

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Pat Apple

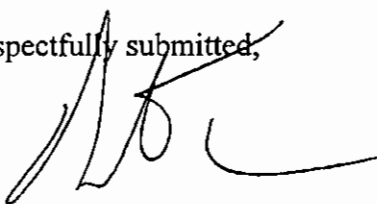
In the Matter of the Application of Kansas) Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS
City Power & Light Company to Make)
Certain Changes in Its Charges for Electric)
Service.)

NOTICE OF FILING OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Prehearing Officers, Dustin L. Kirk and Robert Vincent, for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas files the attached Memorandum and report summarizing the public comments received by the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection in the above-captioned docket. This filing is for informational purposes only, and no Commission action is required at this time.

WHEREFORE the Prehearing Officers requests the Commission accept this filing for informational purposes and for such further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sam Brownback, Governor

MEMORANDUM

To: Amy Gilbert
Secretary to the Commission

From: Linda Berry, Director *LB*
Public Affairs and Consumer Protection

Date: August 12, 2015

Re: Public Comments
Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Attached is the report summarizing comments received by the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection in the Matter of the Application of Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company to Make Certain Changes in Their Charges for Electric Service.

There have been 1439 comments received either by letter, phone or email between March 2, 2015, and August 11, 2015. The comment period ended on August 11, 2015.

Copies of the comments and summary are attached as "Attachment A." I request that General Counsel file the comment memo and supporting material into the docket.

Cc: Dustin Kirk
Assistant General Counsel

Attachment "A"

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Docket No	Total Comments	Total Signatures	Total
15-WSEE-115-RTS	1228	211	1439
Grand Total	1228	211	1439

DE SOTO

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 26, 2015

KCC
1500 Southwest Arrowhead Road.
Topeka, KS 66604

RE: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115RTS

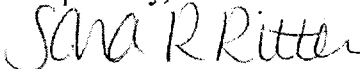
Dear KKC:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the De Soto Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council, I would like to this opportunity to provide support of Westar's proposal to adjust the funding mechanism for their Promote Kansas Economic Development Rider (EDR). Currently, the EDR used by Westar to promote economic development is at a significant disadvantage which also means that communities like De Soto are at an economic development disadvantage when competing with other Kansas communities outside Westar's territory. We feel comfortable that the EDR as suggested will protect customers by ensuring that the EDR is only given to clients that qualify. It is not only a great economic development tool when competing inside Kansas, but is also an important incentive when attracting clients to Kansas.

By approving the funding mechanism change, this allows communities in Westar's territory an even playing field when promoting economic development. KCP&L has their EDR funded by customers and I believe that this method encourages economic development projects. Communities like De Soto would benefit by having an economic development tool that benefits the client and encourages jobs and capital investment. It also encourages Westar to have a more collaborative relationship with community partners, resulting in a stronger Kansas.

We ask that you consider Westar's request to adjust the funding mechanism for their Promote Kansas Economic Development Rider.

Respectfully,



Sara R. Ritter, IOM
Executive Director
De Soto Chamber of Commerce

Gerrie Lippert

99555

From: Steve Boyd
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 8:51 AM
To: Gerrie Lippert
Subject: FW: Enough with Westar

From: Ray Rhodes [<mailto:raydrhodes@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 5:32 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Enough with Westar

ENOUGHT IS Enough.

Bad enough Westar has a monopoly here that I cant choose to have another electric company but now they want another rate increase . This has to stop.. my electric bill has gone up over 60 dollars the last 6 years. Cause of the rate increases you have allowed.. enough with them.. they can pay the board members boununs. They can pay for the improvements without a rate increase

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Complaint ID **99556**
Date Filed **03/03/2015**
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name MIKE HADIX	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 1911 WASSALL	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67216		

Contacts

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Complaint ID 99556

Date Filed 03/03/2015

Investigator GSTEPHENS

Narrative

03/03/2015 MR. HADIX CALLED TO OPPOSE THE WESTAR RATE INCREASE. HE SAID WOLF CREEK WAS PAID FOR 30 YRS AGO AND GETTING A 50% CUT IN NATURAL GAS AND OIL IN KANSAS. HE SAID HE HAS WORKED 53 YRS IN GEOLOGICAL AND FAMILIAR WITH WOLF CREEK.

Gerrie Lippert

99558

From: Steve Boyd
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 9:16 AM
To: Gerrie Lippert
Subject: FW: Westar Rate Increase (Again)

From: Sue B Hucke [<mailto:shucke@terraworld.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 12:13 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Increase (Again)

I guess it's O.K. to write you now as it's official that Westar Energy is requesting a 150 million dollar rate increase. Wow, every time they request one the amount just keeps getting higher and higher. The news reported it would result in an 8% increase on everyone's bill. That would be about \$10/mo. for us. Let's see, my satellite TV bill went up \$5 in February, my phone bill keeps going up, my car insurance rates went up, my farm insurance went up 42% last year but actually came back down a little this year and now another increase on our electric bill. We got a 1.7% increase on our Social Security checks Jan. 1st. That's really going to keep us out of poverty as the head of AARP said. And I forgot to mention beef prices are heading up another 5 to 6% this year. So, if we shut off our electricity, cancel our phones, sit at home so we don't need car insurance, cancel our homeowners insurance (of course if a tornado comes along and blows our house away then we'll have to pitch a tent), and stop eating, we might be able to survive. I know these sound like extreme measures, but these big corporations are pushing us along that path.

Once again, I am pleading with you not to give them this huge increase or any increase (like that is going to happen).

Sincerely,
Charles and Sue Hucke
Cherryvale, KS

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Complaint ID **99562**
Date Filed **03/04/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name EVA KURTZ	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code		

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Complaint ID **99562**

Date Filed **03/04/2015**

Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Narrative

03/04/2015 DOES NOT FEEL WESTAR NEEDS ANOTHER RATE INCREASE. SHE STATED THAT THIS IS GOING TO GREATLY AFFECT THE POOR PEOPLE AND PEOPLE ON SOCIAL SECURITY.

SHE ASKED ABOUT THE LARGE PROFIT WESTAR MADE LAST YEAR AND ASKED IF ANY OF THEIR PROFITS GOES INTO THE WORK THEY NEED TO DO.

Gerrie Lippert

99563

From: Steve Boyd
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 12:13 PM
To: 'foxy30045@netzero.net'
Subject: RE: Westar Energy

Thank you Ms. Walker.

-----Original Message-----

From: foxy30045@netzero.net [<mailto:foxy30045@netzero.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 11:58 AM
To: Steve Boyd
Subject: RE: Westar Energy

Sorry my name is: Joy C. Walker, 3640 Brummett St., Wichita, KS.

----- Original Message -----

From: Steve Boyd <s.boyd@kcc.ks.gov>
To: "'foxy30045@netzero.net'" <foxy30045@netzero.net>
Subject: RE: Westar Energy
Date: Wed, 4 Mar 2015 15:19:31 +0000

Thank you for your comment, but in order for it to be included in our records we will need your name.

-----Original Message-----

From: foxy30045@netzero.net [<mailto:foxy30045@netzero.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 12:31 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Re: Westar Energy

Another rate increase for Westar Energy to the tune of 8% or \$13.00 for customers. They have already had 20. I'd say its time they shut that old coal plant down and go to something that would operate more efficiently. I see no reason why customers constantly have to take care of their environmental problems. As far as their shareholders receiving a 10% return - thats baloney - no one gets that kind of return. I hope you guys will turn this down and protect their customers - us the consumers.

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Complaint ID **99569**

Date Filed **03/05/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Name DONNA HOLMAN	Home Phone (913)893-6892	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 36225 W 154TH	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City GARDNER		
State KS Zip Code 6 6030		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **99569**

Date Filed **03/05/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

03/05/2015 WESTAR WENT 20 YEARS WITHOUT A RATE INCREASE AND NOW THEY ASK FOR ONE EVERY TWO YEARS. IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU REIGN IN THESE UTILITY COMPANIES. MY BILL HAS DOUBLED OVER THE LAST 6 YEARS.

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Complaint ID **99574**
Date Filed **03/09/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name ELIZABETH BALDWIN	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 1621 3100 AVE	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City ABILENE		
State KS Zip Code 67410		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **99574**
Date Filed **03/09/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Narrative

03/09/2015 DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEY ARE GOING TO SPEND MONEY ON POWER PLANTS THAT HAVE GONE PAST THEIR LIFE SPAN. NOW WANTING TO SPEND MONEY TO UPGRADE THE OLD PLANTS.

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Complaint ID **99580**
Date Filed **03/11/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name JOSEPH BLAZINA	Home Phone	Cell Phone (620)664-2394
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City HUTCHINSON		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

03/11/2015

- * MR. B IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE FOR WESTAR.
- * MR. B WORKED FOR A UTILITY AT ONE TIME, AND HE SAW A GREAT DEAL OF WASTE. HE THINKS THAT WESTAR SHOULD TIGHTEN ITS BELTS FIRST, ESPECIALLY THE PAY FOR MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVES, BEFORE IT ASKS FOR AN INCREASE.
- * HE JUST READ ABOUT WESTAR MAKING A LARGE PROFIT, BUT MOST JOBS IN HUTCHINSON PAY \$10 PER HOUR OR LESS, AND PEOPLE ON FIXED INCOMES (RETIRED PEOPLE) ARE NOT SEEING ANY INCREASES IN INCOME.
- * THE YEARLY INCREASES ARE OUT OF CONTROL. HIS BILL USED TO BE \$150 PER MONTH AND NOW THEY ARE OVER \$500 IN SOME MONTHS. BEFORE LONG HE WILL BE FORCED OUT OF HIS HOME AND WHEN HE LIVES IN A NURSING HOME THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE TO PAY HIS BILLS.
- * PLEASE STOP ALL OF THE INCREASES!

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Complaint ID **99581**

Date Filed **03/11/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name BILL ALEXANDER	Home Phone (785)286-0433	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 3703 NW TOPEKA BLVD.	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66617		

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Complaint ID **99581**

Date Filed **03/11/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

03/11/2015 MR. ALEXANDER CALLED TO OPPOSE THE WESTAR RATE INCREASE. HE SAID HE LIVES WITHIN HIS MEANS AND ON A FIXED INCOME AND WESTAR NEEDS TO DO THE SAME.

Gerrie Lippert

99593

From: ruetech@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 9:11 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate increases

Hello, Given the sheer number of rate increases that West at was allowed in the past few years. I am asking for a three year moratorium on Westar rate increases. After that, only one small increase per year if they can actually prove that it is necessary. Let them change their business model to better make use of the funds they're already getting. Westar is hardly destitute. Make them have to become more efficient. Perhaps more of the money we pay every month will go to infrastructure instead of outrageous executive compensation packages.

Thanks,

Christopher Rueter

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Complaint ID **99611**

Date Filed **03/24/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name JENGER WHITSITT	Home Phone (785)829-1331	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 200 S PARK ST	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City MAIZE		
State KS Zip Code 67101 0374		

Contacts

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Complaint ID 99611

Date Filed 03/24/2015

Investigator SGONZALE

Narrative

03/24/2015 I DONT UNDERSTAND HOW THEY KEEP ASKING FOR A RATE INCREASE. I AM 68 YEARS OLD ON A FIXED INCOME AND CAN'T AFFORD ANOTHER INCREASE. I AM NOT SUPPORTING ANY MORE INCREASES BY WESTAR

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Complaint ID **99660**
Date Filed **04/02/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by E	Consumer Class R
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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 119 15TH STREET	Email Address MAZNARFAZ@COX.NET	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City OGDEN		
State KS Zip Code 6 6517		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **99660**
Date Filed **04/02/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Narrative

04/02/2015 FROM: SAM [MAILTO:MAZNARFAZ@COX.NET]
SENT: THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015 7:00 PM
TO: PUBLICAFFAIRS@KCC.STATE.KS.US
SUBJECT: WESTAR ELEC

NEGATIVE NO NON RATE REQUEST INCREASE. REQUEST COMMISSION DENY RATE REQUEST.

IT SEEMS THAT EVERY TIME WESTAR REQUEST'S A RATE INCREASE ITS ON THE BACKS OF THE TAXPAYER.

FOR ONCE MAYBE THE CAN BE FORCED TO USE MONIES FROM THERE OTHER RATE INCREASES.

WHAT DO THEY CONSIDER [SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE]? 20 30 50 YEARS FROM NOW WHILE POCKETING THE RATE INCREASE.

99661



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February 17, 2015

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Re: DOCKET NO. 15-WSEE-115-RTS



This letter is to express support for Westar Energy, Inc.'s Promote Kansas Economic Development Rider (EDR) by the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council. Economic development incentive tools are necessary for the growth of our community, region, and state and we support the EDR enhancements currently proposed.

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 INVESTORS GUILD

Bayer HealthCare LLC
Animal Health Division

Deffenbaugh Industries

Central Bank of the
Midwest

Shawnee Mission Health

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 INVESTORS GUILD

American Family Insurance

The Amos Family Funeral
Home

Bank of Blue Valley

Edward Jones

Great Western Bank

KU MedWest

Overland Park Regional
Medical Center

Shawnee Mission Ford

Zarda/Rieke
Enterprises

Our Chamber/ EDC works hand-in-hand with the City of Shawnee to promote Shawnee, attract new jobs and investment, and expand our community's tax base. The City of Shawnee has created many incentive programs providing city funding or future tax revenue to accomplish those goals. As a result, many new customers have been added as new customers to Westar's service territory which benefits the utility and Kansas ratepayers.

The proposed enhancements to the EDR should allow Westar to increase the utilization of its EDR which is certainly needed for Shawnee as a community in the Kansas City metropolitan region and bisected by electric utilities. Presently, the eastern-portion of Shawnee can receive electric incentives through Kansas City Power & Light's EDR program, but the western-portion of our city within Westar's territory has had very limited support for the EDR incentive.

Our organization appreciates the consideration by the Commission on how the EDR can be enhanced to assist the economic development efforts of our City and Westar Energy, Inc.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Leeper

Linda Leeper
 President | CEO
 Shawnee Chamber of Commerce

Received
on

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by
 State Corporation Commission
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Andrew Nave

Andrew Nave
 Executive Director
 Shawnee Economic Development Council

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CITY OF SHAWNEE

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SHAWNEE, KANSAS 66203
(913) 631-2500
FAX: (913) 631-7351

February 19, 2015

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Re: DOCKET NO. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To Whom It May Concern:


On behalf of the City of Shawnee, I would like to express our support for Westar Energy's Promote Kansas Economic Development Rider (EDR).

This program fits in naturally with the rest of our city's economic development toolkit. These types of incentives have helped Shawnee attract a significant amount of new investment, additional jobs, and grow our community's tax base. This has led to new customers in Westar's service territory which benefits not only the utility, but also Kansas ratepayers.

Additionally, the proposed enhancements to the EDR would increase the utilization of this important program to our entire community. Currently, there are electric incentives available to those in the eastern portion of Shawnee through an EDR offered by Kansas City Power and Light, but the western portion of our City that lies in Westar Territory has had only limited support for the EDR incentive.

I urge the commission give every consideration to these proposed enhancements which will allow for additional opportunities for growth throughout our City.

Sincerely,



Jeff Meyers
Mayor

Pittem, West Flanders, Belgium

*Sister City to:
Erfurt, Germany*

Listowel, County Kerry, Ireland

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION

March 3, 2015

Kansas Corporation Commission
Public Affairs and Consumer Protection
1500 S W Arrowhead Road
Topeka Kansas 66604-4027

Subject: Westar Energy Rate Raise Request:

Dear Commission Members;

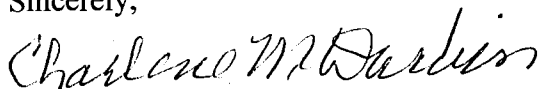
Here we go again – another rate raise for Westar Energy requested. This is another significant raise of over 7%. We can expect an addition of up to \$13 per billing, which will, definitely, create a hardship for most of us. I don't have the exact figures with me, as I write. I heard them on the radio, this morning.

Times are still, financially difficult, out here in the real world. I'm certain, a large percentage of another rate raise, will go to the "top dogs", who draw huge salaries now.

I'm submitting a request for the denial of Westar's requested rate increase.

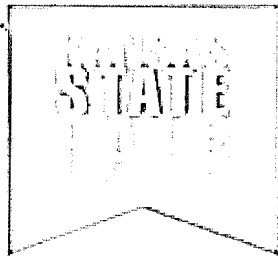
Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,



Charlene M Durbin
505 W 13th Ave
Hutchinson KS 67501

99684



March 24, 2015

Commissioner Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
Commissioner Jay Emler
Commissioner Pat Apple
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Rd.
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Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission:

As you're aware, Westar Energy has recently filed a request for a rate increase. I wanted to make you aware of how this new rate structure could impact the Kansas State Fair.


The Kansas State Fair is currently classified as a Medium General Service (MGS) customer. With the rate case that's been filed, the State Fair would transition to a High Load Factor, or Large General Service (LGS) customer.

Based on the past twelve month's usage, this could increase our annual cost by over \$73,000 assuming the same level of usage.

The Kansas State Fair is a fee-funded state agency. Thus, an increase of this magnitude is going to be very difficult to absorb. We would greatly appreciate your consideration of this impact as your review this request.

Don't hesitate to contact me at 620-669-3600 or denny@kansasstatefair.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Denny Stoecklein
General Manager

STATE CORPORATION
COMMISSION

cc: Kansas State Fair Board

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Complaint ID **99754**

Date Filed **04/21/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67209		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **99754**

Date Filed **04/21/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

04/21/2015

WESTAR HAS HAD OVER 20 INCREASES IN THE LAST THREE YEARS AND IT'S TIME THAT STOPS. THEY SHOULD VOTE NO THESE INCREASES. WESTAR IS CHARGING WAY TOO MUCH NOW. THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYBODY IN THE COMMISSION THAT IS DOING ANY REGULATING OF WESTAR.

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

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City DERBY		
State KS Zip Code 6 7037		

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Narrative

04/23/2015

WESTAR HAS HAD SO MANY RAISES AND THEN EACH CEO RUNS OFF WITH THE MONEY. PEOPLE THEN HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT WITH RATE INCREASES. THEY (WESTAR) HAS TO LEARN TO BUDGET. I LIVE ON A VERY, VERY FIXED INCOME AND DON'T GET RAISES LIKE WESTAR.

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City GYPSOM		
State KS Zip Code		

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Investigator SBOYD

Narrative

04/27/2015 FROM: STEVE BOYD
SENT: MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015 11:28 AM
TO: AMBER SMITH
SUBJECT: COMPLAINT

GOOD MORNING,

A CITY OF GYPSOM TRUCK ACCIDENTALLY TOOK DOWN A WESTAR LINE. REPAIRS WERE MADE AND WESTAR SENT THE CITY A RATHER LARGE BILL. THE CITY MANAGER ASKED IF WE COULD COMMENT ON THE CHARGES AND/OR WORK WITH WESTAR TO REDUCE THE BILL? WESTAR ALREADY TOOK 10% OFF, AND I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IT WILL NOT FURTHER REDUCE THE BILL. I WOULD COMPLAIN TOO IF I WERE THE CITY MANAGER, AS FOUR EMPLOYEES WERE DISPATCHED (PROBABLY DUE TO OSHA RULES) AND THE LISTED RATE IS \$140 PER HOUR PER EMPLOYEE. THE PROBLEM IS I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY JURISDICTION. WE HAVE TARIFFS THAT ADDRESS THE ISSUE IF WESTAR ACCIDENTALLY DAMAGES A CUSTOMER'S PROPERTY, BUT I CAN'T FIND ANY TARIFFS THAT ADDRESS A CUSTOMER DAMAGING WESTAR EQUIPMENT. I SUSPECT THAT IF THEY CAN'T WORK THIS OUT THEN IT BECOMES A DISTRICT COURT MATTER, BUT WANTED TO CHECK WITH YOU BEFORE I GET BACK TO THE CUSTOMER/CITY. THANK YOU.

04/27/2015 HI STEVE,

I APOLOGIZE IT TOOK ME A BIT TO GET BACK TO YOU. I AGREE THAT WE DON'T HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THIS SITUATION. I DID SOME QUICK RESEARCH AND FOUND SOME PRECEDENT ON THE MATTER-THERE IS A 1990 COURT OF APPEALS CASE INVOLVING KCP&L. THE UTILITY FILED AN ACTION IN DISTRICT COURT AGAINST A MOTORIST TO RECOVER DAMAGES FROM A DESTROYED POWER POLE. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THE UTILITY OWNING A POLE DAMAGED BY A MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE IS ENTITLED TO RECOVER THE COST OF REPLACING OR REPAIRING THE POLE.

SO, IN THIS CASE, YOU ARE CORRECT-IF THEY CANNOT WORK ANYTHING OUT BEYOND THE 10% ALREADY OFFERED, IT WOULD BE A MATTER FOR DISTRICT COURT.

AMBER

04/27/2015 * I CALLED MR. GOEVIRT. HE IS NOT PLEASED AT ALL WITH MY RESPONSE, AND THINKS THE KCC SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO REGULATE ALL UTILITY CHARGES.
* HE MENTIONED THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAD PREVIOUSLY KNOCKED DOWN A REC POLE AND LINE. IT ONLY CHARGED \$1700, NOT \$2700 AND HAD TO DO MORE WORK. HE DOES NOT TRUST WESTAR.

04/27/2015 * MR. GOEVIRT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO COMMENT ON WESTAR'S RATE CASE.
* HE DOES NOT TRUST THE COMPANY TO CHARGE FAIR AND REASONABLE RATES. HE BELIEVES THE RATES ARE TOO HIGH ALREADY AND THINKS THAT THE COMPANY SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY RATE INCREASE.

99781

Mr. Mrs. Charles Smalley
141 N. Madison St.
Wichita, KS. 67214
316-558-1603
April 25, 2015

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION

Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS. 66604-4027
RE: Westar Rate Increase

To Whom It May Concern:

Westar sent a pamphlet in with this month's bill telling us they are asking for another rate increase to upgrade some of the equipment. I would like to know why they think they need a rate increase every time they need to make repairs to their equipment. If some other business needs to do repairs or replace some equipment they can't send out a bill to all of their customers telling them they have to pay for the repairs or replacement of their equipment. Most business owners know that sooner or later that their equipment will need to be repaired or replaced and they put money aside for these repairs or replacement. Westar should be aware that sooner or later some of their equipment is going to need to be repaired or replaced and like all good business owners should be putting money aside for these expenses.

