1,000		A	\$19.89		55,326(1)		D	
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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	ay/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Derive Secue Acque (A) or Disposof (D) (Instr	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiratio Date Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amount of Numbe of Shares		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

1. Amount includes 411 shares acquired between March 2, 2012, and May 9, 2012, through participation in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan.

Executed on behalf of James C.

Shay by Ellen E. Fairchild, 05/11/2012

attorney-in-fact

** 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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