FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Great Plains Energy Incorporated (GXP)				ateme		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
FERGUSON, Rand						Year		X Director		10% Owner				
(Last) (First)	(Middle)						01-21-2003							
2345 Grand Avenue									Officer (give title below)		Other (specify below)			
(Street)			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)				5 If Amendment, Date of Original			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
Kansas City, MO	64108									X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
							(Month/Day/ Year		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City (St	ate) (Zip)													
		Та	able I ¾ Non-Der	ivative S	ecurities A	Acquired, D	ispos	ed of, or I	Beneficial	ly Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trai Dat (Mo Yea			2A. Deemed Execution Date (Month/ Day/Year)	Code	Code or		ecurities Acquired (A) Disposed of (D) nstr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Dayreary	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Pi	ice		(1134: 4)	(1130.4)		
Common Stock(1)	01-21-2003	01-23-2003	P		654	A	\$22	.948		D				
Common Stock(2)		(2)	(2)	P		18	A	(2)	1,221	D			

^{1.} Shares acquired with optional cash payment through participation in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan.
2. Shares acquired at various times and prices from automatic reinvestment of quarterly dividends through participation in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan during 2002.

FORM 4 (cont	tinued)					Table II	l`Deriv (e.g.,	ative Securitic puts, calls, w	es Acquired, arrants, opti	Disposed o	of, or Benefi rtible securi	cially Owned ties			
L. 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)				1	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Executed on behalf of Randall C. Ferguson, Jr. by Jeanie Sell Latz, Attorney-in-Fact (see Attached Exhibit A)

/s/Jeanie Sell Latz	January 24, 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the undersigned, a Director of Great Plains Energy Incorporated, a Missouri corporation, does hereby constitute and appoint Bernard J. Beaudoin, Jeanie S. Latz or Mark G. English, his true and lawful attorney and agent, with full power and authority to execute in the name and on behalf of the undersigned director a Report on 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 24th day of January 2003.

/s/Randall C. Ferguson, Jr. Randall C. Ferguson, Jr.

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
)	SS
COUNTY OF JACKSON)	

On this 24th day of January 2003, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public, personally appeared Randall C. Ferguson, Jr., 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, 2004