It seems like Westar always has the money to print Pamphlets to put in with your bills that I would venture to guess, that very few people do not even bother to read, so why don't they take that money and put it into a repair or replacement fund for their equipment or to hire people to answer their phones instead or having computers answer their phones. The last time I called because of a power outage it took me over three hours to get the problem reported because I had to use my phone to tell it what the problem was and being a senior citizen I am not the fastest person with electronics so the computer kept dropping me then I had to start all over again.

As a senior citizen living on a fixed income these increases in our utility bills take a toll on how much money we have for groceries, medical expenses, and other

necessities in life. We don't have a boss that we can go to every time our expenses go up and ask for a raise we have to survive on what we get each month.

Therefore I am asking that you deny them their increase.

Thank You

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Smalley

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Date Filed **04/30/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

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City		
State KS Zip Code		

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Date Filed 04/30/2015

Investigator SGONZALE

Narrative

04/30/2015

AS A HOMEOWNER IN THIS STATE OF KANSAS, I REQUEST THAT YOU DENY WESTAR'S REQUEST FOR THE ECRR. KANSAS LEGISLATURE HAS AFFORDED COMPANIES LIKE WESTAR TAX REDUCTIONS (LOWER TAX RATES) AND WESTAR CAN AFFORD THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT AS A COST OF DOING "HEALTHIER" BUSINESS. THE AVERAGE CITIZENS ARE LEAST LIKELY TO AFFORD ANY MORE "RATE HIKE", AS OPPOSED TO CONGLOMERATES LIKE WESTAR.

PLEASE, DO NOT ALLOW THIS RATE HIKE.

THANK YOU.

REV. BREN

Gerrie Lippert

99869

From: Bren Hadjian <drhadjian@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 1:32 PM
To: public.affairs; fcip@kcc.state.ks.us; ecurb@kcc.state.ks.us
Subject: ECRR

As a homeowner in this State of Kansas, I request that you deny Westar's request for the ECRR. Kansas Legislature has afforded companies like Westar tax reductions (lower tax rates) and Westar can afford their own equipment as a cost of doing "healthier" business.

The average citizens are least likely to afford any more "rate hikes", as opposed to conglomerates like Westar.

Please, DO NOT allow this rate hike.

Thank you.

Rev. Bren

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Date Filed **05/05/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

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City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67207		

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Narrative

05/05/2015

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS THAT IS WESTAR KEEPS GETTING INCREASES. HOW CAN SENIORS LIVE ON THIS. MOST OF US ARE ON SOCIAL SECURITY. WE CAN'T LIVE ANYMORE WITH ALL THESE INCREASES. EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND THEY ARE ASKING FOR INCREASES. I ASK THAT THIS TIME WESTAR DOESN'T GET THE INCREASE.

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Date Filed **05/06/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City DELTAS		
State KS Zip Code 67436		

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Narrative

05/06/2015 WE ARE STRICTLY ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND IN OUR LATE 80'S. ADDING 11% TO OUR MONTHLY BILL WILL CAUSE OUR BILL TO GO UP 18.00 AND CREATE A HARDSHIP. WE LIVE ON A TIGHT, TIGHT BUDGET. THIS IS GETTING OUT OF HAND. ONE OR TWO DOLLARS A MONTH INCREASE FOR WESTAR IS OK BUT THIS IS A RIDICULOUS AMOUNT TO ASK FOR ANYONE TO HAVE TO PAY. I WILL REALLY HAVE TO DIG IN THE BUDGET TO PAY THIS.
WE ARE BEGGING YOU TO LISTEN TO US. THIS ISN'T WHINING. THIS IS A PLEA TO NOT ALLOW THIS LARGE AN INCREASE FOR WESTAR.

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Date Filed **05/08/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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City LAWRENCE		
State KS Zip Code 6 6046		

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Investigator SGONZALE

Narrative

05/08/2015

WE ARE RETIRED AND ON FIXED INCOME. RAISING RATES BY 12.00 PER MONTH FOR WESTAR WILL REALLY HURT US. WE DON'T DO HARDLY ANYTHING NOW BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF EXTRA MONEY EACH MONEY. THIS INCREASE WILL LEAVE US EVEN A SMALLER AMOUNT. WE DO NOT WANT WESTAR TO HAVE THE INCREASE.

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Date Filed **05/12/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

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State KS Zip Code 66614 2600		

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Date Filed **05/12/2015**

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Narrative

05/12/2015 I ALREADY HAVE ALL THESE TAXES AND SURCHARGES ON MY WESTAR BILL. WE ARE PAYING A LOT ALREADY. WHAT IS THE COMMISSION DOING TO STOP THIS NEW CHARGE THEY WANT? I DON'T WANT WESTAR TO BE ABLE TO CHARGE FOR SOMETHING ELSE. WHEN YOU ARE ON SOCIAL SECURITY LIKE I AM, EVERYTHING COUNTS.

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Investigator **GLIPPERT**

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City DERBY		
State KS Zip Code		

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Narrative

05/18/2015 CUSTOMER BELIEVES WESTAR DOES NOT NEED A RATE INCREASE. COMPANY NEEDS TO CONSIDER OTHER OPTIONS. PEOPLE ON FIXED INCOMES CANNOT ABSORB THIS TYPE OF INCREASE

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Account Information

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City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67205		

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Narrative

05/19/2015 I THINK WESTAR CANNOT BE TRUSTED. WITH THE LAST RATE CASE WESTAR SAID THEY PROVIDE SHAREHOLDERS 10% RETURN SO I BOUGHT SOME SHARES. I DIDN'T GET 10%, I MAYBE GOT HALF THAT. WESTAR IS NOT A COMPANY THAT CAN BE TRUSTED AND DO NOT NEED ANOTHER RATE INCREASE.

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Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

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City JUNCTION CITY		
State KS Zip Code 6 6441		

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Narrative

05/22/2015 WE ARE NOW ABOUT TO PAY FOR OBAMA'S ENERGY POLICY. LOOK OUT, HERE IT COMES !.

INSTEAD OF BEING MOTIVATED BY FACTS, HE CONTINUES TO LIVE IN A DELUSIONAL WORLD OF HIS OWN THAT IS CRASHING AROUND HIM (AND US) AT A ALARMING RATE. THIS RATE INCREASE IS A DIRECT RESULT OF HIS AND EPA'S ACTIONS...

WHO DOES THIS INCREASE EFFECT THE MOST, THE MINORITIES, THE ELDERLY AND THOSE LIVING ON ABSOLUTE FIXED INCOMES WITH NO MEANS OF EARNING MORE. I AM A SINGLE 86.5 YEAR OLD KOREAN WAR VETERAN WHO LIVES MOSTLY ON HIS SOCIAL SECURITY. I WOULD LIKE TO STAY IN MY HOME RATHER THAN GO TO A NURSING HOME AND BECOME A WARD OF THE STATE.

MY DIFFICULTY IS THAT I AM LIVING FAR LONGER THAN I ANTICIPATED AND THAT IS STRICTLY MY PROBLEM. BOTH SIDES OF MY FAMILY ARE GONE, I AM ALONE IN THE WORLD AND YOU CANNOT BELIEVE HOW MUCH I HATE WRITING THIS EMAIL BUT SOMEONE HAS TO DO IT.

WHAT DO WE DO? THE STATE WANTS TO INCREASE SALES TAX BY ABOUT 1% WHICH WOULD MAKE RESIDENTS OF JUNCTION CITY PAY ABOUT 11% IN SALES TAX. THE MAGIC RED LINE OF 10% HAS BEEN CROSSED. NO ONE CARES !!!!! IN JC WE ARE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT BUILDING A SPORTS CENTER (TO COMPETE WITH THE NEW CENTER GOING UP IN MANHATTAN).....

05/22/2015 WESTAR WILL HAVE A FLOOD OF "TURN OFFS" IF THIS INCREASE GOES THROUGH. I CAN ALMOST GUARANTEE A DOUBLING OF HARDSHIP CASES AND A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN THE COST OF RETURNING SERVICE. ISN'T THERE SOME OTHER SOLUTION. YOUNG PEOPLE CAN WORK A FEW HOURS EXTRA TO MAKE UP FOR THIS CONSTANT INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING BUT WHAT DO WE SENIORS DO? WHO DO WE GO TO?

OUR PRESIDENT WHO CREATED THIS PROBLEM IS IN A DREAM WORLD OF HIS OWN. HE COULDN'T NOT CARE LESS, HE IS DANGEROUSLY DELUSIONAL. IF I MAY SAY SO, OUR GOVERNOR BROWNBACK IS NOT FAR BEHIND..... HEY GOVERNOR, STOP WORRYING ABOUT ABORTIONS AND START WORRYING ABOUT YOUR PEOPLE.....WE ARE HURTINGWHERE ARE YOU????

IT IS IN WESTAR'S INTEREST TO FIND SOME SOLUTION. PERHAPS A LOWER LEVEL OF COST, SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE OR WE WILL HAVE A FLOOD OF ELDERLY AND MINORITY RESIDENTS LOOKING TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC HOUSING, CAN WE REALLY AFFORD THAT WITH A 18 TRILLION DOLLAR NATIONAL DEBT, I DON'T THINK SO. ANY KIND OF HELP WESTAR GIVES, COULD BE DEDUCTED FROM THEIR PROFIT AS A COST OF DOING BUSINESS. AT THIS POINT THE GREAT PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON, RESIGNED FOR THE GOOD OF THE NATION. I DON'T THINK WE CAN COUNT ON SUCH A GRACIOUS, GRAND GESTURE FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA. GERMANY IS ACTUALLY GOING BACK TO USING COAL TO PRODUCE POWER. WE ARE GOING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

05/22/2015 WHEN THE GOVERNMENT STOPS PRINTING MONEY, WE WILL SEE A SERIOUS BURST OF INFLATION, IT ALWAYS HAPPENS. THEN WHAT????

WE NEED TO IMMEDIATELY FIND SOMEWAY TO HELP THOSE WHO JUST CAN'T AFFORD ANYMORE INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING.

PRESIDENT OBAMA WARNED US LOUD AND CLEAR, THAT HE WAS GOING TO CHANGE AMERICA. WE VOTED FOR HIM ANYHOW AND NOW YOU GET WHAT YOU VOTED FOR. A COST OF LIVING THAT FEW CAN AFFORD.....

SOCIALISM IS HERE, HOW DO YOU LIKE IT SO FAR????

THOMAS R. WAYNE
1009 ST. MARYS ROAD
JUNCTION CITY, KS. 66441

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State Ks Zip Code		

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Investigator SBOYD

Narrative

05/26/2015

- * MR AND MRS. NEIPERT CALLED TO EXPRESS THEIR DISPLEASURE WITH WESTAR.
- * MRS. NEIPERT HAD CONCERNS ABOUT RATES GOING UP WHEN WAGES AND SOC. SEC. ARE NOT GOING UP. SHE CAN'T AFFORD ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES, AND INCREASES COULD FORCE THEM OUT OF THEIR HOME.
- * THEY WERE JUST GONE FOR 14 DAYS (FOR A MEDICAL PROCEDURE) AND THEIR USAGE BARELY WENT DOWN AT ALL. SHE DOESN'T TRUST WESTAR.
- * MR. NEIPERT THINKS THAT COMPETITION WOULD HELP TO LOWER BILLS, AND HE SAID IT WAS DISGUSTING HOW WESTAR WANTS A REAISE WHEN IT IS ALREADY QUITE PROFITABLE.
- * BOTH MR. AND MRS. NEIPERT ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE FOR WESTAR.
- *

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name SHERMAN GUNN	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 8700 OLD K 61 HWY N	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City HUTCHINSON		
State KS Zip Code 67502		

Contacts

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

05/27/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASES

#100104

KCC WICHITA
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5-21-15

Dear Commission Members:

The enclosed notice was included in my last bill. The utility companies seem to be constantly requesting increases to reflect upgrades to their facilities. Many Kansas consumers don't have the luxury of requesting such assistance every time they want it.

Have you ever considered denying their request? The state had no problem denying me, a Kansas retired teacher, a very modest COLA.

Please consider All Kansas residents before approving Westar Energy's current request. I'd appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Joyce Fee
2109 Riviera Dr.
Lawrence, KS
66047

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

UPDATED

Westar Energy has requested an increase in its Environmental Cost Recovery Rider (ECRR) to reflect additional environmental equipment installed at its generating facilities.

This equipment helps improve air quality of Westar Energy's service territory and Kansas. Westar Energy reduced the emission from its plants of nitrogen-oxide, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter by 81 percent since inception of the ECRR.

If the Kansas Corporation Commission approves the ECRR increase, it will become effective June 1, 2015. Residential customer bills will increase about 0.5 percent, or 55 cents per month for an average residential customer using 900 kilowatt-hours (kWh). An average small commercial customer using 10,000 kWh per month will see a bill increase of about \$5.87 or 0.5 percent.

(This notice is updated to reflect the correct effective date.)

100105

Mr. Charles Smalley
141 N. Madison St.
Wichita, KS. 67214
316-558-1603
May 25, 2015

Kansas Corporation Commission
Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection
1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS. 66604-4027
RE: Docket No. 15-WSEE-15RTS

STATE
CORPORATION
COMMISSION
MAY 28 2015
PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION

To Whom It May Concern:

Receive notice that Westar Energy has applied for a rate increase of \$152 million dollars. It seems like they need a rate increase at least once a year for some reason or other. Last month they needed to increase our bills by 55 cents so they could upgrade their equipment, now they want \$152 million to meet "Environmental Protection Agency requirements, Investment in operating license for Wolf Creek and investment in distribution and generate assets partially offset by decreased rate of return." In my opinion Westar Energy should be setting money aside for these expenses and not expecting customers to cover costs that they know they will be incurring on a regular basis.

As a senior citizen living on a fixed income these rate increases take away from our food and medication allowance. We no longer have a boss we can run to and ask for a raise to cover the increased costs.

Thank You
Mr. Charles Smalley

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1005 E. 13th Ave.
Hutchinson, KS 67501-6123

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#100106

PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in response to the \$152 million rate increase for retail electric to Westar's customers. I will attempt to help the K.C.C., and Westar see by writing this letter that raising rates on the customers should not be their top priority to get the revenue needed to meet the E.P.A.'s requirements. In a time where so many families are having a hard time just to survive (have you seen rental rates lately?), finding money for extras just isn't there for many folks. Then utilities go up which only helps to make things even harder. Not to mention groceries, rent, dr. bills etc.!

I'm retired living on a fixed income, and feel the need to restrict my use of power in order to keep afloat. I wear 3 layers, and a coat inside the house during winter to keep $\frac{1}{2}$ way warm. I have an illness that causes cold to affect my body with sores. It isn't fun when they open up, and bleed for they hurt. It would take a lot of my monthly allotment to have it as warm as I need so I don't see or feel the effects of winter. I know I'm not the only case with an illness that needs uniform warmth, and I feel for those souls who do.

I have enclosed an article about the CEO of Gravity Payments (out of Seattle) who is cutting his roughly \$1 million salary so his employees will be paid a decent wage. If Westar's guys who run the show would cut their wages in order to keep rates low then the customers wouldn't always have to be the ones to pay for those increases. They need to check the wages of their employees compared to the average American

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worker also. Maybe some readjustments should be made? KWCH-TV in Wichita said there has been 22 rate increases between 2009-2014, and only 2 reduced rates during that time. I think that is a tad bit absurd, don't you? Maybe they should rethink their Christmas parties, new homes, and cars, and start to share the wealth with the less fortunate.

Enclosed is another article from a utility company in Nevada called Valley Electric. It is a nonprofit business, but I feel Westar could learn something from this company. They have hired a very savvy man who is the CEO (Mr. Husted). He has led that company not only with growth, but there hasn't been an increase in rates for 5 years with the next rate hike expected in 2018! Westar needs to hire more people like Mr. Husted so maybe those rate increases would be far, and few between, and better business decisions made.

I do understand that things need updating, but by cutting back on expenditures, and saving for the inevitable future, Westar wouldn't have to raise rates as often as they do.

Thank you for your time, and listening to the little guy. The trickle down theory just doesn't seem to be working for us 99%. I hope good sense will prevail by not letting another rate increase happen for a long time. Enough is enough.

Sincerely,
Debra D. Blohm

CEO to cut his salary so every worker earns \$70,000

■ Gravity Payments chief says move is being done to build loyalty in employees.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — For some companies, Seattle's new \$15 minimum wage law isn't doing enough to help workers.

The CEO of Gravity Payments, a Seattle-based company that processes credit-card payments, told his employees this week

that he was cutting his roughly \$1 million salary and using company profits so they would each earn a base salary of \$70,000, to be phased in over three years.

Dan Price's announcement surprised everyone at a company meeting, Seattle television station KING reported.

He says his pay cut is worth it to make the company's more than 100 employees happy and to build loyalty.

"I think this is just what

everyone deserves," Price told workers.

Earlier this month, Seattle's minimum wage law went into effect, which will eventually raise base hourly pay to \$15.

It's phased in more quickly for big companies than small ones: Large businesses and national chains had to raise their minimum wage to at least \$11 an hour when the law took effect April 1, while smaller businesses now must pay at least \$10.

Washington state already has the nation's highest minimum wage at \$9.47 an hour.

For Gravity Payments employee Alyssa O'Neal, who will more than double her salary once the company's policy is implemented, says she will use the extra money to buy a house for her young family.

"House, absolutely. I have this goal of being a 21-year-old homeowner, and I'm going to reach that now, and I'm stoked," O'Neal said.

Letter From the CEO

Returning Value to Our Owners



Valley Electric Association, Inc. (VEA) announced at its November 21 meeting that the Board of Directors approved the retirement of \$1.5 million in patronage capital.

This decision was based on the tremendous year VEA had in 2014. Last year the cooperative experienced a 40% increase in revenue from new business and a 28% reduction in its single largest expense; power supply.

Simply put, 2014 was a success and VEA concluded the year in a strong financial position. We are very pleased to be able to retire patronage capital at this time.

It is important to note, however, that the retirement of patronage capital is only one approach the cooperative uses to return value to its member-owners.

Another, and also very important benefit our members receive is the ability to enjoy stable, low rates. Keeping rates low is a priority at VEA, and in fact, our member-owners have not seen a rate increase for five years. *Wow!!!*

Member-owners also benefit from the cooperative's focus on innovation. For example, we are currently examining the viability of offering broadband Internet access to all of our members.

VEA currently manages a fiber optic network throughout our service territory in order to help us better communicate with the various facilities and equipment that comprise our electric distribution system.

We are now conducting studies on the feasibility of also providing (via fiber optic cable) broadband Internet access to homes and businesses in our service territory.

The details of this service have not been finalized. However, in general we hope to offer voice, data and entertainment programming.

Providing this service is very much in line with the history and roots of VEA. We brought electric service to the Pahrump Valley, Beatty, and the Amargosa, Sandy, and Fish Lake Valleys when the private sector could not or would not.

We believe providing broadband communications is something VEA will have to do to ensure this service spreads across our territory uniformly and reliably.

Until next month,

Thomas H. Husted
Chief Executive Officer

*Westar should
hire guys like
Mr. Husted!*

100106



The power company that puts people first.

As one of our neighbors, you know us as the co-op that brings power to its members – in more ways than one. Since we're a nonprofit, we deliver value to the people we serve, not a group of shareholders. And through new endeavors and renewable energy projects, we're also delivering more opportunities and jobs. It all adds up to better service. A growing workforce. And a brighter future for the community we all call home.

Join us on Facebook every Thursday
for Throwback Thursday Trivia!

Enter for your chance to win a \$50 power bill credit.
www.facebook.com/ValleyElectric


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Together, we're doing powerful things.

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Valley Electric Association, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

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Date Filed **05/29/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City PITTSBURG	HUSBAND=EARL	
State KS Zip Code 66762		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

05/29/2015 * MRS. TANNEHILL SAID THAT THE COUPLE'S RETIREMENT INCOME IS NOT KEEPING UP WITH INFLATION. EVERY YEAR THEIR NET WORTH GOES DOWN, WHILE EXPENSES, LIKE ELECTRICITY, KEEP GOIN UP. SHE SAID THE RATES ARE TOO HIGH ALREADY AND SHE IS OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE FOR WESTAR.
* MR. TANNELHILL EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS, BUT SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND A MODEST RAISE, BUT NOT 12%.

100130

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JUN 3 2015

6-1-15 PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION

Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Kansas Corporation Commission
Office of Public Affairs + Consumer Protection
1500 S W Arrowhead Rd
Topeka, Mo. 66604-4027

To Whom It May Concern:

In our Westar Energy bill this month we received two notices about Westar asking for rate hikes. The one states our bills could increase 13⁰⁰ a month if we use 900 kilowatts hours per month. The other says our bills will increase about 0.5% or 55 cents per month using 900 kilowatts. This increase goes into effect June 1, 2015. What is going on why all the increases?

Maybe Westar should lower some of their CEO's salaries. Maybe they haven't noticed the increase in homeless people + people who lost their jobs + their new jobs pay lots less. Food bills have increased greatly, people on fixed income are told by the federal government there is no inflation. They want to cut into our Social Security + Medicare. I really believe Westar is greedy pushing everything onto the consumers. Pretty soon they won't have any consumers cause they will all be broke.

They even so often Westar brag about their earnings. Shame on them + you for allowing all these increases.

James + Barbara Decker
5308 NW Lana Ct
Topeka Mo. 66618-3270

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Complaint ID **100131**
Date Filed **06/03/2015**
Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67212		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Investigator SGONZALE

Narrative

06/03/2015

THIS IS RIDICULOUS. PEOPLE ARE UNEMPLOYED AND WESTAR IS ASKING FOR ANOTHER RATE INCREASE. THE KCC HAS GRANTED WESTAR INCREASES WHEN THEY HAVE REPORTED MAKING A PROFIT. A LOT OF US HAVE THINGS WE WANT BUT CAN'T GET THEM AND IT SHOULD BE THE SAME WITH WESTAR. IT MAY NOT SEEM LIKE A LOT IT ADDS UP...ALL THESE RATE INCREASES. I AM DEFINITELY UPSET. THEY NEED TO REALLY LOOK AT WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO THE PEOPLE IF THEY AGREE TO THE INCREASE. EIGHT DOLLARS MAY NOT SEEM LIKE A LOT BUT IT REALLY IS.

Gerrie Lippert

100138

From: jason virgilio <jfv00@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 10:06 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

KCC,

According to Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board information, Westar has requested (and received) over 20 rate increases in the last seven years. Blaming the Environmental Protection Agency for requirements Westar knew about long before now is no excuse for an additional increase at this time. It also appears, based on testimony of Mark A. Ruelle, CEO of Westar, that this company is not doing more with less in these financially-challenging times, as the rest of the state of Kansas is required to do. Please deny their request.

Thank you,
Jason Virgilio
2219 S. Glenhurst Ct.
Andover, KS 67002

Gerrie Lippert

100142

From: Kim <pianoguy88@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2015 4:26 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Energy rate increase

I urge you to vote no on Westar Energy's request for a 7.9% rate increase.

I understand that the cost of energy continues to increase, yet there are also record profits for these companies.

Since we are in a monopoly when it comes to energy companies, it is time to urge some restraint and let the energy

companies reinvest a portion of their millions in profit and not continually raise consumer prices by a large amount.

These rate increases are devastating to personal budgets and especially to those on fixed incomes and the poor.

Kim Manz

Lawrence, KS

Gerrie Lippert

100150

From: Charles L. Bloss, Jr. <clblossjr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2015 1:09 PM
To: public.affairs
Cc: Jr. Charles L. Bloss
Subject: Docket 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Twenty nine years ago, then KPL, talked us into building a total electric home. The electric rates have been rising exponentially since that time. I am now retired under K, P & F and have a fixed income. It seems like each year Westar asks for numerous rate increases, most are granted. Between our electric bills, and taxes we are slowly being bled dry to the point that we will be run off of the land and home I worked all my life for. I am opposed to any further rate increases for Westar. They should make do with what they have as I am forced to do. Charles L. Bloss, Jr. 785-887-6052, P.O. Box 109, Lecompton, KS 66050.

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67217		

Contacts

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

06/04/2015 KCC CAN STOP THE FLEEING OF THOSE SAVING ENERGY IN KANSAS. WESTAR SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CHARGE OVER HALF THEIR BILL IN FEES. WESTAR SHOULD ABSOLUTELY NOT BE ABLE TO GET A RATE INCREASE. THEY ARE ALREADY CHARGING ENOUGH. IF THEY NEED UPDATES, THEY SHOULD HAVE TO USE WHAT THEY ALREADY HAVE. STOP FLEEING KANSAS WESTAR CUSTOMERS.

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Date Filed **06/08/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 1116 W. OKLAHOMA	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City ARKANSAS CITY		
State KS Zip Code 6 7005		

Contacts

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Date Filed **06/08/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

06/08/2015 GORDON FRY 620-741-0391
1116 W. OKLAHOMA
ARKANSAS CITY, KS 67005

" MR. F HAS REPORTED A BROKEN POLE THREE TIMES BUT WESTAR STILL HAS NOT MADE REPAIRS.
" THE PHONE LINES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE POLE ARE TOUCHING HIS PATIO COVER AND THE
NEIGHBOR'S GARAGE.
" MR. F WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE THE POLE REPLACED BEFORE A STORM CAUSES PERSONAL
INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
" THANK YOU FOR GIVING THIS ISSUE YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

06/08/2015 HERE IS TIM DENNING'S COMMENTS:

TIM DENNING FIELD CHECKED THE JOB ABOUT A MONTH AGO. THE POLE IS LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF HIS
NORTH PROPERTY LINE BEHIND A WOOD FENCE.

THE PHONE LINE FOR HIS NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE CROSSES HIS PROPERTY AND HITS HIS ROOF ON HIS GARAGE.
THE PHONE CABLE IS OUT OF COMPLIANCE AS IT IS CROSSES PROPERTY LINES. MR. FRY NEEDS TO CONTACT
THE PHONE PROVIDER TO RE-ROUTE THE LINE.

WESTAR IS WAITING ON THE GROUND TO DRY UP BECAUSE OF ALL THE RECENT RAIN SO WE DO NOT DAMAGE
THE PROPERTY GETTING TO THE POLE. THE JOB IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEDNESDAY, WEATHER
PERMITTING, AND WE WILL CALL HIM THAT MORNING TO LET HIM KNOW WE ARE COMING.

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE ADVISE.

RETA

06/08/2015 * MR. FRY WONDERS HOW WESTAR CAN ASK FOR A RATE INCREASE WHEN IT CAN'T EVEN TAKE CARE OF ITS
CURRENT EQUIPMENT. SIX MONTHS IS TOO LONG TO WAIT FOR REPAIRS.
* MR. FRY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT WESTAR SHOULD SEE ANY INCREASE IN RATES.

100430

Gerrie Lippert

From: Ken Kerle <ken.kerle@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 10:50 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Utility Rate increase

June 9, 2015
10: 38 a.m.

Another move to increase my light bill causes resentment. The company in question, Westar, so I've read, uses coal in the operation which only contributes to climate change. I am convinced (scientific studies) that the weather moves in the direction of rising temperatures in an increasingly polluted atmosphere.

This compels me to keep my air conditioner running full-blast which contributes to using more electric power.

Don't give these electricity "moguls" another increase! It is neither needed nor deserved!

Ken Kerle
ken.kerle@cox.net
Topeka, Kansas 66611



This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.
www.avast.com

100432

Gerrie Lippert

From: Delbert Boling <delblb@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 9:44 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To: Kansas Corporation Commission

I am a Westar Residential/Farm Customer in Hoyt , Kansas . I encourage the Commission to deny Westar's request for a 7.9% rate increase. I am retired living on a fixed income that does not increase at the same pace as Westar's rates are increasing. They continue to add to their customer base which should yield additional income, but yet they constantly seek rate increases. I am a retired accountant and that tells me that they are not managing their expenses. It is obvious to me that they are spending money at a more rapid rate of increase than they are increasing their revenue stream. And that furthermore they are relying on increasing rates to customers to finance their unsustainable spending rate of increase. Westar is acting like the Federal Government(and for that matter, the Government of the State of Kansas)in that they have forgotten what it means to control expenditures. I submit that your Commission should closely examine their expenditures looking specifically at the number of employees per customer, the Cost per employee per customer and I strongly suspect you will find that there are dramatic increases in those costs in recent years. Given that scenario, it would also tell me that their employees are less efficient in their job responsibilities and rather than control their employee cost, including the cost of their management team, which I am sure is exorbitant, they shrug the true function of management and finance their incompetent employees and managers with increased cost to the customers. It is painfully obvious to me that there is a dreadful lack of competent management at Westar and it is being allowed, and to some extent exacerbated, by the incompetence of your organization, namely the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Therefore, I am strongly opposed to any and all rate increases for Westar until their operational costs are brought under control. I strongly suggest that KCC closely scrutinize ALL cost information from Westar's operations for the past several years to clearly understand what is really going on in that organization. No organization, especially a public utility, should be able to pass operating inefficiencies on to their customers when improvements in operating efficiencies can be obtained. And I have absolutely no doubt that many Millions of Dollars savings could be achieved in operating efficiencies within Westar with a competent management team.

Delbert L. Boling
11583 N. Highway K214
Hoyt , Kansas 66440
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Ph: 1-785-364-7370

Gerrie Lippert

100543

From: Delbert Boling <delblb@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 9:44 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

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Gerrie Lippert

100625

From: Jon Day <jdayhome@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 10:12 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Kansas Corporation Commission

Your Notice of Public Hearings indicates Westar Energy has requested a 7.9% rate increase for their retail electric customers (Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS).

I understand the need for electric providers to make upgrades to their equipment in order to increase efficiencies and reduce emissions, but I would consider these upgrades a basic cost of doing business rather than a constant justification for increases in rates.

According to my calculations, my electric rate increased in 2013 by almost 4% and increased in 2014 by almost 7%. Now Westar wants to increase by nearly 8% in 2015. The compounding effect of these increases would make \$200 of electricity in 2012 cost \$240 in 2015, a 20% increase in just three years.

And, more importantly to me, these increases severely outpace the increases (or lack thereof) in my income. My family budget cannot continue to fund these large rate increases.

I therefore request that the Corporation Commission fulfill its basic role of ensuring "just and reasonable rates" by denying Westar's current request for a rate increase.

Sincerely,
Jon Day
Altamont, KS

Gerrie Lippert

100628

From: Joyce-Don@sunflower.com
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 2:46 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Energy' Proposal

Don Mayberry
15316 Rickel Dr
Basehor, Ks 66007
DOB 2/10/1940

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I've read your brief about upcoming application for rate increase.

Reason for this e-mail is that scheduled meetings are not available to us due to location, which I understand.

My question is about how your company operates. Who is in charge and approval of budgets ? Seems pretty simple, here in my household we have one, a must as I'm on fixed income just as your company is. You have " X " number of customers and can forecast your income, give or take a few dollars. You have access to your income history which can or should be able to forecast a good budget.

Now, here we have a savings account built in to the budget, **where is yours ??** I need to improve, purchase, upgrade I go to the savings account, bingo, there are the funds. If the funds are not there I wait until they are then make the needed items.

I feel that a penny or nickel monthly rate over a period of years would have a pretty healthy savings account for Westar, thus, ' Mr. John Q. " would not get hammered at one time for years to follow.

Something for your group to think about....." Plan ahead " like we have to do here at home.

Thanks,

Don

100683

Gerrie Lippert

From: Tom Rouleau <t.rouleau@tcac-usa.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:01 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar request for price increase

I strongly oppose to the requested 7.5% price increase or any increase what-so-ever. Any private or publicly held business must make investments from their own earning to support future growth. It is ridiculous to have the customers funding Westar's' profitability.

Westar stocks have continued to increase in value year over year. Revenue growth has grown \$500M in the past 4 years. The residential, commercial and Industrial revenues have climbed an average 10% from 2013 to 2014 which is more than the expense increase from the same period.

Employee benefit cost have risen 60% and retirement obligations nearly 44%. Is the "business being managed properly or are we funding poor management. They ask for 7.5% knowing that they would never get that with the intent of gaining ½ or 3 – 4% increase.

Take a look at the salaries these guys are getting. Probably on the high side for any Kansas business.

100683

WESTAR ENERGY INC

Compensation by Company

For the 2014 Fiscal Year, WESTAR ENERGY INC. has the following 20 executives with cash compensation and salary in 2014:

Name and Title

Douglas R. Sterbenz
Former Executive Vice President
and Chief Operating Officer
(retired)



\$1,512,846

Larry D. Irick
Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary



\$792,660

Mark A. Ruelle
President and Chief Executive
Officer



\$3,008,209

Anthony D. Somma
Senior Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer and Treasurer



\$1,079,619

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and Chief Executive Officer \$3,008,209 Anthony D. Somma Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
\$1,079,619 Greg A. Greenwood Senior Vice President, Strategy \$1,105,862 Equity Cash Compensation Other Fiscal Year
Ended in 2014

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Gerrie Lippert

100703

From: Richard Valenta <richardvalenta@sunflower.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 8:44 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I object to Westar's rate increase. Their rates that they charge me have skyrocketed in the last two years – please do not let them gouge me more! They have already received increases for the EPA demands.

Furthermore, I wish that Westar NOT abide to the Environmental Protection Agency's demands. This agency is terrorizing Americans to promote their agenda in accord with those who wish to overreach government power against Americans' freedom for the purpose of tyranny. My wish is that Kansas, the Kansas Corporation Commission, and Westar take a stand against this current federal administration and its bully tactics by saying "No."

Sincerely,

Richard Valenta

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Basehor, KS 66007

richardvalenta@sunflower.com

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913 – 669 – 9980 CELL

Gerrie Lippert

100749

From: Tim Rasmussen <t_razz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 4:09 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Public Comment, Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I recently received my electric bill with a notice from Westar Energy that if approved by KCC, effective June 1, 2015, my electric bill would increase 0.5 percent. In the same envelope, I received another notice that Westar is again requesting yet another rate increase of 7.9%.

I was originally opposed to their construction of the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant back in the late 70's, thinking it would increase my electric rates dramatically, due to the cost of the plant. I was wrong. Owning a total electric home, I found my electric rates to remain reasonable and affordable for many years. However, that has definitely changed. Over the last 6 years my electric bills have gone up approximately 70%. It seems that Westar Energy is continually requesting rate increases and getting them approved, if not fully, in part.

Being retired now, I am finding that my electric bills are no longer affordable, due to these increases, and I fear there is no end to these increases for the future. I wish my salary before I retired and my pension after I retired would have increased at such a rate. I often wonder if Westar Energy is not inflating rate increase requests over and above what is actually needed, in order to increase their profits from the sale of electricity, rather than requesting these increases just to cover alleged additional costs of doing business...I sincerely hope this is not the case.

I am opposed to this increase and hope that you as a State governing body will closely scrutinize this request and all their future rate increase requests to protect their customers. Since they are a public utility and our sole provider of electricity, we certainly do not have a lot of options, other than move out of the State.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Westar Residential Customer,
Timothy N. Rasmussen
2066 Overlook Drive
Independence, KS 67301-7122
(620)331-6052
t_razz@hotmail.com

9327 79th Street South
Derby, Kansas 67037
June 11, 2015

Kansas Corporation Commission
Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection
1500 SW Arrowhead Rd.
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Sirs:

I received a notice from Westar energy that a rate increase request (Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS) has been made to your commission. I am already paying 35% of my electric bill for things I consider taxes or surcharges – a customer charge, fuel charge, prop tax surcharge, envrmntl charge, enery eff charge. Just how many other charges can a company come up with?

I think it is time for someone in the state of Kansas to have the backbone to stand up for the public and deny this rate increase!

Sincerely,



Nelda Branstetter

9327 E. 79th St. S.
Derby, KS 67037

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Complaint ID **100756**

Date Filed **06/16/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 6 6605		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **100756**

Date Filed **06/16/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

06/16/2015 I DON'T REALLY SEE HOW THE 8% INCREASE WESTAR IS PROPOSING EQUALS ABOUT 13.00. IF INDEED IT IS AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF 13.00 THATS A REALLY BIG INCREASE. MOST UTILITIES OVER LAST 10 YEARS HAVE BEEN ABOUT 3.00 SO THIS SEEMS EXTREMELY HIGH AND NOT VERY MANAGEABLE FOR MOST PEOPLE. I AM AGAINST THIS.

100762

Gerrie Lippert

From: Landsinc1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 10:08 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Kansas Corporation Commission,

I would like to protest the proposal from Westar Energy to raise the rates to residential customers by \$13.00 per month. This company has historically done nothing but raise rates and their corporation continues to thrive and get fat at the expense of all us consumers, particularly those of us on fixed incomes. We cannot continue to have these increases and survive especially after Gov. Brownback and his sheep raised our taxes again and eliminated corp. taxes for businesses. Put a stop to this continuing abuse to those this company serves. Perhaps we need to put this essential supplier under National or State run company as a non-profit. It's time for the Commission to push back and stop all this profiteering by Westar Energy. Help us.

Thanks,

Bob Williams
1511 N. 900 Rd.
Baldwin City, Ks. 66006

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Complaint ID **100766**

Date Filed **06/17/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 1537 FOURNTAIN DR	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City LAWRENCE		
State KS Zip Code 6 6047		

Contacts

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

06/17/2015

PROPOSAL IS NOT JUSTIFIED FOR THIS INCREASE FOR WESTAR. I AM NOT PLEASED WITH IT. THEY ALWAYS COME BACK FOR THOSE KIND OF RATES. THAT IS NOT REASONABLE. THEY ARE MAKING A LOT OF MONEY ON THIS ELECTRICITY. I HOPE KCC WILL DO THEIR DUTY AND KEEP THAT OUTRAGEOUS REQUEST DOWN. PLEASE.

Gerrie Lippert

100768

From: yisrj@att.net
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 1:37 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Questions

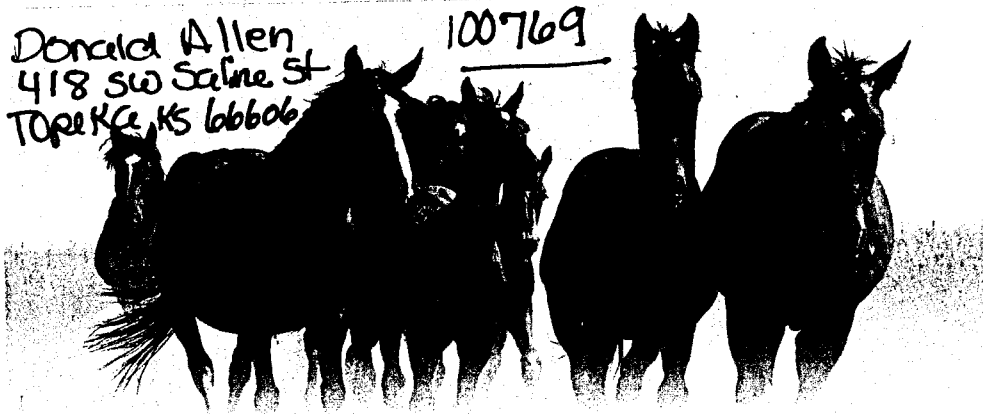
Here we go again, why is Westar wanting to raise rates again? We go through this every year now. Why do you always approve their request? I know what some of the employees salaries are and I know what some of the hourly workers are paid. Simply ridiculous! There are many people wwho would work for half of what the employees are being paid. Why can't some of their so called improvments/expenses come from their huge profits. Why is their no competing utility company. How long are the little people going to get taken with the continuous rising rates. God is watching!!!

Isabelle Sime

Donald Allen
418 SW Saline St
Topeka, KS 66606

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I marvel at the fact
that my utility bills are
less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total
bill. ^(usage)

At some point I may
have to become more self
sufficient as I'm on social
security.

I still have a house
payment too which leaves ~~and~~
less for me to survive on
when utilities keep rising.
I seldom get a raise (cost
of living) and that's a joke.
when it happens. Noway it
makes up for all other cost raises.
Needed to vent. Ron

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June 16, 2015

RE: Docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS

This is my first time to contact the Commission. I am very concerned about the repeated increase requests from Westar. Especially for elderly people on fixed incomes - do they buy fewer food and medications they need. Has Westar really looked at their budgets, maybe saving money on office supplies and all. They do great work in an emergency, but I'm always reminded of the times I & other office workers watched 3 Westar employees by our office stand & kick dirt then set in their truck - this went on for several hours.

Please "put the clamps" on the Westar rate increases.

Jeanette Weger

Steve Boyd

From: Steve Boyd
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 9:42 AM
To: Robert Vincent
Subject: FW: Sharkey Scott - Formal

-----Original Message-----

From: Albert Fish [<mailto:albertfish@cox.net>]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 9:39 AM
To: Steve Boyd
Subject: Sharkey Scott - Formal

Westar Energy replaced my analog meter with a Smart meter without my knowlege or consent. When I contacted Westar, customer service as well as Ken (The man in charge), They, both, responded with answers provided by a website set up to counter any questions posed.

This website was extremely well hidden, took two months to locate it.

Ken stated I have an option, new meter, I responded by definition the word option indicates two choices, he acknowledged that, but still repeated the meter stays. Next asked why a friend had an analog meter less than two blocks away, Ken replied it would be changed out, this isn't true, it will never be changed, he then stated there have been less than 30 complaints out of 1000. I know the persons who received these meters were lower level citizens, afraid to complain.

It is simply a demographic trick to make it appear there are no complaints. Mentioned the smart meters took usage data every 15 minutes to which Ken responded it only reports 4 times per day, in my opinion 1 time is one time too many, violation of privacy act as I understand it. Asked Ken if the information could be used to charge more per service during "peak" hours, he said yes.

I am a law abiding citizen, an insomniac, sometimes up in the middle of the night and my power usage could spike during that time, nothing illegal about it, Just do not wish to give anyone that information, none of their business.

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Complaint ID **100779**
Date Filed **06/19/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

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Name SHARKEY SCOTT	Home Phone (316)312-8564	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 1601 N FAIRVIEW	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67203		

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Date Filed 06/19/2015
Investigator SBOYD

Narrative

06/19/2015 * MR. SCOTT IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY RATE INCREASE FOR WESTAR. SOME OF HIS REASONS ARE OUTLINED IN AN EMAIL THAT HE SENT TO THE COMMISSION:

-----ORIGINAL MESSAGE-----

FROM: ALBERT FISH [MAILTO:ALBERTFISH@COX.NET]
SENT: FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015 9:39 AM
TO: STEVE BOYD
SUBJECT: SHARKEY SCOTT - FORMAL

WESTAR ENERGY REPLACED MY ANALOG METER WITH A SMART METER WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT. WHEN I CONTACTED WESTAR, CUSTOMER SERVICE AS WELL AS KEN (THE MAN IN CHARGE), THEY, BOTH, RESPONDED WITH ANSWERS PROVIDED BY A WEBSITE SET UP TO COUNTER ANY QUESTIONS POSED. THIS WEBSITE WAS EXTREMELY WELL HIDDEN, TOOK TWO MONTHS TO LOCATE IT. KEN STATED I HAVE AN OPTION, NEW METER, I RESPONDED BY DEFINITION THE WORD OPTION INDICATES TWO CHOICES, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, BUT STILL REPEATED THE METER STAYS. NEXT ASKED WHY A FRIEND HAD AN ANALOG METER LESS THAN TWO BLOCKS AWAY, KEN REPLIED IT WOULD BE CHANGED OUT, THIS ISN'T TRUE, IT WILL NEVER BE CHANGED, HE THEN STATED THERE HAVE BEEN LESS THAN 30 COMPLAINTS OUT OF 1000. I KNOW THE PERSONS WHO RECEIVED THESE METERS WERE LOWER LEVEL CITIZENS, AFRAID TO COMPLAIN. IT IS SIMPLY A DEMOGRAPHIC TRICK TO MAKE IT APPEAR THERE ARE NO COMPLAINTS. MENTIONED THE SMART METERS TOOK USAGE DATA EVERY 15 MINUTES TO WHICH KEN RESPONDED IT ONLY REPORTS 4 TIMES PER DAY, IN MY OPINION 1 TIME IS ONE TIME TOO MANY, VIOLATION OF PRIVACY ACT AS I UNDERSTAND IT. ASKED KEN IF THE INFORMATION COULD BE USED TO CHARGE MORE PER SERVICE DURING "PEAK" HOURS, HE SAID YES. I AM A LAW ABIDING CITIZEN, AN INSOMNIAC, SOMETIMES UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND MY POWER USAGE COULD SPIKE DURING THAT TIME, NOTHING ILLEGAL ABOUT IT, JUST DO NOT WISH TO GIVE ANYONE THAT INFORMATION, NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS.

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Date Filed **06/22/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City HUTCHINSON		
State KS Zip Code 67501 3225		

Contacts

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Date Filed **06/22/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

06/22/2015

I CAN'T AFFORD ANY INCREASES ON ANYTHING. I LIVE ON SOCIAL SECURITY. I COULDN'T QUALIFY FOR LIEAP BECAUSE I MADE 14.00 TOO MUCH. I WANT TO VOICE MY DISPLEASURE ON THE WESTAR RATE INCREASE. I CAN'T DO TOO MUCH MORE. I DON'T WANT TO LIVE ON THE STREETS. I DON'T NEED AN INCREASE.

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Complaint ID **100785**
Date Filed **06/22/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 625 VALLEY DR.	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City EMPORIA		
State KS Zip Code 6 6801		

Contacts

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Investigator SBOYD

Narrative

06/22/2015

* MR. M IS RETIRED. IT HAS BECOME DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP WITH HIS BILLS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE UTILITY BILLS KEEP GOING UP. MR. M THINKS THAT IF WESTAR IS GRANTED AN INCREASE IT SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 1/2 OF WHAT IT REQUESTED, AND PRFERABLY MUCH LESS.

* EVERYONE IS TRYING TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND THEY HAVE ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES AND LIGHT BULBS. BUT WESTAR SHOULD NOT BE LLOWED TO TAKE IN THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY WHEN EVERYONE ELSE IS USING LESS ENERGY. WESTAR NEEDS TO LOOK FOR EFFIENCIES OF ITS OWN AND NEEDS TO BETTER MANAGE ITS RESOURCES. MR. M SEES NEW VEHICLES ALL OF THE TIME AND THINKS WESTAR COULD LEASE THEM OR DO SOMETHING TO HELP TO REDUCE EXPENSES THAT RATEPAYERS COVER.

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Complaint ID **100790**

Date Filed **06/23/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name PRISCILLA HOOVER	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 1611 W. 22ND	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City HUTCHINSON		
State KS Zip Code 67502		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **100790**

Date Filed **06/23/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

06/23/2015 PRISCILLA SAID SHE IS AGAINST ANY RATE INCREASE BY WESTAR AND ENOUGH IS ENOUGH AND THE KCC NEEDS TO PROTECT THE CONSUMERS FROM ANY FURTHER INCREASES.

6-18-15

Commissioners,
now, especially due to the state's recent budget agreement it is not the time to grant Westar Energy's current rate increase request - Docket NO 15 - WSEE - 115 - RTS.

Kansas residents are being forced to absorb the fourth tax increase in six years. Kansas families can not be asked to adhere to yet another utility rate increase. Now is the time for the Commission to stand up for Kansas residents by saying **(NO)** to Westar's request. In light of our current economy, Westar should be required to share in the burden. Anything less is irresponsible.

I urge you to consider this request.

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Sincerely,
Joyce Fee

2109 Riviera Dr.

Lawrence, KS

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 6 7235		

Contacts

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Complaint ID 100795

Date Filed 06/24/2015

Investigator SGONZALE

Narrative

06/24/2015

THE REASONS FOR A WESTAR RATE INCREASE ARE UNCLEAR TO ME. I DON'T FEEL THERE IS ANY CONTROL OVER WESTAR RATE INCREASES. I AM UPSET THAT YOU ARE EVEN ENTERTAINING ANOTHER RATE INCREASE FOR WESTAR.
I DON'T TRUST MY GOVERNMENT ON THIS. I DID NOT VOTE FOR BROWNBACK LAST TIME BECAUSE OF THE LAST RATE INCREASES. IT IS DISCERNIBLE.
IT SEEMS LIKE OUR GOVERNMENT IS WORKING FOR WESTAR.

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Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67203		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **100802**

Date Filed **06/25/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

06/25/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE. HE SAID THE SCHOOLS CAN'T AFFORD ANY INCREASES EITHER AND THE COMMISSION SHOULD NOT BE GIVING WESTAR INCREASES EVERY YEAR AS PEOPLE ON FIXED INCOMES AND CAN'T AFFORD THIS.

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Complaint ID **100810**

Date Filed **06/29/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 6 6605		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **100810**

Date Filed **06/29/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

06/29/2015 CALLED TO OPPOSE WESTAR INCREASE. SHE SAID THEY ALREADY HAD ONE THIS YEAR AND SHE HEARD ON THE STOCK MARKET THAT THE SUPREME COURT VOTED AGAINST THE EPA REGULATIONS. SHE IS ON A FIXED INCOME AND CAN'T AFFORD ANYMORE INCREASES.

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Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Narrative

06/29/2015 STATED SHE IS AGAINST THE RATE INCREASE AND ASKING HOW MANY DOES WESTAR REALLY NEED
WILL NOT ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING IN WICHITA AS FEELS THAT WSU IS AN UNSAFE PLACE AND THERE
IS A LOT OF CRIME THERE.

Gerrie Lippert

From: gidx5@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:18 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: westar rate increase.

Westar is again asking for rate increases due to regulatory requirements.

Being a rate payer, which has to decide on what not to buy, due to increased essential service costs.

I want the rate paying decision board, to check into Westar's budget to see if they are being, truly penny wise with their monies.

living in Wichita I've seen many projects under Westars direction, which are dreadfully slow, using labor, equipment, and supplies much longer than it should require.

of course they consign the jobs to contractors, but its still to their guidelines.

the terms of the contracts must be beneficial to the contractors to drag on the jobs.

I believe a check into their practices would find a lot of waste and unnecessary costs, which we are paying.

sincerely
Robert Gideon
Wichita, ks.

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Date Filed **07/01/2015**
Investigator **SGONZALE**

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City DESOTO		
State KS Zip Code 66018		

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Complaint ID **100816**

Date Filed **07/01/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/01/2015 MY HUSBAND AND I ARE ELDERLY PEOPLE AND WE CAN'T AFFORD A WESTAR RATE INCREASE. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THEM GETTING THE INCREASE. WE AREN'T GETTING ANY INCREASE IN OUR PENSION. I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH EVEN A SLIGHT INCREASE FOR WESTAR. I HAVE CALLED TO TALK TO WESTAR ABOUT HOW WE CAN LOWER OUR MONTHLY BILL BUT APPARENTLY THERE IS NO WAY. I DON'T KNOW HOW PEOPLE DO IT.

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Date Filed **07/01/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State KS Zip Code		

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Complaint ID **100817**

Date Filed **07/01/2015**

Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Narrative

07/01/2015 CUSTOMER IS ON A FIXED INCOME AND MAKES IT A HARDSHIP.

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Complaint ID **100821**

Date Filed **07/01/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City EUREKA		
State KS Zip Code 6 7045		

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Complaint ID **100821**

Date Filed **07/01/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/01/2015 I HOPE THEY DON'T GIVE WESTAR THE RATE INCREASE THEY ARE ASKING FOR.

Gerrie Lippert

100833

From: Dave Wesely <dave.wesely@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 3:25 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Rate Change

Your attempt at suppressing solar installations with a \$50 flat rate for grid backup on a solar installation is reprehensible and will not go unnoticed. Bastards.

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Dave Wesely
(785) 205-6425

Gerrie Lippert

100834

From: Robert E. Rutkowski <r_e_rutkowski@att.net>
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 1:08 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Stop the attack on solar power

Chair Shari Feist Albrecht

Commissioner Jay Scott Emler

Commissioner Pat Apple

Kansas Corporation Commission

1500 sw Arrowhead Road
Topeka, ks 66604-4027
Email: public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov
Phone: (785) 271-3100
Fax: (785) 271-3354

Re: Stop the attack on solar power

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

Westar Energy has submitted a proposal that would raise electricity rates and make it harder for Kansans to lower our electricity bills with rooftop solar or energy efficiency solutions.

Under Westar's proposal, Kansans would be penalized with huge monthly fees for generating clean electricity with solar panels on your home.

Westar Energy is attacking solar energy and energy efficiency in an attempt to stifle competition and protect profits. Stand for competition and the right to generate ones own energy. Protect the ability to save money and control electricity bills by generating energy on my property or by using energy efficiency solutions. The Kansas Corporation Commission must protect Kansans ability to exercise choice and control over their electricity bills. Westar's proposal is an attack on consumers. It is an attempt to eliminate direct competitors to Westar's monopoly, such as rooftop solar and energy efficiency.

Reject Westar's anti-solar and anti-energy efficiency rate proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring these remarks to your attention.

Yours sincerely,
Robert E. Rutkowski

cc: House Minority Leadership

2527 Faxon Court
Topeka, Kansas 66605-2086
P/F: 1 785 379-9671
E-mail: r_e_rutkowski@att.net

Gerrie Lippert

100835

From: George Brenner <gbrenner919@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 04, 2015 9:38 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate case

I wish to have my comments added to the public record on the Westar electricity rate case.

I do not own solar or have plans to install solar immediately. I am extremely distressed about the backhanded attack on solar energy by Westar Energy, through their proposal to charge \$23 per month for solar energy providers as well as to reduce the amount paid for solar energy. This is nothing but another corporate attempt to control our energy supply and expenditures through their monopoly on our electric service.

The Kansas Corporation Commission is not acting in a responsible manner by denying The Alliance for Solar Choice and Cromwell Solar, in particular, to be heard in the Westar Energy rate case. I DEMAND that the voices for solar energy be given a seat at the table. The KCC denial of their input is one more action to limit free speech and enable the Westar monopoly to proceed unimpeded.

We citizens demand to be heard. I strongly support solar energy and I want our electric utility to be required to provide a reasonable payment for solar energy generated by home owners and to eliminate the ridiculous and unsupported surcharge for those who generate solar energy. Westar is NOT acting responsibly. KCC should and can do better.

George M. Brenner
1711 W. 19th Terrace
Lawrence, KS 66046

Gerrie Lippert

100836

From: Dean Denner <deandenner@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 04, 2015 9:18 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate change proposal

Dear KCC,

I am strongly opposed to Westar's request to increase the basic service charge from \$12 / month to \$27/month by 2019. If they need more money ,charge me more for what I use.To increase the service charge(way beyond the national average) destroys the economic incentive for energy conservation.

Westar's proposal to increase fees eg \$50/ month on homeowner PV solar would effectively decimate that possibility.If people are willing to invest their own money to produce non-polluting electricity,we should celebrate that!

Dean Denner
1204 Colorado St.
Manhattan KS 66502
785.317.3824

Gerrie Lippert

From: Gayla Ratzlaff <glratzlaff@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 8:41 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Proposed RAte increase

Good morning,

I am writing in reference to Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS. I am against the monthly rate increase over the next several years. I work with the elderly in our state and I know for many of them it is hard to make ends meet. They do get a little increase in their Social Security every year but that is usually used toward the increase in their supplemental plans due to the increase to the Medicare deductibles. Many of the elderly I work with just live on their Social Security. Many of them do not have a pension or IRA plan to supplement their monthly income. So with this increase over the next few years will mean less money in their pocket to purchase food, medicine and other daily essentials. This is coming at the wrong time with the increase in sales tax which puts another burden on them plus the poor in our state. I would recommend that an increase in wattage usage would be fair. Many of the elderly do not run their air conditioning in the summer simply because they cannot afford it. The increase should be on usage not across the board this is not fair. Why should those who have been proponents of using less energy pay for those who don't think twice about using energy with no thought of conservation.

Gayla Ratzlaff

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Date Filed **07/07/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

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State KS Zip Code 6 6502		

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Complaint ID **100840**

Date Filed **07/07/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/07/2015 I OPPOSE THE INCREASE IN RATES FOR WESTAR. I AM 73 AND ON A FIXED INCOME AND WANT TO STAY IN MY HOME, AM HEALTHY AND PAY MY TAXES. I GET NO HELP FROM ANYONE AND SO I FEEL THAT THIS IS AN IMPOSITION ON MANY PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY ON THOSE ON A FIXED INCOME. AS YOU INCREASE RATES, THINGS START TO TUMBLE FOR A BUDGET THAT ISN'T PREPARED FOR THAT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WESTAR CAN'T ASSUME THEIR EXPENSES.

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

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City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66604		

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Date Filed **07/07/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/07/2015 AN OVERALL CHARGE INCREASE BY WESTAR OF 12.00 DOES NOT ALLOW US TO CONSERVE ENERGY TO SAVE MONEY. WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONSERVE ENERGY WHICH IS A GOOD THING FOR ALL OF US. I AM SCARED EVERYDAY BECAUSE OF ALL THE THINGS THAT KEEP INCREASING. I AM AGAINST THE WESTAR INCREASE BECAUSE THIS TAKES AWAY MY ABILITY TO SAVE ON ELECTRICITY.

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Account Information

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City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66617		

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Date Filed **07/08/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/08/2015 MY CONCERN IS LOW INCOME, FIXED INCOME, AND SENIORS..IT'S GOING TO AFFECT THEM. I VOTE NO FOR THE INCREASE REQUESTED BY WESTAR. I THINK IT SHOULD BE AN INCREASE BASED ON USAGE AND NOT A BASIC MONTHLY CHARGE. PEOPLE THEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE OR CONSERVE ENERGY AND SAVE MONEY.

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Complaint ID **100846**
Date Filed **07/08/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City JUNCTION CITY		
State KS Zip Code		

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Narrative

07/08/2015 IS AGAINST THE NEW CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE THAT WESTAR IS REQUESTING. HAS SPOKEN TO 32 PEOPLE AND EVERYONE HAS OPPOSED TO IT. JUST HAD ANOTHER RAISE AND IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT THE KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION TAKES CARE OF THE CUSTOMERS. IF ADD ANOTHER \$14 MORE THAT IS OPPOSED.

07/08/2015 ABOUT TIME THE COMPANIES THINK OF THE CUSTOMERS.

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Complaint ID **100847**
Date Filed **07/08/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City JUNCTION CITY		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Narrative

07/08/2015 OPPOSE THE RAISING THE PRICE OF ELECTRIC. ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND BY THE TIME PAY ALL BILLS
HARDLY HAVE ANY MONEY LEFT

DOES NOT NEED TO RAISE FR OM \$12 TO \$27 PER MONTH ON CUSTOMER CHARGE.

Gerrie Lippert

From: Beckham <bjsmi73@rainbowtel.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 11:36 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Clean energy/grid attachment

It has come to my attention that an issue of fairness is upcoming before you in Docket# 15-WSEE-115-RTS. I currently do not have any other source than Westar for my electrical power. If I was able I would very much like to have a alternative source such as solar but I recognize that would only be an alternative and I would still need to have Westar as a back up. If that were the case it would only be fair to provide fair compensation to Westar in order to maintain their grid for the benefit of myself and others. I think anyone with an alternative source who is hooked to the grid should be required to pay a minimal grid maintenance to Westar. Should they provide enough excess power to Westar in the form of extra production then I think it fair for Westar to buy it at wholesale and charge a carry fee in support of the grid. If they are completely self sufficient and detached permanently from the grid then a maintenance fee would not be required but if re-attachment was required then at that time an attachment fee should cover the grid maintenance.

Thank you for your attention,

Beckham Smith
204 Navajo St
Hiawatha, Ks. 66434-1512

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Complaint ID **100854**

Date Filed **07/10/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67209		

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Complaint ID **100854**

Date Filed **07/10/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/10/2015 WESTAR IS REQUESTING THIS RATE INCREASE BUT THE EPA HAS DECIDED TO CHANGE ITS LAWS SO WESTAR HAS NO BASIS FOR INCREASING MY RATES. IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE COMMISSION WOULD SAY NO TO WESTAR FOR A CHANGE AND EVEN ROLL BACK INCREASES THEY HAVE ALREADY GOT.

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Complaint ID **100858**

Date Filed **07/13/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67212		

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Complaint ID **100858**

Date Filed **07/13/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/13/2015 I AM AGAINST WESTAR RAISING THE BILLS. IT WILL CAUSE A LOT OF HARDSHIPS. I AM ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND I REALLY HAVE TO PINCH PENNIES TO PAY MY BILLS.

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Complaint ID **100860**
Date Filed **07/13/2015**
Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66610		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **100860**

Date Filed **07/13/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/13/2015 I SUPPORT THE WESTAR RATE PLANS THEY PROPOSE.

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Complaint ID **100863**
Date Filed **07/13/2015**
Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67204		

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Complaint ID **100863**

Date Filed **07/13/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/13/2015 I SUPPORT WESTAR ENERGY'S PLAN.

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Complaint ID **100864**
Date Filed **07/13/2015**
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name JOHN LANCELLOTTI	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 115 ARCHER RD.	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City FT SCOTT		
State KS Zip Code 6 6701		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **100864**

Date Filed **07/13/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

07/13/2015 AGAINST WESTAR RATE INCREASE

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Complaint ID **100865**
Date Filed **07/13/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name YVONNE NASSIF	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **100865**

Date Filed **07/13/2015**

Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Narrative

07/13/2015 KEEP RAISING TOO MUCH - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH - ALWAYS ASKING FOR RAISES - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

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Complaint ID **100866**

Date Filed **07/13/2015**

Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name DONNETTA ROARK	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **100866**

Date Filed **07/13/2015**

Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Narrative

07/13/2015 DOES NOT WANT CALIFORNIA COMPANIES COMING INTO KANSAS TELLING WESTAR WHAT TO DO.

I AM A STOCKHOLDER AND WANTS THE COMMISSION TO LISTEN TO WESTAR.

UPSET WITH THE SOLAR COMPANIES.

DO NOT TRUST CALIFORNIA AND DO NOT NEED THEM IN KANSAS.

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Complaint ID **100867**
Date Filed **07/13/2015**
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name ELLEN HARGRAVES	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 20825 TANNERVILLE RD.	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WAMEGO		
State KS Zip Code 6 6547		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID 100867

Date Filed 07/13/2015

Investigator GSTEPHENS

Narrative

07/13/2015 CALLED AND IS OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE AND DOESN'T FAVOR WESTAR MAKING IT HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO GENERATE SOLAR ENERGY AND DOESN'T FAVOR ANY TAX IF THEY CHOOSE TO DO THIS AND SHOULD NOT PENALIZE PEOPLE WHO DO SOLAR.

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Complaint ID **100870**
Date Filed **07/13/2015**
Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name BETTY SMITH	Home Phone (620)442-6390	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 514 W LINDEN AVE	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City ARKANSAS CITY		
State KS Zip Code 6 7005		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **100870**

Date Filed **07/13/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/13/2015 I AM ON A FIXED INCOME AND I CAN'T AFFORD ALL THE RATE INCREASE BY WESTAR. I AM ELDERLY AND DON'T WORK AND AM AFRAID I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP MY BILL PAID. THEY ARE WANTING TO CHARGE MORE THAN WE CAN PAY.

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Complaint ID **100878**
Date Filed **07/13/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name ARTHUR GENTRY	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 244 NORTH GRAIN	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City CLEARWATER		
State KS Zip Code 67026		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

Complaint Coding

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Complaint ID 100878

Date Filed 07/13/2015

Investigator SBOYD

Narrative

07/13/2015

- * MR. GENTRY CALLED TO COMMENT ON WESTAR'S RATE PROPOSAL.
- * MR. GENTRY IS A SEMI-RETIRED GENTLEMAN AND IS ON A FIXED INCOME. HIS INCOME IS NOT GOING UP AS FAST AS HIS BILLS AND HE IS WORRIED ABOUT HOW SENIORS AND OTHERS ON LIMITED INCOMES CAN KEEP UP WITH THEIR UTILITY BILLS.
- * MR. GENTRY DOESN'T LIKE THE FACT THAT WESTAR IS CONSTANTLY REQUESTING RATE INCREASES. IN HIS VIEW WESTAR SHOULD BE TRANSFORMED INTO A MUTUAL NON-PROFIT ENTITY TO BETTER SERVE THE CITIZENS OF KANSAS INSTEAD OF THE SHAREHOLDERS.
- * MR. GENTRY ALSO SEES A FUTURE FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND DOESN'T LIKE THE FACT THAT WESTAR MIGHT BE MAKING IT HARDER FOR SOLAR AND WIND PROJECTS TO BE COST EFFECTIVE.
- * MR. GENTRY IS VERY INTERESTED IN THIS ISSUE AND MIGHT ATTEND ONE OF OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS, BUT HE WANTED HIS VIEWS TO BE PUT INTO OUT TRACKING SYSTEM JUST IN CASE HE CANNOT ATTEND THE HEARING.
- * WILL WESTAR BE DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN THE VARIOUS SOLAR PANELS IN THEIR REQUEST?
- * ITS NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION TO FORCE THIS UTILITY TO TURN INTO A NON PROFIT MUTUAL UTILITY THUS GIVING RATE PAYER MORE CONTROL OVER THESE RATE INCREASES.
- * FIXED INCOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE HURT BY ANY INCREASES. IF YOU CHECK THE RECORD THEY HAVE NOT BEEN GETTING INCREASES AND SOME CANNOT EVEN KEEP UP WITH FOOD INCREASES AND HAVE EVEN BEEN FORCED TO BANKRUPTCY. THESE CONSTANT INCREASES MAY BE CONSIDERED UNDER THE ELDER ABUSE LAWS. YOU MAY BE THINKING NOT BUT YES IT IS.

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Complaint ID **100879**

Date Filed **07/14/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name LAUREN HARTKE	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 707 W. 6TH	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City NEWTON		
State KS Zip Code 6 7114		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **100879**

Date Filed **07/14/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

07/14/2015 CALLED AND SAID SHE IS OPPOSED TO WESTAR REQUEST. SHE SAID THEY JUST HAD AN INCREASE IN JUNE TO COVER ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS AND NOW WANT MORE MONEY RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS. SHE SAID THEIR EARNINGS WERE \$51 MILLION IN THE 1ST QUARTER AND WORKERS DON'T SEE ANY INCREASE IN THEIR PAY OR SOC. SECURITY WHEN THE RATES GO UP. SHE SAID WE NEED TO PUT A STOP TO THE REQUEST OR AT LEAST LOWER THE AMOUNT WE APPROVE. SHE SAID KANSAS IS STRUGGLING AND WAGES ARE STAGNANT AND THE STATE WON'T RECOVER.

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Complaint ID **100880**

Date Filed **07/14/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name JOHN CONAWAY	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 1300 NW DAISY DR.	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66618		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

Complaint Coding

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Complaint ID **100880**

Date Filed **07/14/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

07/14/2015 MR. CONAWAY CALLED AND IS A SHAREHOLDER AND A CUSTOMER OF WESTAR AND SAID WE HAVE SOME OF THE BEST RATES AS HE OWNS PROPERTY IN OTHER STATES AND NOT AS GOOD THERE. HE SAID IT IS JUSTIFIED DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL. HE SAID HE IS AGAINST THE SOLAR PEOPLE NOT WANTING TO PAY FOR THE GRID.

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Complaint ID **100882**
 Date Filed **07/14/2015**
 Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name BETTY BENGSTON	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

Complaint Coding

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Complaint ID **100882**

Date Filed **07/14/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/14/2015 NO, NO. NO. WE CAN'T EVEN AFFORD WESTAR RATES NOW. I THINK WESTAR IS TRYING TO GET A BIG AMOUNT FOR THE SHAREHOLDERS. THAT IS TOO MUCH OF AN INCREASE. THAT IS TERRIBLE. OUR SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS CANNOT HANDLE ANYMORE. THEY DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

I AM AFRAID OF THOSE SHAREHOLDERS KNOWING I AM AGAINST THIS INCREASE AND AM NOT GIVING MY ADDRESS OR ZIP CODE.

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Complaint ID **100884**

Date Filed **07/15/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name DENA RODELL	Home Phone (785)272-7055	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 2772 SW ARROWHEAD RD	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66614		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **100884**

Date Filed **07/15/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/15/2015 I AM A SHAREHOLDER FOR WESTAR ENERGY. I WANT YOU TO SUPPORT WHAT WESTAR IS REQUESTING. THIS IS A COMPANY THAT HAS BEEN DEPENDABLE OVER THE YEARS.

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Complaint ID **100890**

Date Filed **07/16/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name BARBARA NEW	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address 614 N. WASHINGTON	Special Instructions	
City JUNCTION CITY		
State KS Zip Code 6 6441		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **100890**
Date Filed **07/16/2015**
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

07/16/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE AS ON MEDICARE AND DOESN'T QUALIFY FOR LIEAP

100891

Kansas Corporation Commission

Re: Docket # 15-WSEE-115-RTS

1500 SW Arrowhead Drive

Topeka, KS 66604

Dear KS Corporation Commission:

I'm writing this to let you know that I support the rate plans proposed by Westar Energy.

I believe that if solar panel owners continue to use the grid, they should pay their fair share of the cost.

Yours truly,
Barbathy New

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CORPORATION
COMMISSION

JUL 16 2015

PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION

Kansas Corporation Commission
Re: Docket# 15-WSEE-115-RTS
1500 SW Arrowhead Drive
Topeka, KS 66604
785-271-3100
public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov

100892

July 13, 2015

in response to the
letter I received. I have
never been unhappy
about the cost of my bill.
I will support the
rate plans you propose.

Sincerely
Shirley Barnes

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CORPORATION
COMMISSION

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CONSUMER PROTECTION



Ms. Josephine Cahill
1500 N. Timothy Ln.
Wichita, KS 67212-1538

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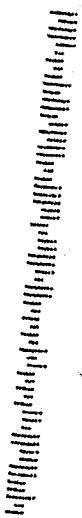
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COMMISSION

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

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KS Corporation Commission
Re: Doc. # 15-0556-115-RT6
1500 So. Broadway Dr.
Topeka, KS 66604



#100893

3 July 2005

I support West Energy
their need to supply
with energy.

Our panel owners that
use these grids need to
pay their fair share of
costs.

Sincerely,

Josephine Cahill,

1500 Timothy

Wichita, KS 67212-1538

Please adapt our current
rate design.

100894

July 12, 2015

Kansas Corporation Commission,

Westar Energy has a rate application pending with the purpose of providing safe clean and affordable energy to all Kansans, at a price affordable with the cost to provide it. As Westar Energy customers, we ask the Commission to do the right thing and give Westar the rate increase so they can do the right thing for safe, clean and affordable energy.

Sincerely,

Howard & Mary A Graham
708 SW Grand Ct
Topeka, Ks 66606-2310

Howard Graham
Mary A. Graham

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Complaint ID **100895**
Date Filed **07/16/2015**
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name DON CHAMBERS	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 3750 ARMSTRONG	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67204		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Date Filed **07/16/2015**

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Narrative

07/16/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE AND SAID NOT FAIR TO SUBSIDIZE THEM.

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Complaint ID **100898**
Date Filed **07/16/2015**
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name DAVE SIMON	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 1755 STATE HWY 99	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City EUREKA		
State KS Zip Code 67045		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **100898**

Date Filed **07/16/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

07/16/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE. HE SAID WESTAR NEEDS TO HOLD BACK AND LEARN TO CONSERVE. HE IS PUTTING UP SOLAR PANELS TO HELP. HE SAID YOU DO THINGS TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND THEN GET PENALIZED WHICH HE DOESN'T THINK IS FAIR. HE SAID HE IS 73 AND ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND CAN'T AFFORD ANY MORE INCREASES.

#100899

Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Drive
Topeka, Ks 66604

Re: Docket#15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Commissioners:

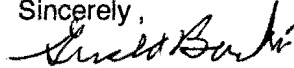
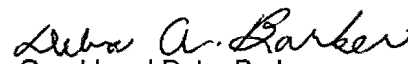
We have been shareholders of Weststar Energy since December 2009. We invested some of our retirement savings at that time. We have been very happy with our investment. Each quarter we receive a dividend which we reinvest in the corporation. We think Weststar energy is a very well managed company and is a company which helps make Kansas the great state that it is. It is composed of people who know the best way to provide fair rates to all Kansas residents.

We are also rate payers who have learned that Weststar energy is sensitive to it's customers too. We are living on a fixed income. Our electric bills are a little higher in the winter than in the summer. Weststar Energy allows us to pay a level pay bill all year long. This is a great blessing to us as we can budget our income better to meet our monthly expenses.

We have found that Weststar Energy is very aware of their responsibilities for the environment. In an effort to save energy they AT NO COST TO US installed a thermostat in our home which will save energy. They are presently making a large commitment to renewable energy.

We are quite proud of Westar Energy.

Sincerely,



Gerald and Deba Barker
21084 Millridge St.
Spring Hill, Ks 66084

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Dale K Day

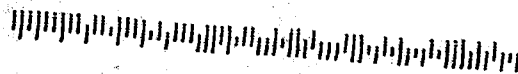
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We recently commissioned a research study to learn more about how our customers feel about renewable energy. As we suspected, more than 90 percent like the idea of more renewable energy. We agree. That's why Westar has made the largest commitment to renewable energy in Kansas, making it an important part of our energy mix. ~~It's important to note, though, that 90 percent also say anyone still connected to the grid should pay their fair share of keeping it up-to-date, safe and reliable. Furthermore, nearly 80 percent felt that if they do not have solar panels,~~

Dale K Day

Dale K Day
4950 SW Huntoon St Apt 1302
Topeka KS 66604-2324

PO Box 889 / Topeka, KS 66601-0889 / (785) 575-6530 / WestarEnergy.com / Mark.Huene@westar.com





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Dean Denner
785.317.3824

Dear KCC,

7-12-15

My electric bill with Westar Electric has averaged \$21²⁵ for the 4 past months.

This is because I do things like hang out my laundry, use compact fluorescent, and open my house on cool evenings while keeping it shaded on hot days.

If you grant Westar a service fee increase from \$12/month to \$27/month my bill will increase by \$15. This is 70%! (I understand they may lower the \$/kw but my consumption is low enough, that is much less significant than the flat rate.)

My deliberate efforts at energy conservation would be rendered virtually meaningless. I choose to conserve not just so that my bill will be lower but also so that Westar will have less need to build a new power plant and so that we have less global warming.

Please do not structure our rates to diminish energy conservation ~
Dean Denner 1204 Colorado, Men KS 66502

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Kansas Corporation Commissioner

Topeka, Ks

Re: West's Proposed Raise
Increase

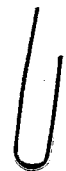
Sir:

What a raise! You know
you're not the only "hill"
I pay each month. I'm
a 94 yr old woman trying
to stay in my home. A
few more like you and
you'll send me to a Rest
Home. I'm not getting
this kind of a raise in
any money coming in. I
have 7 children with 4
on five incomes. I'm
sure we're not alone and
you'll hear from many
of them and you'll cut
this raise down to half.

Sincerely

Hazel S. Wynn

619 Union St. Otago, KS 66521



#100903

7-13-2015

Attention Ks Corporation
Commission

I'm writing this concern
as a shareholder in Westar
Energy. Has been brought to
my attention out-of-state lobbyists
have stepped up scare tactics
about integrity of Westar.

The company has furnish power
to Kansans, for decades. Please
look out for us - not California
Solar power companies?

Yes, our nation needs the
renewable energy and as more
persons have their own solar
panels or wind towers, it helps
everyones load highs. But if
they are still hooked to Grid,
a fair share should be paid.
No one should have to pay for
any one elses power.

You need to also think of



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Investigator **SGONZALE**

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City DERBY		
State KS Zip Code 6 7037		

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Narrative

07/17/2015 WE ARE ON A FIXED INCOME AND WE DO NOT GET INCREASES LIKE WESTAR. WE HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH WHAT WE HAVE. PRETTY SOON IT GETS PRETTY TIGHT. WE DON'T HAVE BIG RETIREMENT PLANS. WESTAR HAS HAD 22 INCREASES SINCE 2009. NOBODY ELSE GETS THAT MANY INCREASES...MUST BE NICE. WESTAR RATE INCREASE IS NOT OK.

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City GREAT BEND		
State KS Zip Code		

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Narrative

07/20/2015 WESTAR OFFERED TO MAKE A DONATION TO A CHARITY AND NOW THEY ARE RAISING THEIR RATES. UTILITIES AND TAXES ARE THE BIGGEST BURDEN. UTILITY RATES ARE ABSOLUTELY DIFFICULT TO PAY. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OPTION WITH THE COMPANIES YOU USE.
I AM NOT A WESTAR CUSTOMER BUT AM A KANSAS GAS CUSTOMER. I DON'T FEEL PEOPLE SHOULD BE TAKING MONEY FROM THEIR CUSTOMERS AND GIVING IT AWAY TO PEOPLE THAT CAN'T PAY THEIR BILLS THEN ASKING FOR RATE INCREASE. IT MAKES NO SENSE.

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 6 6617		

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Narrative

07/20/2015

ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE IN TOPEKA TO INSTALL SOLAR. INVOLVED WHEN NOT DOING NET METERING AND THE RATE WAS ABOUT 2 TO 1 RATIO. VERY UNFAIR SYSTEM. THE REASON ADOPTED TO GO TO SOLAR WAS THAT KANSAS WAS GOING TO GO TO NET METERING.

UNGENEROUS AS NOT PAYING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE. HAVE TO PROVIDE EXTRA INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE NET METERING IS NOT PAYING FAIR SHARE. BUT IF CUSTOMER IS GENERATING ELECTRICITY IT IS SAVING WESTAR.

ANNOYED GET CHARGED A \$12 CUSTOMER FEE AND EVEN IN A MONTH THAT HE GENERATES ALL OF ELECTRIC IN ONE MONTH HE STILL PAYS THE FEE. HE BELIEVES THE MONTH THAT HE IS 100% SUFFICIENT SHOULD NOT CHARGE A CUSTOMER CHARGE FOR THAT PARTICULAR MONTH.

OWNS A FEW SHARES OF WESTAR AND ATTENDED 2 OR 3 ANNUAL MEETINGS AND ASKED EACH TIME WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO WITH SOLAR AND STATED NOT INTERESTED IN SOLAR BUT WITH WIND.

100916

I support the rate plan Victory
Proposes.

Pauline S Wolfe

STATE
CORPORATION
COMMISSION

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION

#100917

7-14-2014

Sir

In response to your letter I cannot attend the meeting in Wichita; but I want to express my opinion.

First my husband worked thirty seven years for K P & L - Weston. My oldest son for forty years and my youngest son for forty two years.

Also we have an all electric home. People are always amazed how much lower my electric bill is, compared to their electric, gas and water bill.

I know that much of the cost of the energy is caused by government rules to high pollution.

And it does not help when someone who is using the power does not pay for it.

I for one am tired of free loaders. So I back you 100%.

Sincerely

Gertie C. Seifert
5316 N. Halsted
Hutchinson Ks.

67502

#100918



Ms. Laurie Hartke
707 W. 6th St.
Newton, KS 67114

Docket NO 13-WSFE-115-RTS

I am writing to express my opinion of the Westar Energy request for a rate increase. I am opposed to the request!

Westar just received an approval for an increase which started in June 2015, to cover costs of its environmental projects.

Now they want more money from hard working customers also relating to environmental requirements.

They had first quarter earnings of \$51 million down somewhat from the previous quarter, so I assume the share holders are screaming for higher dividends. However, that is no reason to saddle their customers with higher rates. Workers do not see an increase in their take home pay each time Westar gets an increase, nor do I see a raise in my monthly social security.

Every year Westar makes numerous requests for increases. I am asking you, the KCC, to put a stop to these requests, or at the very least greatly lower the amount approved.

Not everyone has extra money to pay these increases. Kansas is still struggling from the recession of 2008. The state will never recover if rates continue to rise while wages stay stagna

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Thank you for your consideration
of my opinion.

Sincerely,

Laurie A. Hartke

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Investigator **SBOYD**

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State ks Zip Code		

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Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

07/20/2015

- * MS. NEUBERGER IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE FOR WESTAR ENERGY.
- * SHE HAS AN ALL ELECTRIC HOOUSE AND IF PASSED, THIS INCREASE WOULD RAISE HER BILL BY \$30 PER MONTH OR MORE.
- * PLEASE REJECT WESTAR'S PROPOSAL.

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Date Filed **07/20/2015**

Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/20/2015

* MS. BROCKMAN IS CONCERNED ABOUT HOW WESTAR IS SPENDING MONEY. AT ONE TIME SHE WORKED FOR KGE AND SOMETHING JUST DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT ABOUT WESTAR. IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE WELL MANAGED AND SHE THINKS THAT THE COMPANY SHOULD LOOK INTERNALLY FOR WAYS TO SAVE MONEY.

* MS. BROCKMAN HAS SEEN EMPLOYEES DRINKING AFTER WORK AND SHE WONDERS HOW THEY CAN FUNCTION THE NEXT DAY. SHE IS WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THIS COMPANY AND THE FUTURE FOR RATEPAYERS. PLEASE REJECT THE WESTAR REQUEST.

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

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State KS Zip Code 6 7117		

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

07/20/2015 MR. SCHROEDER IS OPPOSED TO WESTAR'S RATE INCREASE REQUEST. HE WANTS TO KNOW HOW MANY INCREASES DO THEY GET IN ONE YEAR. HE SAID THEY DON'T RAISE HIS SOCIAL SECURITY THAT MUCH.

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

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State KS Zip Code 67501		

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Narrative

07/21/2015 IT SEEMS LIKE WESTAR IS GIVEN AN INCREASE EVERY YEAR. I MAKE 633.00 PER MONTH AND EVERY PENNY I HAVE TO GIVE THEM EXTRA TAKES AWAY FROM MY FOOD. THEY DON'T NEED ANOTHER INCREASE. SOMEONE NEEDS TO MAKE THEM STOP ASKING FOR MORE. I AM HAVING TROUBLE PAYING FOR THEIR LAST INCREASE. PEOPLE ON SOCIAL SECURITY ARE HAVING A HARD ENOUGH TIME PAYING THIER BILLS. WHAT LITTLE INCREASE WE GET EACH YEAR GETS TAKEN AWAY BY MEDICARE SO WE REALLY DON'T GET AN INCREASE. I WISH YOU ALL WOULD CONSIDER THOSE ON SOCIAL SECURITY WHO GET PAID ONLY ONCE A MONTH AND REALLY DON'T GET AN INCREASE. WESTAR IS MAKING PLENTY ENOUGH THAT THEY DON'T NEED AN INCREASE.

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State KS Zip Code 67002		

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Complaint ID **100927**

Date Filed **07/21/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/21/2015 WESTAR IS CHOKING OUT SOLAR ENERGY. THEY JUST RAISED THEIR RATES AND IF GAS AND GROCERIES CONTINUE TO INCREASE I WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH UP. I GET A MEASLY 2% RAISE AT WORK BUT THAT'S ALREADY GONE AND MEANS NOTHING WITH ALL THESE INCREASES.
WESTAR CANNOT GO UP AND SHOULD NOT GO UP.

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Date Filed **07/21/2015**
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

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City LAWRENCE		
State KS Zip Code 66047		

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Narrative

07/21/2015 IS OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE. HE SAID IT IS OUT OF LINE AND WOULD LIKE FOR THE KCC TO DO THEIR JOB TO HOLD THE COST OF THESE BIG EXPENSES THE PAST 5 YEARS. HE SAID DESPITE BUYING LOW ENERGY APPLIANCES AND TURNING THE A/C UP IN SUMMER AND HEAT DOWN IN THE WINTER THEY ARE STILL RUNNING 25% MORE AND THEIR BILL IS OVER \$150 A MONTH.

07/21/2015 HE SAID THE KCC NEEDS TO PUSH BACK AND NOT ROLL OVER FOR WESTAR AS IT ISN'T ETHICAL AND NOT RIGHT AND GREEDY. HE SAID THEY ARE TRYING TO CONSERVE ON A FIXED INCOME FOR YEARS AND THERE COMES A TIME WHEN PEOPLE GET SQUEEZED AND CAN'T CONTINUE TO SEE THEIR ELECTRIC GO UP ANYMORE.

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State KS Zip Code 66605		

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Narrative

07/21/2015 IS OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE. HE SAID THEY SHOULDN'T DO AWAY WITH NET METERING FOR SOLAR AND SHOULDN'T BE CHARGING DIFFERENT RATES FOR DOING THAT. HE SAID THEY ALREADY PAID FOR WOLF CREEK. HE SAID THE KCC NEEDS TO RUN IT'S OWN STUDIES AND SEE IF NEED ANYMORE MONEY. HE SAID HE IS A STOCKHOLDER OF WESTAR.

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City MANHATTAN		
State KS Zip Code 6 6502		

Contacts

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Investigator GSTEPHENS

Narrative

- 07/21/2015 SHE WENT TO THE MEETING AT THE SENIOR CENTER LAST WEEK IN MANHATTAN. SHE SAID THERE WERE COMMENTS FROM PEOPLE WHO HAD SOLAR POWER READY BUT BEING PENALIZED ON THE BASIC RATE FOR HAVING SOLAR POWER WHICH SHE DOESN'T THINK IS FAIR OR RIGHT TO PENALIZE THESE PEOPLE.
- 07/21/2015 SHE SAID THEY ARE TAKING AWAY MORE AND MORE FROM THE ELDERLY WHO WON'T BE ABLE TO SATY IN THEIR HOMES. SHE SAID OTHER PLACES IN KANSAS NOT TREATING THEIR CUSTOMERS LIKE WESTAR TREATS THEIR CUSTOMERS. SHE SAID THAT TELLS HER THEY ARE JUST OUT TO MAKE BIG MONEY AND DON'T CARE ABOUT THE CUSTOMERS.
- 07/21/2015 SHE SAID THEY SHOULD BE USING THEIR PROFITS FOR THINGS AND NOT COMING BACK ON THEIR CUSTOMERS TO PAY FOR IT. SHE SAID PEOPLE WHO HAVE INVESTED TO SAVE THE PLANET WITH SOLAR POWER AND THEY DO NOT LIVE EXTRAVAGANTLY SHOULD NOT BE PENALIZED LIKE WESTAR IS PROPOSING TO DO AND PEOPLE ARE ANGRY.
- SHE SAID SHE IS IN HER 70'S AND WORKED UNTIL AGE 68 AND IS NOT ON GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND CONSERVES SO SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE BUT IT IS GETTING MORE DIFFICULT TO LIVE ON A FIXED INCOME. SHE SAID SHE HANGS HER CLOTHES ON THE LINE AS DOESN'T HAVE A DRYER AND CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY A NEW ONE AND SHE UNPLUGS ALL LIGHTS AND BUNDLES UP IN THE WINTER TO SAVE ON COSTS AND IT IS DIFFICULT NOT TO HAVE HEAT ON WHEN YOU ARE ELDERLY AND THERE ARE A TON OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO ARE WORSE OFF AND WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES WHICH HIS SAD BECAUSE THEY HAVE WORKED HARD TO HAVE A HOME AND WANT TO LIVE IN IT.

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

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City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66614		

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/21/2015 WE SAY NO TO A WESTAR INCREASE. THEY CAN'T RUN A BUSINESS BETTER THEN THEY DON'T DESERVE A RAISE. THEY ARE CROOKS. THEY DON'T RUN WESTAR ETHICALLY OR CORRECTLY. WE PAY ENOUGH NOW! WE ARE ADAMANT ABOUT WESTAR NOT GETTING AN INCREASE.

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 6 6604		

Contacts

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/21/2015 I HOPE THAT WESTAR DOES NOT GET THE RATE INCREASE. I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A RAISE LATELY AND THEY GET ALL KINSS OF RAISES.

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City HUTCHINSON		
State KS Zip Code 67502		

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Date Filed **07/21/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

07/21/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE. HE SAID THEIR TAXES ARE INCREASING AND THEY ARE RETIRED AND ON FIXED INCOMES AND CAN'T AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT HEAT AND AIR CONDITIONING IN KANSAS AND PAYING ENOUGH.

HE SAID TO ASK FOR THAT MUCH AT ONE TIME PLACES A BIG BURDEN ON PEOPLE.

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66605		

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Narrative

07/21/2015 I AM ON DISABILITY AND I CANNOT AFFORD THIS INCREASE FOR WESTAR. THEIR RATES KEEP GOING UP BUT OUR MONEY DOESN'T. STOP RAISING IT. THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT HERE STRUGGLING, GETTING LIGHTS TURNED OFF BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT.

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Mailing Address P O BOX 127	Special Instructions	
City TESCOTT		
State KS Zip Code 67484		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/22/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE. HE SAID THEY NEED TO REDUCE THE SALARIES AND BONUSES OF THE EXECUTIVES.

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66614		

Contacts

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07/22/2015 I AM IN OPPOSITION OF THE WESTAR INCREASE. IT JUST SEEMS THEY KEEP ASKING FOR MORE AND MORE.
I AM ASKING THE COMMISSION TO TAKE OUR VOICE IN TO CONSIDERATION.

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City LAWRENCE		
State KS Zip Code 6 6049		

Contacts

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REFUSED TO GIVE ADDRESS.

I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY EXPECT US OLD PEOPLE TO PAY OUR BILLS. THERE IS NO WAY TO INCREASE MY INCOME AND I TRY TO USE MINIMUM ELECTRICITY BUT HOW DO THEY EXPECT US TO PAY THOSE BILLS? WESTAR CAN'T RAISE OUR RATES EACH MONTH.

I AM ALL ALONE AND WORRIED ABOUT WHAT I'LL DO IF RATES GO UP. RENT IS TOO HIGH AND I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN STAY IN MY HOME IF WESTAR GOES UP.

I AM ON OXYGEN AND HAVE TO HAVE AIR CONDITIONING. I AM ELDERLY AND OTHERS MY AGE ARE SCARED TO DEATH. THEY NEED TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING BEING RAISED LIKE TAXES AND FOOD. THEY SHOULD HAVE TO TAKE INCOME INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN DECIDING OUR RATES.

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Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City HUTCHINSON		
State KS Zip Code 67501		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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07/22/2015 I AM AGAINST WESTAR RAISING THEIR RATES.

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Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City JUNCTION CITY		
State KS Zip Code 66441		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/22/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE GOING FROM \$12-\$27 AS WILL BE A HARDSHIP ON FIXED INCOME PEOPLE

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66606		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/22/2015 . AGAINST WESTAR RATE INCREASE. SHE IS A RETIREE FROM THE STATE AND DOESN'T GET BIG INCREASES FROM KPERS FOR HER RETIREMENT AND CAN'T AFFORD THIS. SHE SAID TOO SEVERE AND THEY SHOULDD ABSORB IT THROUGH THEIR COST OF BUSINESS PLUS LOOK AT SALARIES AND BONUSES.

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City LAWRENCE		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/22/2015 CALLED AND UPSET WITH WESTAR RATE INCREASE AND USING HIS RATES TO GIVE THE GOVERNOR MONEY AS IT IS WRONG.

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Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City EUDORA		
State KS Zip Code 66025		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/23/2015 DEFINITELY AGAINST THE WAY WESTAR HAS PROPOSED THE RATE INCREASE. PUTS MOST OF THE BURDEN ON HOME OWNERS AND NOT THE BUSINESSES. WESTAR'S PRPOPOSAL FOR SOLAR... DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ARE AGAINST IT. THIS IS THE WAY WE SHOULD BE GOING INSTEAD OF COAL POWERED PLANTS.

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Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City EUDORA		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/23/2015 PUTTING A BURDEN ON HOMEOWNERS DOES NOT LIKE IT AT ALL

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Date Filed **07/23/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 901 N MAIN	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City GODDARD		
State KS Zip Code 67052		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

07/23/2015 I DON'T THINK WESTAR NEEDS THE RATE INCREASE. WE CAN'T AFFORD IT. MY WIFE AND I ARE ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND ARE HANDICAPPED. ANY MORE INCREASES AND WE JUST CAN'T DO IT. MY WIFE AND I WANT TO VOTE NO ON THE WESTAR INCREASE.

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67209		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/23/2015 IT'S GETTING TO THE POINT THAT WESTAR NEEDS TO HAVE COMPASSION FOR THOSE ON FIXED INCOMES. ALL THESE INCREASES ARE UNNECESSARY. THEY ARE BEING INCONSIDERATE OF THE ELDERLY .WESTAR IS FILLING STOCKHOLDER POCKETS AND NOT CONSIDERING THE ELDERLY THAT DON'T HAVE MUCH AND ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR BILLS.

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Date Filed **07/23/2015**

Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City ARKANSAS CITY		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

07/23/2015 MR. KINGSLEY IS OPPOSED TO ANY RATE INCREASE FOR WESTAR ENERGY. HE IS ON A FIXED INCOME WHICH SELDOM INCREASES, BUT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH EVERYTIME YOU TURN AROUND WESTAR IS BACK ASKING FOR A RAISE. CUSTOMERS JUST CAN'T TAKE THAT ANY LONGER, SO PLEASE DENY WESTAR'S REQUEST.

MR. KINGSLEY ALSO VOICED CONCERN ABOUT SUNFLOWER BUILDING A PLANT IN KANSAS TO POWER HOMES IN COLORADO.

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66614		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/23/2015

IF PEOPLE WHO OWN SOLAR PANELS HAVE THE ABILITY TO GENERATE ENERGY, WITH EQUIPMENT THEY PURCHASE, THEN SELL TO WESTAR, WHO THEN RESELLS IT FOR A PREMIUM PRICE WITH NO INVESTMENT FROM THEIR POCKETS, THAT IS PURE PROFIT FOR WESTAR. THIS IS NOT FAIR TO CONSUMERS. THERE SHOULD BE AN OFFSET TO THIS.

IF WESTAR IS IDENTIFYING INEFFICIENCIES THEN WHY IS THEIR A RATE INCREASE NEEDED?

WESTAR HAS NO RISK ASSOCIATED WITH DOING BUSINESS SINCE THEY CAN PASS ALONG ALL COSTS/EXPENSES TO THEIR CUSTOMERS SO THEY ARE GUARANTEED A PROFIT. THEY HAVE NO COMPETITION AND WE WOULD EXPECT BUT THEY ARE NOT GOOD STEWARDS OF PUBLIC TRUST.

IT SEEMS LIKE THEY GET A RATE INCREASE EVERY YEAR. I DON'T GET AN INCREASE EVERY YEAR. I DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO HAVE NO COMPETITION, WE HAVE TO BUY FROM THEM AND THEY GET INCREASES WHENEVER THEY ARE REQUESTED.

THIS MODEL HAS SHIFTED TOWARDS CORPORATIONS, THIS SMACKS OF CORPORATE WARFARE.

I WILL HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO TRUST THE WORK OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND HOPE ALL IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE THE DECISION IS MADE.

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Street Address 1260 RD 80	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City OLPE		
State KS Zip Code 6 6865		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/23/2015 I HOPE THEY TURN DOWN THIS REQUEST FOR THIS WESTAR INCREASE. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME THEY ASK FOR AN INCREASE WE ARE TOLD AT SOME POINT HOW MUCH THEIR CEO IS NOW MAKING. THIS IS A SLAP IN THE FACE OF THOSE WITH LIMITED OR NO INCOMES, WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR BILLS.
I HOPE THEY VOTE NO.

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Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 66614		

Contacts

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I WOULD LIKE THE KCC TO LOOK VERY THOROUGHLY AT THE WESTAR RATE INCREASE REQUEST AND LOOK TO SEE IF THERE IS A WAY TO MEET THEIR NEEDS SO WE ARE NOT LOOKING AT A 13.00 INCREASE ON AN AVERAGE BILL. I AM NOT OPPOSED TO SOME INCREASE BUT THIS SEEMS QUITE LARGE. I AM RETIRED AND ON A FIXED INCOME AND UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T HAVE A KCC TO GO TO FOR AN INCREASE IN OUR INCOME. I AM A SHAREHOLDER. MY UNDERSTANDING FROM A LETTER RECEIVED FROM WESTAR IS THOSE TRYING TO USE SOLAR OR CLEANER ENERGY CREATIONS ARE NOT BEING TAXED AT THE EQUIVALENT LEVEL AS WESTAR ENERGY. THESE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES HAVE MADE SOME GOOD INROADS AND NOT SURE WE NEED TO UNDERWRITE THEM WITH TAX MONEY. THIS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT ALSO. I THINK THIS IS A FAIR AND EQUITABLE THING TO DO.

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City KANSAS CITY		
State KS Zip Code 6 6106		

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Narrative

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I AM REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SOLAR PANEL "SURCHARGE" AND I HEARD THEIR ARGUMENT ON THE RADIO THIS MORNING. I RAISE CHICKENS ON MY PERSONAL PROPERTY AND HAVE A SOLAR PANEL ON A FARM GATE. WITH MY OWN INVESTMENT IN THE SOLAR PANELS, I AM STILL GOING TO BE CHARGED BY WESTAR. WHAT'S NEXT? I UNDERSTAND THE RATE INCREASE MAY BE NEEDED BUT I DO NOT LIKE THAT WESTAR DOES NOT LIKE COMPETITION. THEY ARE TRYING TO FORCE OUT ALL TYPES OF COMPETITION LIKE SOLAR USERS. I HOPE THE THREE PEOPLE MAKING THE DECISION ON THE RATE INCREASE MAKE A REASONABLE RULING. I UNDERSTAND IF THE COMPANY NEEDS A LITTLE MORE MONEY FOR EPA BUT NOT AT THE RATE THEY ARE ASKING FOR. I THINK THE ARGUMENT IS LUDICROUS FOR THE EXTRA CHARGE FOR THE SOLAR PANELS. I WOULD FILE A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT IF CHARGES ARE ADDED TO MY BILL FOR THE SOLAR PANELS. THIS IS A STEP BACKWARDS IF WE ARE TRULY TRYING TO BE A GREEN STATE.

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Narrative

07/24/2015 MY WIFE AND I HAVE A BUSINESS IN TOPEKA. WE ARE EXTREMELY ANGRY ABOUT THIS RATE INCREASE. WE WORK HARD TO GIVE OUR CUSTOMERS GOOD VALUE FOR THEIR MONEY. THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN SEVERAL INCREASES OVER THE YEARS AND DO NOT FEEL THIS ONE IS JUSTIFIED. WE ARE ALSO VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SOLAR SURCHARGES THAT ARE PENALIZING THOSE TRYING TO BE EFFICIENT AND NOT BURNING FUELS AND OTHER ENERGY SOURCES. WE HAVE INVESTED OUR MONEY IN SOLAR PANELS AND FEEL WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THEM WITHOUT BEING CHARGED. WE ARE ADAMANT AT THIS TIME THAT THIS INCREASE NOT BE APPROVED.

July 9, 2015

Kansas Corporation Commission
266 N. Main Street, Ste 220
Wichita, KS 67202-1513

Westar Rate Review

Dear Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a long time and significant stockholder, I was very pleased that the Westar Energy has made a substantial commitment to the development and transmission of wind energy. Since Kansas, according to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, can produce in excess of 24 percent of the national energy needs through wind power, it is appropriate for Westar to be a leader and promoter of this energy source. I am proud of their commitment and their efforts to secure transmission facilities. Thank you for your assistance in both of these efforts.

However, I was shocked, appalled and disappointed in their proposal to charge solar energy providers an exorbitant line charge of \$50 per month (\$600 per year), pay them the lowest possible rate for solar power, and limit the number of solar customers with net metering to 290. I read the testimony of Ahmad Faruqui and found it shallow and biased with regard to distributed energy providers. He ignores the fact that solar energy providers save the utility energy during the peak utilization periods when energy costs are exorbitant. He ignores the fact that distributed energy has less line losses reaching customers which is especially important in large geographical service area as Westar incorporates. His generalizations are based on experiences with southern utilities which do not match the Kansas topography or utilization factors. Mr. Faruqui makes wonderful generalizations with regard to the utility's fixed charges relating to solar but then completely ignores the benefits to the utility from solar saving peak demand and providing distributed energy to reduce demand where line losses are significant. In such a presentation, both sides of the issue must be considered. His biases prevent him from considering the benefits of solar and allow him to conclude that any solar applications should be encouraged by political rather than economic factors (p. 16).

The proposed rate structure for a DG residential user who uses 600kW per month would be \$62 as I understand the proposal. The RSS user who uses 600kW per month would be \$64.20 as I understand the proposal. There would be no incentive for a DG user to be efficient or to limit their energy consumption whatsoever because their charges for the electricity would be in the fixed line fee and not in the variable use fee. Thus the incentive for the DG user is to use the 600kW whether he needs it or not. Further, the DG user should get a battery, take the 600kW and provide it to another party to recover his fixed line fee. The proposal needs reconsideration to encourage the adoption of DG which will make the Westar system more resilient and efficient while reducing peak demand.

100961

I ask you to reject this portion of the proposal and remand it back to Westar to consider a line fee for DG users in the neighborhood of \$27 which is their system wide line fee for 2019. I also ask you to encourage Westar to embrace solar energy as a portion on their base generation in future years and invest in it accordingly. Trying to limit the number of DG customers when 3 day lithium batteries at \$3,000 are two years away is foolishness. They will lose customers with the proposal on the table. Westar needs the vision to plan for and implement DG energy throughout their system.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely

Chilton W. McLaughlin

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Narrative

07/24/2015 I DON'T THINK WESTAR SHOULO GET THE RAISE BECAUSE THOSE ON SOCIAL SECURITY CAN'T AFFORD IT. WE ONLY GET 1.7% EACH YEAR.

Gerrie Lippert

100963

From: JoAnn F <feastlawrence@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 11:33 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS

Re: Docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am opposed to any and all attempts by any utilities that the KCC regulates to increase the fixed monthly service charges of any and all public utilities. I purchase electricity via a customer of Westar, and already find the monthly fixed service charge, to be a regressive tax, which penalizes my investment in renewables and probably deters others from embracing alternatives to fossil fuels. People who are installing solar electric, wind or other non-polluting energy generating options that feed excess into the grid should be encouraged to do so (by allowing them to apply their excess energy generation to offset such monthly charges completely) -- since collectively such efforts could substantially offset peak energy demands and thus delay or even make completely unnecessary the building of additional infrastructure for energy generation.

Unfortunately the current regulatory mechanisms and position of the KCC actually work against US energy independence, and reductions of carbon emissions. Furthermore, my experience with Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative suggests that without leadership from the KCC on these issues -- the status quo simply has too much inertia, tradition and moneyed interests maintaining it -- to the detriment of our community overall. In fact I sent the letter below to Kaw Valley Electric (the Westar Customer who provides my access to the grid) and shockingly, to date, I have not received any reply from them. I am looking to the KCC act in the public's interest now.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Farb

On Wed, May 20, 2015 at 8:07 PM, JoAnn F <sepiaspirit@hotmail.com> wrote:

To: Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative

We are customers of Kaw Valley Electric. We installed solar electric Photovoltaic panels (PV) on our house last summer, and to date we have sent more electricity back into the grid than we have used from KVE. Unfortunately we are not able to use this surplus to offset our monthly service charges nor allow surplus months to offset charges from months when our energy generation is insufficient to meet all of our energy needs.

I'd like to suggest that KVE reevaluate this situation on behalf of us and the other nearly a dozen customers of KVE (and growing) who have installed PVs. I have been told KVE must be compensated for maintaining the grid and that is why you don't allow customers to zero out their bills. However you might want to consider the following:

- 1) Encouraging customers to install PV (by making it possible for them to completely offset their monthly fees to you) could enable KVE to grow to accommodate more customers without having to invest in additional infrastructure.

- 2) More customers with PVs would help you to shift your portfolio further to renewables.
- 3) PVs have maximum output at times of peak energy demand -- further allowing you to save money on infrastructure investment.
- 4) Failure to institute a policy rewarding people for installing PV's and enabling them to completely offset their monthly service charge to you, will encourage those of us who do this, to seek ways to go completely off grid, in which case you will lose customers AND lose the free renewable energy we are supplying to the KVE grid.
- 5) Options for us to go "off grid" are on the horizon. It is just a matter of time before these become economically incentivized enough for us to jump ship. <http://www.teslamotors.com/powerwall>

KVE is at a crossroads right now. You could build customer good will and loyalty by establishing policies that reward people for generating excess electricity and sending it back to the grid. This would be good for you, for us and for the planet.

Sincerely,

JoAnn and Joe Farb

CC: Other concerned citizens

Gerrie Lippert

#100964

From: Beckham <bjsmi73@rainbowtel.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 11:36 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Clean energy/grid attachment

It has come to my attention that an issue of fairness is upcoming before you in Docket# 15-WSEE-115-RTS. I currently do not have any other source than Westar for my electrical power. If I was able I would very much like to have a alternative source such as solar but I recognize that would only be an alternative and I would still need to have Westar as a back up. If that were the case it would only be fair to provide fair compensation to Westar in order to maintain their grid for the benefit of myself and others. I think anyone with an alternative source who is hooked to the grid should be required to pay a minimal grid maintenance to Westar. Should they provide enough excess power to Westar in the form of extra production then I think it fair for Westar to buy it at wholesale and charge a carry fee in support of the grid. If they are completely self sufficient and detached permanently from the grid then a maintenance fee would not be required but if re-attachment was required then at that time an attachment fee should cover the grid maintenance.

Thank you for your attention,

Beckham Smith
204 Navajo St
Hiawatha, Ks. 66434-1512

Gerrie Lippert

#100915

From: Ron Wood <ronwood@cpol.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 12:33 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Energy Rate Application

We are shareholders in Westar Energy and we rely on the dividends on our investment as a part of our retirement income.

Westar Energy provides good, safe, dependable electric service to its customers. It must have sufficient revenue to supply this service and to provide small, consistent dividends to its shareholders. Investors have a right to expect a reasonable return on their investment, and to deny this rate application because of attacks by special interest groups is detrimental to investors like us.

We urge you to approve this rate application so that we can continue to receive excellent electric service and reasonable dividends.

Ronald Wood and Barbara Wood
P O Box 647
Fort Scott, KS 66701

Gerrie Lippert

100 966

From: Jediebo@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2015 8:53 PM
To: publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us
Subject: Westar Energy

Kansas Corporation Commission
Re:Docket# 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I have complete faith in Westar Energy whether it be as an investment or a utility service. I believe they are being sensible in their involvement with renewable energy. Westar is a Kansas company for Kansans! Those elsewhere should pay their share for use of the grid.

Please consider Westar Energy's arguments against the use of the grid by solar companies who do not pay their fair share, particularly if they are no part of our state.

Sincerely, Edith G. Bogart

Gerrie Lippert

100967

From: Edward Greisch <edgreisch@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2015 12:06 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: rate hike

Power from the Wolf Creek nuclear power plant should be almost free now that the plant is paid for because uranium is very cheap.

Gerrie Lippert

#100968

From: brian hepburn <brian.hepburn@wichita.edu>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2015 8:16 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: AGAINST Westar proposed billing changes

Good morning,

I am strongly, vehemently opposed to the rate increase as proposed by Westar, on three points.

1. Their argument that their changes are based on fairness is flawed (and insulting).
2. The changes have nothing to do with fairness, as demonstrated by the costs they intend to burden both low and renewable energy users with.
3. Westar knows these changes are not fair and bound to be unpopular, which is why they were not forthright in the notice of public hearing. (To further insult Westar consumers by claiming the notice "mentions" these changes, as Commission spokeswoman Linda Berry, is disingenuous.)

My average bill is already 2.3 times my energy costs. This is largely because of the fixed customer charge, which on most months is 50% of my energy cost and 20% of my total bill. With the proposed increase by bill would be 2.44 times my energy cost on average.

Because the customer charge is fixed and such a large part of my monthly bill, the ratio is actually better when I use more energy.

Westar's argument that I am being subsidized by high energy users is totally flawed. The subsidies are, if anything, going in the other direction. Large users have a greater dependency on the power and so should pay accordingly. Furthermore, large users are generating profits from their energy use. I'm paying disproportionately just for the benefit of heating or cooling my home. No matter how efficient or responsible my usage is, well over half of the cost of my bill goes to fixed costs. Large scale users should be incentivized to curb their energy use or be more efficient. These changes are geared toward exactly the opposite: more cheap energy for industry on the backs of the poor and the small consumer. Worst of all, to imply that solar users are getting something for "free" because they put less burden on large scale generation defies logic, common sense, and civic and corporate responsibility. Westar should be ashamed.

For them to call their changes "fair" and pretend they are "new options" is infuriating, hypocritical, and a representation of the worst form of monopoly economics. This is exactly what the commission is supposed to prevent.

Sincerely,

Brian Hepburn
Wichita State University

#100969

Gerrie Lippert

From: Kandace <ash-kan@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2015 8:20 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Rate increase

It seems like a huge increase to expect customers to pay another \$3 per month over the next five years. That is a hardship on many customers including our middle income family and I would hate to see it passed on in the rent to my daughter and her family who are just scraping by. Also, it seems unfair to charge a higher rate for those using solar. As a state, we need to be encouraging such options.

Kandace Jones

Sent from my iPad

From: Tom Smith <shopper99@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2015 12:39 PM
To: publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us
Subject: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Commissioners:

I wish to comment on the above referenced Docket No. even though it will not be formally a part of the case record. As a Westar consumer for over 43 years, I feel I have standing to comment on the above Docket No. because of my long term use of Westar and the fact that it is the **SOLE MONOPOLY FROM WHICH I CAN PURCHASE ELECTRICITY**. Sometimes it does not appear that fact is fully considered. For elderly people like me living on a fixed income there are no feasible alternatives.

Westar's proposed rate design would increase the basic charge for **ONLY** residential consumers by \$3 each month for the next 5 years. That means just to keep the power on would increase from the current \$12 per month to \$27 per month--**44%** increase with no offsetting improvement in residential electric service. For solar or wind users, the base rate would increase even more.

If approved by the KCC, this runs counter to every National Goal to decrease the reliance on fossil fuels. It makes a mockery of the gains Kansas has made becoming the 3rd largest producer of electricity from wind power. Westar's comment that "I want to emphasize the fact that our proposals are designed with three objectives in mind--to give customers more choice in how they they purchase and use electric power..." Westar's statement is a complete sham since the fundamental premise of the rate increase is to drive up the base rates so high for wind and solar users that they will become uneconomic for the average homeowner. Westar's proposal reduces choice--it does not expand in any way.

This is confirmed by Westar's proposal to make solar and wind users pay a premium to link into Westar's power system. As such, Westar's premium base rates for wind and solar users will strangle the rooftop solar energy industry because homeowners' would forced to pay both the cost of their panel and Westar's higher base rate.

"If Westar's proposal is approved, **it will eliminate the solar rooftop industry in Kansas, it is as simple as that.**" said Sarah Wolfe of the Alliance for Solar Choice.

No other industry I know of, is allowed to increase their rates every year for five (5) consecutive years. That is totally egregious to those on fixed incomes who have no choice.

Westar's proposal in counterintuitive to what is occurring the rest of the United States. The rest of the United States is looking for any way they can reduce reliance on fossil fuels

and take every opportunity to increase "green" energy production. **Not Kansas. We are going backwards by making "green" energy production uneconomical. That is the bottom line and the KCC should see this proposal in exactly that light.**

Thomas B. Smith
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Gerrie Lippert

#100971

From: John Gould <1j3o5h7n@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2015 3:57 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Re: letter to shareholders, dated July 06, 2015

July 12, 2015
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Westar,

We read with interest President Ruelle's letter to shareholders, which (we feel) considerably augmented our understanding of the issues involved with energy production and transmission, whether off/from traditional resources (e.g., coal and natural gas) or from so called 'green energies,' such as solar radiation and wind.

Moreover, we appreciate Mr. Ruelle's concern for ordinary users who currently bear the costs of transmitting power from solar panel 'farms' via *the grid* to cities where the power is used (I *think* we got that right.), and who cannot afford their own array of solar panels to provide power in their homes. It also encourages us that a company that makes its money from selling electrical power should be concerned that users who wield little economic clout should be treated equitably.

I took a class (in the summer of 2011, taught by Mark Peterson, PhD and Bruce Mechtly, PhD) at Washburn University that addressed the economic and environmental concerns and technological challenges of finding and supplying adequate supplies of energy for future generations, while trying to minimize adverse effects on the environment; and doing this economically, while allowing that 'free markets' operate more efficiently than do coercive regulations or taxes, that may be imposed on energy industries by governmental agencies.

We will support the rate plans you propose to the KCC, believing that they will be based on real costs, the need for a reasonable profit margin, and the desire to give the best service possible to Westar's customers.

Sincerely,
John and Zelma Gould

Gerrie Lippert

100972

From: Johnson, Jon <johnsonj@usd311.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2015 8:19 PM
To: public.affairs; Letters@wichitaeagle.com
Subject: Rate Hike

Dear Westar & KCC

The rate and policy changes you are requesting once again go after the poor and help the wealthy. Basing rates on USAGE is only FAIR. I should not pay extra so Wal-Mart(dillons, menards, etc.) who makes millions can get more profit by not paying their fair share. If they CHOOSE to be open 24 hours a day and run their lights and cooling/heating system full blast they should pay for it.

And to punish small time solar users with excessive fees is also wrong. Your system of wiring is paid for and maintained by our monthly payments. Can I start billing you for the wear and tear on MY wiring in my house that your electricity travels on? Of course not.

This letter is started with you listed first and your lapdog(kcc) listed second for obvious reasons. Maybe this screw job on Kansas ratepayers won't pass but I would bet on the Cubs to win the world series before betting on this to be voted down by your Kcc Igors.

Jon Johnson
Cheney

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Narrative

07/24/2015 WHY DOES WESTAR HAVE TO DO A FLAT RATE? WHY NOT A PERCENTAGE USED TO MORE EVENLY DISTRIBUTE THE COSTS? A FLAT RATE IS GREEDY, INEFFICIENT. SOLAR USERS SHOULD BE ON A PER USE BASIS. I THINK THEY ARE TRYING TO GET ONE OVER ON THE CUSTOMERS. FURTHER COMMENTS OF BROWNBACK BEING INVOLVED MAKE IT MORE SUSPICIOUS. I DON'T APPROVE OF THE INCREASE FOR WESTAR.

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Narrative

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WE HAVE TWO ACCOUNTS ON OUR PROPERTY AND OUR WESTAR BILL HAS GONE FROM 7.00 TO 19.55 PER MONTH..ALMOST 300% INCREASE OVER 20 YEARS WITHOUT AN INCREASE IN USAGE. I WOULD BE DISTRAUGHT TO SEE PRICES CONTINUE TO RISE.

Gerrie Lippert

#100975

From: Anita and Stan Bohn <asbohn4@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 9:58 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Deny Rate Application

As a Westar Energy shareholder I DO NOT SUPPORT Westar's charging higher rates for those doing their own solar energy production.

Ernest Stanley Bohn, 41 Lakewood Circle , North Newton, KS 67117 316 283 6075

#100976

Gerrie Lippert

From: Allen Malik <allenmalik5256@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 9:05 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Pending Westar Rate Application with KCC

I'm a Westar Energy shareholder. I'm also a Kansas home owner that would love to have a solar array to help power my home. Hopefully one day I will realize that dream. Concerning the pending rate application I support Westar Energy's rate plans. Any person, business, etc., that receives electrical service from the grid must pay a fair share to maintain that grid. This fair rate should be paid by the by the watt whether the power is coming off the grid or going on from private sources, e.g., solar, wind, hydro, etc.

Sincerely,
Allen Malik
Burlington Kansas

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Narrative

07/24/2015 WITH HIGH GAS AND FOOD PRICES THEN INSURANCE RATES GOING UP, NOW ELECTRICITY...THERE HAS TO BE A STOPPING POINT. PEOPLE CANT' SURVIVE WITH ALL THESE INCREASES. IF WESTAR CAN KEEP THE RATES WHERE THEY ARE THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

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07/24/2015 DON'T KNOW WHY PAYING FOR INCREASE IN RATES. UNDERSTANDS USAGE CHARGE BUT NOT TO DOUBLE THEM UP. HAVE SEEN A LOT OF INCREASES OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS.

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 2941 VINEWOOD ST	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City MANHATTAN		
State KS Zip Code 6 6502		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **100980**

Date Filed **07/24/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/24/2015 I HOPE YOU DON'T GIVE WESTAR THE INCREASE AT THIS TIME. I ASK YOU NOT TO GRANT IT.

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Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name PAT DAVIS	Home Phone (316)207-5339	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 12000 MOONGLOW	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City DERBY		
State KS Zip Code 67037		

Contacts

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Date Filed **07/27/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/27/2015 I AM A WIDOW, RETIRED AND 80 YEARS OLD. I AM ON TOTAL ELECTRIC WITH A HEAT PUMP. MY WINTER HEATING BILLS WERE 300.00 PER MONTH AND NOW I CANT' BELIEVE WESTAR WANTS TO RAISE OUR RATES. AND THEN THEY OWE US MONEY AND THEY ARE PAYING US BACK AT 43 CENTS A MONTH. IF WE OWED A BILL, WE WOULDN'T GET AWAY WITH THAT.

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name SUE GAINES	Home Phone (620)794-1353	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 516 E 12TH AVE APT 4	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City EMPORIA		
State KS Zip Code 6 6801		

Contacts

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/27/2015 I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN AND CAN HARDLY PAY MY BILLS NOW. I ONLY GET 735.00 PER MONTH ON SSI. I AM NOT COMPLAINING BUT I CAN BARELY GET BY ON THIS EACH MONTH. THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS. I HOPE THIS RATE INCREASE DOES NOT GO.

Gerrie Lippert

#100985

From: Marilee <mmkmr2015@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 6:49 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Energyrate plan

We're small potato investors but appreciate Westar Energy's business model & support them wholeheartedly regarding the upcoming public hearings July 21st & 23rd.

Gerrie Lippert

100946

From: jay/nancy ford <fordjn@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2015 2:36 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Reference to Westar Rate Increase:

Commissioners, when/where does it ever stop for Westar's request's for Rate increase?? It seems there is no end in sight for these Corporations to want "MORE".

Please consider the Retired people trying to live on fixed incomes with no raises in sight and every Utility wanting to increase their Rates.

We are opposed to any additional rate increases at this time.

James & Nancy Ford
13201 Bridgefield Place
Wichita, Kansas 67230

Gerrie Lippert

#100947

From: Dean Denner <deandenner@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2015 7:39 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar fixed rate proposed increase

To increase the fixed rate from \$12 to \$29/month for being hooked up to our electric utility that is both guaranteed a profit and regulated for the common good ,IS PREPOSTEROUS.

That would make all of my efforts to reduce my energy use virtually meaningless financially.How would that serve the common good?

Dean Denner
1204b Colorado St.
Manhattan ,KS 66502

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Name CHRIS DARRAH	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 11130 LEGION DRIVE	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City MANHATTAN		
State KS Zip Code 6 6535		

Contacts

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/27/2015 I HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR 35 YEARS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WESTAR RATES GO UP. SOME OF MY STORES ARE PAYING MORE FOR ELECTRICITY THAN RENT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THEY ARE NEEDING TO RAISE RATES ALONG WITH 10% DIVIDENDS FOR SHAREHOLDERS. AT SOME POINT IN TIME THIS HAS GOT TO STOP. MY HOPE IS THAT WESTAR WILL LEARN TO BECOME MORE EFFICIENT AND IF NOT FIND WAYS TO HELP BUSINESSES STAY IN BUSINESS AND DECREASE THEIR BILLS. I NEVER HEAR OF WESTAR WILLING TO HELP OTHERS USE LESS ENERGY BUT ONLY CHARGING THEM MORE. THIS HAS TO STOP.

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Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name PAMMIE POWELL	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 816 CONGRESS ST APT 1	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City EMPORIA		
State KS Zip Code 6 6801		

Contacts

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07/27/2015 WE CAN'T AFFORD A RATE INCREASE. ONLY THE RICH CAN AFFORD THIS.

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 221 N HUGH ST	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code 67401		

Contacts

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07/27/2015 I DON'T THINK IT IS RIGHT TO RAISE RATES AT 25% AT A TIME. THIS IS ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. WESTAR IS ALWAYS WANTING MORE MONEY. I NEVER GOT RAISES LIKE THAT WHEN I WAS WORKING ANYWHERE.
I AM AGAINST THIER RATE INCREASE.

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 708 N 2ND	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City OLDSBURG		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/27/2015 THERE IS NO REASON FOR WESTAR NEEDING ANOTHER RAISE. IT IS TIME FOR THE KCC TO STEP UP AND STAND FOR THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS INSTEAD OF THE BIG MONEY.

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 7407 N COTTONTAIL DR	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City HUTCHINSON		
State KS Zip Code 67502		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/27/2015 WE NEED TO PUT A STOP TO ALL THESE RATE INCREASES. KCC WORKS FOR THE STATE OF KANSAS.
I HOPE SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE YOU DECIDE TO VOTE AGAINST THIS WESTAR INCREASE.

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Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name PAT NELSON	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 301 BAKER	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code 67401		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/27/2015 I DON'T AGREE WITH THE WESTAR RATE INCEREASE. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU EXPECT PEOPLE TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE INCREASES.

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Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name VIVIAN HOSKINSON	Home Phone (620)463-2976	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 6502 S WOODBERRY RD	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City BURRTON		
State KS Zip Code 6 7020		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/27/2015 I WOULD ASK THE KCC TO PLEASE NOT ALLOW THE RESIDENTIAL RATE TO GO UP. WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD 15.00 INCREASE PER MONTH. A 5.00 INCREASE WOULD BE MORE MANAGEABLE. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO MY COMMENTS.

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Date Filed **07/27/2015**
Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name EVERETT RICKABAUGH	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 1063 RD 135 LOT 9	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City EMPORIA		
State KS Zip Code 6 6801		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Investigator SGONZALE

Narrative

07/27/2015 I HAVE WATCHED WESTAR THROUGH THE YEARS. THEIR OWN PEOPLE DROVE THE COMPANY DOWN BUT IT'S BETTER NOW. THE CORPORATION HAS BEEN REAL LENIENT GIVING THEM WHATEVER THEY WANT. THE ELECTRIC SERVICE WAS PUT HERE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE AND NOT THE PEOPLE TO SERVE THE COMPANY. I AM ON A FIXED INCOME AND MANY LIKE ME WHO CAN BARELY KEEP THEIR LIGHTS ON. THE LINEMEN AND OTHERS AT THE COMPANY ARE BEING PAID WAY MORE THAN MOST PEOPLE. IT'S TIME TO STOP GIVING THEM EVERYTHING THEY WANT. I AM ADAMANT ABOUT THIS. THEY ARE WANTING TOO MUCH MONEY AND IT'S TIME TO STOP GIVING IT TO THEM.

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Complaint ID **100998**
Date Filed **07/27/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name DALE WOODHOUSE	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

07/27/2015

- * MS. WOODHOUSE DOESN'T THINK THAT WESTAR DESERVES A RATE INCREASE.
- * PEOPLE ON FIXED INCOMES MUST LIVE WITHIN THEIR MEANS AND IT IS TIME WESTAR STARTED LIVING WITHIN ITS MEANS.
- * PLEASE REJECT WESTAR'S REQUEST.

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Date Filed **07/27/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name ALEAN JONES	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State ks Zip Code		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

07/27/2015 * MS JONES DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT WESTAR DESERVES A RATE INCREASE.
* IF RATES DO INCREASE THEN PLEASE DO NOT INCREASE THE CUSTOMER CHARGE.

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Complaint ID **101000**
Date Filed **07/27/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name MARIE SIEMENS	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/27/2015 * MS. SIEMENS IS TIRED OF WESTAR CONSTANTLY ASKING FOR RATE INCREASES. IT IS TIME TO TAKE A STAND AND TO SAY NO.
* SENIOR CITIZENS ARE ALREADY HAVING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, SO PLEASE REJECT WESTAR'S PROPOSAL.

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Complaint ID **101001**
Date Filed **07/27/2015**
Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 413 BROOKHAVEN DR	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City MANHATTAN		
State KS Zip Code 6 6502		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/27/2015

I FEEL THAT IT'S A WRONG WAY TO GO ABOUT THE RATE INCREASE. I UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR INCREASES FOR UPGRADES BUT RAISING RATES SO HIGH DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. MY SUGGESTION IS TO RAISE RATES ON HOURLY USE - THIS IS A MORE FAIR WAY AND SUCH A LARGE COMPANY KNOWS THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS.
ALSO, THE PRESS REPORT ON CAMPAIGN DONATIONS BY WESTAR TO THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT HELP THEIR CAUSE.

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Complaint ID **101005**

Date Filed **07/27/2015**

Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name JOYCE PATTERSON	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

07/27/2015

- * MS. PATTERSON IS A WESTAR INVESTOR, BUT SHE IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO AN INCREASE IN WESTAR RATES.
- * THE CUSTOMER CHARGE IS HIGH NOW AND IT SHOULD NOT BE MOVED UP TO \$27. THAT KIND OF INCREASE IS UNCALLED FOR AND WOULD BE VERY HARD ON PEOPLE WITH FIXED INCOMES.

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name JOHN SWANSEN	Home Phone (620)474-5670	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/27/2015 WESTAR NEEDS TO STOP GETTING INCREASES. YOU CAN'T BLAME THEM. EVERY TIME THEY ASK FOR AN INCREASE, THEY GET IT. THAT JUST TEACHES THEM TO KEEP ASKING.
I AM ON A LIMITED INCOME. I TRY TO USE FANS TO KEEP COOL BUT WITH ANOTHER INCREASE I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO. I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT.

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

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Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 4963 NW SIOUX LN	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code 6 6618		

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Narrative

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#101010

From: AARP Kansas <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of PATRICIA THOMPSON
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 11:54 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Kansas Corporation Commission

Jul 2, 2015

Chariperson Shari Fiest Albrecht
1500 SW Arrowhead Rd
Topeka, KS 66604

Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler Chariperson Fiest Albrecht,

As a KCP&L Customer, I ask you to say "NO" to KCP&L Docket No. 15-KCPE-116-RTS!

As a utility consumer, I diligently try to conserve my home energy usage in an effort to keep my energy bills more affordable.

KCP&L has filed for a \$67.3 million base rate increase. They are asking to nearly double fixed electrical charges on monthly utility bills - the fee consumers pay before using any electricity at all.
KCP&L proposed increasing residential customer charges from \$10.71 to \$19.00.

Thank you for considering my request in reference to Kansas Corporation commission Docket No. 15-KCPE-116-RTS.

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for environmental purposes, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home and community.

Under the recent KCP&L request we as consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on -- if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, KCP&L's request for a 10.2% on equity for its shareholders is unfair and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions and higher than the rates granted utilities in other states. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Please keep utility consumers in mind when you hold hearings on this request.

I urge you to reject KCP&L's proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. PATRICIA THOMPSON
12632 Glenwood
Overland Park, KS 66209

Gerrie Lippert

#101011

From: Dwayne <dshow@southwind.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 9:30 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: westar

As a Westar Energy stockholder and customer and a Kansas resident, I wish to voice my support for the rate application Westar has pending with the KCC.

I ask that the unfounded, untrue and misleading information being presented by out-of-state lobbyists not negatively influence the decision for Westar.

As a Kansas corporation, Westar has a track record of a common sense approach to developing equitable pricing and providing safe, clean and reliable energy to their customers.

Dwayne Showalter
Haven, Kansas

From: JOHN SKELTON <skeltonjd@prodigy.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 10:36 AM
To: publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us
Subject: Comment on Westar Rate Increase Request

I opposed the proposed Westar Rate Increase of 7.9% because that increase greatly exceeds the inflation rate and because it will adversely impact on lower income consumers in Kansas. I do not believe this rate increase is justified and ask that the Commission reviewing it examine the submitted justification very carefully. When Westar runs a notice in the paper about this increase the wording should be in a font large enough to be easily read. It appears that the small font is an effort to discourage folks from reading the notice.

John Skelton
323 Maple Lane
Lansing, KS 66043

Gerrie Lippert

101013

From: Pamela Barba <p_barba@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 3:12 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Energy rate hikes

To whom it may concern,

As a Westar residential customer, I am very much opposed to the proposed rate increase of 7.9%. Westar has demonstrated in the past that they cannot be trusted as good stewards of the public interest, so consumers must rely on the KCC to hold them in check.

Thank you,
Pamela Barba

Gerrie Lippert

#101014

From: Duane Graham <gramprod@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 4:03 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar energy rate hike.

July 13, 2015

Kansas Corporation Commission regarding Westar Energy rate hike.

In regards to the letter to my wife and I that Westar Energy sent to us dated July 6, 2015. We cannot attend either of the meetings in Topeka or Wichita so we are taking this opportunity to express our opinions on the proposed rate hike, via this email. The letter asked that we express our opinion on the forthcoming rate hike due to the necessity of answering unfounded attacks from big California solar companies. Although we are very small stockholders of Westar Energy we feel you would want to hear our opinions on how the rate increase should be spent.

As consumers of Westar's product (electrical power) we feel that they have done us a lot of good service, are prompt and helpful. We are proud of what Westar has done for us and want to support them as much as possible. But....

We feel that air pollution is getting worse in the world, that we must discontinue the use of coal, gas and oil to power the generators that produce the electricity we all have become used to. We do believe that climate change is very real and we must take steps to reverse air pollution if at all possible. We want this for our children, our grandchildren and though we do not have any yet, our great grandchildren.

We also feel that this country, and for that matter all the nations of the world must begin to change how we power the generators that are used to give us electricity. It will not be easy, it will take a long time, but my wife and I feel that it is time for Westar to begin the development and construction of a system for solar power to generate the increasing demand for more and more electricity. We know it will take time, but we feel Westar must start and continue until fossil fuels will no longer be needed.

We would like to see the increased rate payments we will have to pay to Westar used to commence the development of power generation by solar energy. There are problems using power generated by the sun during the day as solar energy is not available at night. However we also know that there are solutions for that, such as through the use of storage batteries for nighttime energy use. We're not sure how available those batteries are now, but know that companies are commencing to develop and to manufacture those batteries not only for home use but also for industrial use. We know that the state of Hawaii has commenced using solar power along with conventional methods to power their generators.

We feel it would be better to see the money spent, not fighting the California solar companies, but to use it to develop solar energy that can be sold to us by the company that now serves us, that company being Westar.

In closing I wish to thank Westar for the great service we have had over the years.

Duane and Nettie Graham

Gerrie Lippert

101015

From: Diane Barker <dogsbodyd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 6:13 PM
To: public.affairs
Cc: diane@ksu.edu
Subject: Westar Policies That Hamper Customers

Dear Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a resident of Kansas since 1969, I cannot express how profoundly disappointed I am in the lack of constructive leadership in this state concerning renewable energy. I plan to install solar panels on my home. The fact that Westar seems threatened by my initiative is puzzling. Solar energy isn't replacing Westar but rather takes the pressure off during peak usage. I will oppose any roadblocks Westar devises to discourage people from acting responsibly to produce energy that does not endanger the future of the planet. Westar was a team player in the beginning, cooperating with customers who stepped up to produce energy. What changed in the board room? They have refused the opportunity to pursue wind and solar instead of coal, nuclear, gas, and oil.

I'm also puzzled by who the KCC is meant to serve. Would it be taxpayers or corporations? Would it be a clean energy future or dirty energy past?

Thank you for encouraging Kansans to pursue solar and wind and geothermal energy for the good of their neighbors and future generations.

Yours Environmentally,
Diane Barker

From: John Brownlee <pathmage@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 8:57 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Solar Energy

Dear Members of the Board,

Your new regulations are a step backward when they should be a step forward. Westar should be encouraging solar generation and profiting as a marketplace for the electricity which individuals can produce through an improved grid, (which since you are perfectly willing to pass costs of projects underway to the consumer you should also be willing to actually construct as opposed to simply grifting the public with an outdated system). Instead of requiring a usurious and unfounded flat fee, Westar should require the purchase (with an option for generous financing) of a battery system that Westar can draw on during partial outages. Along with the new Tesla battery system, (or the refurbished auto battery system if you're really that strapped for cash) this distributed network will prevent outages while solidifying Westar's position as a servant of the people. The tyranny of this system will end in one of two ways: Westar will provide a distributed uninterruptable power supply using local generation at a reasonable rate, or we will do so ourselves as you scream uselessly against your own obsolescence. Try to stay ahead of the game this time.

Best wishes,
John Brownlee

Gerrie Lippert

#101017

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dennis Dehn
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 5:20 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 14, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dennis Dehn
1219 B Glendale Dr
Topeka, KS 66604

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Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name MARTIN EHLMER	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address BOX 127	Special Instructions	
City TESCOTT		
State KS Zip Code 67484		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **101019**

Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name BILL MORTON	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State KS Zip Code		

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- * MR. MORTON BELIEVES THE RAISE THAT WESTAR REQUESTED IS WAY TOO MUCH, IN FACT IT IS "JUST CRAZY."
- * HE THINKS THAT PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE ON FIXED INCOMES, CAN'T HANDLE ANOTHER INCREASE AS THEY ARE JUST BARELY GETTING BY NOW.
- * MR. MORTON ALSO SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION IT IS UNETHICAL FOR THE GOVERNOR TO REQUEST COTRIBUTIONS FROM A REGULATED COMPANY.

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Date Filed **07/28/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name ELIZABETH GLISSMAN	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code		

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Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Narrative

07/28/2015 SAY NO TO ANOTHER RATE INCREASE FOR WESTAR. DUE TO SENIOR CITIZENS ON A FIXED INCOME AND WESTAR NEEDS TO WORK WITHIN THEIR BUDGET AND WORK WITHIN THEIR MEANS. NO NO NO MORE RATE INCREASE.

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Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name KARLA MICKLER	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code 67401		

Contacts

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City BERRYTON		
State KS Zip Code 6 6409		

Contacts

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Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of William Lynch
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 5:51 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

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Sincerely,

Mr. William Lynch
3700 Clinton Parkway
Apt. 1301
Lawrence, KS 66047
(520) 247-1066

101026

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Stephanie Sell
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 5:51 PM
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Ms. Stephanie Sell
532 SE Rodgers St
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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Mr. Steve Jeanneret
1922 NE 70
Topeka, KS 66617

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 5:20 PM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Sallyh Henry
7649 SW 10th
Topeka, KS 66615

101029

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Wayne Hestand
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 6:21 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Wayne Hestand
5121 Congressional Cir.... G-102
Lawrence, KS 66049

101030

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of charles mareska
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 6:21 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Mr. charles mareska
516 s market
emporia, KS 66801

101031

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of ranae cushing
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I am a Westar customer and this really concerns me and will greatly impact me financially! Enough is enough!

Sincerely,

Ms. ranae cushing
4841 se 45th st
Tecumseh, KS 66542

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

Division of Public Affairs
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Complaint ID **101032**

Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 711 S CABLE	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City MARION		
State KS Zip Code 66861		

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/28/2015 I REQUEST A NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE WESTAR RATE INCREASE.

101033

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jane Rhys
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 6:51 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 14, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
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I am retired as are some of my neighbors and on a fixed income. In our late sixties, it is highly unlikely we could find jobs, especially having been retired for several years. So I ask that the request to raise rates by such a large rate be denied. Like the rest of us they need to look for other ways to reduce their expenses.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Ms. Jane Rhys
1133 SW Wayne Ave
TOPEKA, KS 66604
(785) 783-8442

101034

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Beverly Hill
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 6:51 PM
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Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Miss Beverly Hill
3117 TOMAHAWK DR
LAWRENCE, KS 66049-1924

Gerrie Lippert

#101035

From: Mary Corman <corman.mary@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 3:38 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: solar power

This note is to ask that you look very carefully at the price of providing a kilowatt from solar power versus the more abundant power from coal. I am a strong believer in alternate energy but only if it is the most economical way to produce electricity and the most predictable. I will be 89 years old in two weeks and am a lifelong Kansan, serving in the South Pacific in WW II and gaining an engineering degree from the University of Kansas in 1950. Have taken courses in passive solar power and have designed houses so energy efficient that it was almost impossible to get a gas furnace small enough to serve them.

The activists for wind and solar do not always tell the truth and are not always using common sense.

Some day in the future we will be using a lot more solar and wind but it is now still a small part of our energy production. The last time I checked the total cost of solar versus the standard coal plant indicated that solar was about twice the cost per kilowatt.

We have faith that your Commission will act in the best interests of the citizens of Kansas and not for lobbyists who stand to gain personally from us taxpayers of Kansas.

Thank you, Warren Corman, University Architect Emeritus, University of Kansas

Licensed in Kansas - Engineering 2071, Architecture 824

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Complaint ID **101036**

Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name MELANIE JOLIVEP	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 320 W 4TH ST	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City HAYSVILLE		
State KS Zip Code 67060		

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Complaint ID **101036**

Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/28/2015 I REALLY CANNOT AFFORD AN INCREASE OF 13.00 PER MONTH SO I WOULD HOPE THEY WOULD NO ON RAISING THE RATES.

#101037

P.O. Box 4924
(Residence 1820 SW Seabrook)
Topeka, KS 66604
July 22, 2015

K.C.C.
Office of Public Affairs
and Consumer Protection
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear K.C.C. members:

I am writing in reference to Docket No. 15-WSEE-115 - RTS.

I strongly oppose the Westar request to raise the "Customer Charge". I believe the pricing system should encourage conservation, not discourage it. Westar Energy wants to charge its customers \$27 a month, just for the opportunity to buy its electricity. This is an obvious attempt to maintain Westar's total monopoly by killing the solar panel industry. It also increases Westar's profits by discouraging conservation.

If Westar Energy needs more money, they should simply raise the price of a KWH. People should not have to pay for electricity they do not use. Outside of utilities, I do not know of any other industry that operates that way. Nor are other industries guaranteed a tidy profit.

Sincerely,
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KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Complaint ID **101038**
Date Filed **07/28/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name ARLAN SWANSON	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State KS Zip Code		

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Complaint ID **101038**
Date Filed **07/28/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

07/28/2015 * MR. SWANSON IS A SR. CITIZEN AND IT IS HARD TOMAKE ENDS MEET, ESPECIALLY WHEN ELECTRIC RATES KEEP GOING UP ALL OF THE TIME.
* HE HAS FOUND THAT RATES ARE NOT GOING UP AS OFTEN IN SOME OTHER STATES AND WONDERS WHY KANSAS CITIZENS KEEP FACING RATE INCREASES.
* PLEASE REJECT WESTAR'S PROPOSAL.

101039

July 22, 2015

To: Kansas Corporation Commission of Office of Public Affairs & Consumer Protection
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

From: Albert Scott Harris
1789 225th Road
Strong City, KS 66869

Ref: Public Comment – Westar proposed mandatory fee hike.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opinion on the proposed mandatory fee hike by Westar. I would like to begin by providing a little back ground on myself. I am the Service Director for Chase County EMS. The agency is a county operated service responsible for all emergency requests for Emergency Medical Services within Chase County. My information may be verified thru the Kansas Board of EMS.

I am against / opposed to the proposed fee hike. Often times in my profession, I respond to emergencies involving those who are on a fixed income or have little income. It is not uncommon for me and my employees to treat and transport patients who have stated that they have not taken prescribed medications or sought earlier medical attention because they could not afford to. The patients have stated their limited income is needed for basic every day needs, such as utility bills. And once they have paid those, there is no money left. It is also not uncommon for us to enter into a residence to find the room temperatures uncomfortably hot in the summer or uncomfortably cold in the winter. Once again when the patient is asked, they state simply they cannot afford to do better. These problems are being found on a more frequent basis. I have no doubt that if the fee hike is imposed it will cause a lot more troubles and increase the seriousness of the problems that we see. To include increasing the number of patients that we assist due to more of their income being spent on everyday basic needs. These problems just isn't incurring in Chase County. If your agency would take the time to investigate this further, you would find every EMS agency is finding an increase in these types of situations.

My employees and I have taken steps to insure our patients are familiar with the various programs that may be available to them to assist with their utility bills. Being a rural community, we often do informal follow ups and are told that the patient was advised they did not qualify or the resource was out of money.

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On a personal note, I am observing in an increase in power interruptions at my residence and the number of street lights out with a longer time response time from Westar. I have done extensive research into Westar's financial management practices and am disturbed by it. That company needs to be forced to get back to providing quality service. That should be their number one concern as to where they spend their money. As a business they should make financial cuts to areas not directly associated with that to achieve the goal of quality service. I have not been able to find information on how any new money would be spent to improve their quality.

One last item, I ask that your agency look into ways to improve reporting electrical issues with that company, in relation to rural areas that the company serves. It has become an intensive process. A person should be able to call a number, without multiple options and state simply that there is a problem at an particular address, then have reasonable expectations that the problem will be solved in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert Scott Harris", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Albert Scott Harris

c/c: State Legislators

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Complaint ID **101040**
Date Filed **07/28/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

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Name RICHARD RAY	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State ks Zip Code		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **101040**
Date Filed **07/28/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

07/28/2015 * MR. RAY IS 75 YEARS OLD AND IS HAVING TROUBLE MAKING ENDS MEET. HE IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE FOR WESTAR. THE COMPANY SHOULD TRY LIVING ON A BUDGET LIKE HE AND OTHER SENIORS MUST DO.
* MR. RAY IS ALSO UNHAPPY AOBUT THE GOVERNOR ASKING FOR CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

101041

West Star

We are apposed to the
rate increase West Star is proposing.

Maria Peltz
Lynne Ryan
David Couch

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Complaint ID **101042**
Date Filed **07/28/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
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City		
State KS Zip Code		

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Complaint ID **101042**
Date Filed **07/28/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

07/28/2015 * MS. BASS IS ONLY WORKING PART TIME AND HAS TO LIVE ON ABOUT \$800 PER MONTH. THAT IS HARD AND A WESTAR INCREASE WILL ONLY MAKE IT WORSE, EVEN \$13 PER MONTH WILL SEEM LIKE A LOT TO HER.
* WESTAR HAS ASKED FOR SO MANY RATE INCREASES, NOW MS. BASS FEELS LIKE SHE IS WESTAR'S PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT.
* MS. BASS WOULD LIKE TO SEE A CAP ON THE NUMBER OF RATE CASES AND THE AMOUNT THAT WESTAR CAN RECEIVE. AS LONG AS THE KCC KEEPS APPROVING THE NEW RATES WESTAR WILL KEEP ASKING FOR MORE AND MORE. JUST SAY NO!

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Kansas Corporation Commission
Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Sirs:

Westar Energy has proposed increasing the fixed customer charge on our residential electric bills from \$12 to \$27 by 2020, as part of Westar's current rate increase proposal to the Kansas Corporation Commission, in order to cover the \$1.2 billion upgrade to the La Cygne generation plant and the Wolfcreek nuclear power plant. I agree that these costs should be recovered, but I disagree with the method proposed to recover them. Increasing the monthly fixed customer charge disproportionately affects the poor, elderly, and others who use less electricity. It also discourages energy efficiency because it increases the fixed monthly charge rather than the charge for how much electricity we use. Finally, Westar's proposal would also strike a blow at residential solar energy installation, which is an obvious and unfair attempt by Westar Energy to severely limit, if not eliminate, home solar energy generation. Westar wants to control the entire electricity supply in its territory, which represents a monopoly.

I strongly urge the Kansas Corporation Commission to reject Westar's proposal and develop another plan to recover Westar's plant upgrade costs. In my opinion, Westar's costs should be recovered by increasing the fixed monthly charge slightly, perhaps \$3.00 over 10 years, and by increasing the rate charged for electricity to cover the remaining costs. This would put most of the burden on those who use the most electricity and would encourage energy efficiency and conservation. As you know, our fixed monthly charge is already higher than the national average. In my opinion, the Kansas Corporation Commission should encourage home energy generation as it reduces the requirement for future power plant installations.

Sincerely,



George M. Brenner
1711 West 19th Terrace
Lawrence, KS 66046-2549

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Jul 16, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
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101044

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Sincerely,

Mr. Bill Wiesner
9008 pepper tree circle
Wichita, KS 67226

Bill Wiesner
Doris Wiesner

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Complaint ID **101045**

Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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City		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **101045**
Date Filed **07/28/2015**
Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

07/28/2015

- * MS. LEWIS IS ON SOC. SEC. AND LIVES ON ABOUT \$800 PER MONTH. SHE IS BARELY GETTING BY AND ANY INCREASE WOULD BE VERY HARD ON HER FINANCES, AND \$13 PER MONTH MAY NOT BOTHER SOME WESTAR EXECS, BUT IT IS A LOT OF MONEY TO HER.
- * MS. LEWIS IS POOESED TO NAY INCREASE AND THINKS THAT THERE SHOULD BE A CAP ON WESTAR'S RATES.
- * THE STATE OF KANSAS IS BECOMING A PLACE WHERE SHE AND HER FAMILY CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE AND SHE IS STRONGLY CONSIDERING MOVING OUT OF STATE.

101046

The idea to charge solar
folks a large fee is
CRAZY - THESE FOLKS ARE HELPING
SAVE THE PLANET.

EAD RD

IF A RATE INCREASE
IS NEEDED CHARGE MORE FOR
THE PRODUCT -

6-4027

DON'T TAX THE POOR -
WITH MORE USER FEES -

Fred SACK

Mr Frederick Sack
1406 Oak Hill Ave
Lawrence, KS 66044

7.18.15

LAWRENCE KS 66044

KCC -

SORRY NO DOCKET #

WESTAR - RATE INCREASE

CD'S ARE PAYING NOT 1%

WHY DO WESTAR INVESTORS NEED

8%, The expense for upgrade
should be that of the investor.

Called RISK -

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7/14/15

Kansas Corporation Commission
Office of Public Affairs
(there is NO evidence of "Consumer Protection")
1500 SW Arrowhead Rd
Topeka KS 66604-4027

Re: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear "Public Servants" :

What, EXACTLY, is the point in
providing written or oral "comments"
when you continue to vote in favor of
Westar's shareholders ???

I'm sincerely disgusted,
Barb Shultz

Enclosures - (copies)

"Notice" received 4/29/15

"Notice" received 5/29/15

"Notice of Public Hearings & Comment Period"
received 5/29/15

"Newsletter" in my bill received 6/28/15

I know how to create a paper trail - DO YOU ???

"7.9%" ??? Did YOU get a 7.9%
increase in YOUR salary this year?
If not, then why should Westar
shareholders get a 7.9% increase
in their "dividends" ???



101048

TO: KCC
FROM: Fred Lock
Western Rate Increase
AUG 2015
DOCKET #

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Complaint ID **101049**
Date Filed **07/28/2015**
Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 2232 TAMARRON TERR	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City MANHATTAN		
State KS Zip Code 6 6502		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **101049**

Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/28/2015 I'M CALLING ABOUT THE WESTAR INCREASE AGAIN. I'M REAL CONCERNED THAT THIS IS GOING UP EVERY YEAR AND EVERYTHING IS GOING UP. IT'S GETTING IMPOSSIBLE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. I CAN'T KEEP STRETCHING. THERE IS NOTHING TO STRETCH TO.

101850

BOB RIVES
557 Rutland
Wichita KS 67206

July 25, 2015

Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka KS 67228

Dear Commissioners:

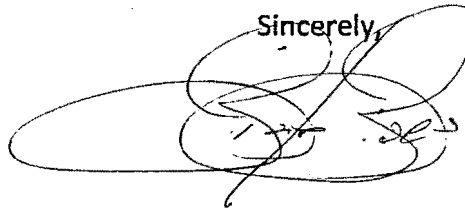
As one affected in three ways by Westar's application for new rates, I hope you will react favorably to the company's request. I am a retiree, a stockholder and customer of the company.

No one, including my wife and me, likes paying more for essential services. But the costs being covered by Westar's proposed new rates are for the most part the result of new and expensive federal environmental regulations. In my opinion, the proper time for citizens to oppose higher rates of this kind is to object when expenditures are being required that result in the need for greater revenues. To wait until the bills have become due is to wait too long.

To ensure adequate service in the future, electric companies like other businesses must remain attractive to investors. And since many investors are also retirees whose income depends on the health of utility stocks they hold directly and indirectly, their interests need to be considered along with those of customers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



bc. Mark Ruelle

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PUBLIC UTILITIES
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CONSUMER PROTECTION

July 13, 2015

101051

Re: 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Kansas Corporation Commission
Public Affairs and Consumer Protection
1500 S W Arrowhead Road
Topeka Kansas 66604-4027

Dear Members:

I am encouraging you again, to deny Westar Energy's rate increase. It seems like, I am writing you every year.

This time, the rate increase requested, will make a substantial increase, on every bill. They are really hurting the low income customers, but, also, all of us. Westar knows we need their product and with no competition, we don't have a choice. We don't see services improved at the same rate.

Westar Energy executives and stockholders are enjoying the "good life", as the rate increases line their income "nests". The average customers are not seeing their monthly income increase at such a generous amount, many, not at all, some without jobs.

Thank you for your time listening to us, hopefully, helping you make the right and fair decision.

Sincerely,

Charlene M Durbin

Charlene M Durbin
505 W 13th Ave
Hutchinson KS 67501
620-727-1509

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FROM

10105

Mr. Robert B Phares

To Whom IT MAY CONCERN,

I AM 69 YRS OLD, RETIRED
DISABLED

VETERAN

ON OXYGEN 24 HRS A-DAY
I HAVE TO RUN A OXYGEN
MACHINE 24 HRS A-DAY AND
C-PAP ALSO ALL NIGHT.

ANY RATE INCREASE
IS HURTFUL TO ALL FOLKS,
ESPECIALLY THE ELDERLY +
DISABLED.

Thank You,

R. Phares

P.S. THE FIRST 3
DIGITS OF YOUR ZIP
CODE, KIND OF SCAVES
ME, + ALOT OF PEOPLE.



NO ONE DOES MORE
FOR VETERANS.

#101053

July 28, 2015

Sir:

I like many other Kansans live on a fixed income. The rate increase you are asking for will create a hardship on us.

The increases in medical, food insurances and all other cost of living increases are far above any of our income raises.

So please don't add to our problems by adding another increase.

Sincerely

Irma Spret

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Gerrie Lippert

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 9:21 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mrs. Michelle Gibler
2202 Crossgate Dr.
LAWRENCE, KS 66047
(785) 764-9946



Comment Form

Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

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Name (please print): MR. & MRS. Bob Anderson

Address: 1810 N Joplin St. Pittsburg, KS. 66762-3242

Phone: 620-232-8517

Email: _____

Preferred method of contact: By letter

Comment: Sirs:

my name is Ida Anderson and my husband's name is Bob Anderson. We're both on Social Security and by the time we get all the bills paid we've got just a little money for food to stretch out barely for the month. The electric bill which is Westar Energy doesn't need a raise we need the raise.

Thank you.

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Signature: Ida Anderson
Bob Anderson

Date: 7-25-15

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101056

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Barbara Rairden
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I am on a Fixed income and truly cannot afford an increase. Please consider this when making your decision

Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara Rairden
319 N.E. 12th ST.
Abilene, KS 67410

Gerrie Lippert

#101057

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Alice Morris
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Ms. Alice Morris
3019 SW 33rd Street
Topeka, KS 66614

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Iris Evans <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Ms. Iris Evans
310 W. 7th Street
Waverly, KS 66871
(785) 733-2433

Gerrie Lippert

101059

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Nolin Clark
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Mr. Nolin Clark
1401 E 12th Avenue Apt 114
Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 803-8625

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of robert adolphson
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 7:51 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. robert adolphson
4324 sw stone ave
topeka, KS 66610
(785) 249-8094

Gerrie Lippert

#101061

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kathleen Arbogast
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Ms. Kathleen Arbogast
4224 SW 33rd Terrace
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 207-7296

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101002

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of tammie mears
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Ms. tammie mears
3109 sw crest dr.
topeka, KS 66614
(785) 224-4614

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Everett Rice
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Mr. Everett Rice
910 SE 23rd St.
Topeka, KS 66605

Gerrie Lippert

101064
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Emmanuel Wise
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Mr. Emmanuel Wise
1515 North Buckeye Avenue
Abilene, KS 67410
(785) 200-8475

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Patricia Smith
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Sincerely,

Ms. Patricia Smith
13431 118th Rd
Hoyt, KS 66440
(785) 289-3454

Gerrie Lippert

#101066

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gaye Kinnett
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Ms. Gaye Kinnett
1519 Colton Ct
Salina, KS 67401

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101067

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jerry Kemberling
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Mr. Jerry Kemberling
306 PARK HILL TER
LAWRENCE, KS 66046

Gerrie Lippert

101068

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of JoAnne Smith
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 8:21 PM
To: public.affairs
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Ms. JoAnne Smith
828 southeast Rice Rd
Topeka, KS 66607
(785) 234-9843

Gerrie Lippert

101069

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Andrea Bowen
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Ms. Andrea Bowen
403 Dakota st
Lawrence, KS 66046

Suzanne Gonzales

101070

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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 8:21 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Lillie
5617 sw foxcroft cir. s, unit 103
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 845-5620

Suzanne Gonzales

101071

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gary Clark
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Mr. Gary Clark
PO Box 6
Maple Hill, KS 66507
(785) 383-7389

Gerrie Lippert

101072

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Rena Rouse
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 12:22 PM
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Ms. Rena Rouse
10240 Quail Hill Dr.
Ozawie, KS 66070

Gerrie Lippert

#101073

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Terry Peters
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 11:52 AM
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Mr. Terry Peters
2007 S.W. Mission Avenue
Apt. #11
Topeka, KS 66604
(785) 272-6863

Gerrie Lippert

#101074

From: Kari Bailey <kari936@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 11:29 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am writing to express my opinion of westar's rate increase request -- Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

It is my understanding that the increase would be a flat increase to all customers. If Westar is needing to increase fees I think it should be based on usage charges. If individuals and businesses are wasteful with their energy use I feel it should fall on their shoulders to pay for energy shortages. I am on a very limited income and try my best to keep my usage down so my electric bill are manageable.

Thank you,
Kari Bailey
936 SW Webster Ave
Topeka, ks
785-633-0697

Gerrie Lippert

#101075

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Cary Phillips
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 9:52 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Cary Phillips
2560 Montana
LAWRENCE, KS 66046

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of William Woody Jr
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 9:22 AM
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Mr. William Woody Jr
2451 Crossgate Dr B4
Lawrence, KS 66047
(785) 218-0765

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kent Munzer
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 9:22 AM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Kent Munzer
351 SW Woodbury Lane
Topeka, KS 66606
NONE

Gerrie Lippert

101079

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Vaunda Lane
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 9:22 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Vaunda Lane

66049

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101080

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gary Shook
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Mr. Gary Shook
5318 SW 27th Ter
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 213-3645

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101081

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Linda Crawford
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Ms. Linda Crawford
2182 Rd 160
Neosho Rapids, KS 66864

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Alonzo Beardshear
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 8:29 AM
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Mr. Alonzo Beardshear
313 E 17th, St.
Lawrence, KS 66044

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#101083

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of KAREN ERSKIN
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 8:26 AM
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Mrs. KAREN ERSKIN
1381 N 2000 RD
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(785) 766-0631

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Phyllis Boyd
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 8:22 AM
To: public.affairs
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Ms. Phyllis Boyd
P.O. Box 132
Tecumseh, KS 66542

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of CJ Alam <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 8:21 AM
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Mr. CJ Alam
2345 Ohio
Lawrence, KS 66046
2345 Ohio lawrence

Gerrie Lippert

101086

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of richard roach
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:52 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mr. richard roach
946 ne green st.
topeka, KS 66616
(785) 806-0668

Gerrie Lippert

101087

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joan Price
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 1:51 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mrs. Joan Price
310 grove st
COUNCIL GROVE, KS 66846

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name JOHN MERRIMAN	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 713 FRONTIER	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City MINNEAPOLIS		
State ks Zip Code 6 7467		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/28/2015 I FEEL RATES ARE HIGH ENOUGH AND THEY NEED TO STOP RAISING WESTAR RATES. IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT THAT THEY ARE SO HIGH. I THINK THEY ARE ALREADY ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

Gerrie Lippert

101089

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Janis McCall
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 12:51 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emier

Jul 15, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

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This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Ms. Janis McCall
1709 cedar dr
BENNINGTON, KS 67422
(785) 488-2159

Gerrie Lippert

#101090

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carolyn Mckee
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 12:51 AM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Ms. Carolyn Mckee
1000 N Cedar St
Abilene, KS 67410

Gerrie Lippert

TE 101091

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marilyn Pfannenstiel
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 11:21 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Marilyn Pfannenstiel
8343 SE Ratner Rd
Berryton, KS 66409

Gerrie Lippert

101092

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Manuel Perez
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 10:51 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Manuel Perez
2227 Huntington Rd
Salina, KS 67401
(620) 285-9750

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Complaint ID **101093**
Date Filed **07/28/2015**
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

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Name JUDY HARDING	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 435 S DELAWARE	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code 67401		

Contacts

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

07/28/2015 OPPOSED TO INCREASE BY WESTAR

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Complaint ID **101094**

Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name KEITH ST JOHN	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 205 OTIS	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City BEVERLY		
State KS Zip Code 6 7423		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/28/2015 THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS. WE ARE PAYING OUTRAGEOUS PRICES ON WESTAR. THEY CAN GIVE A LOT OF EXCUSES BUT IT'S MISMANAGEMENT, STUPIDITY. WE ARE PAYING WAY TOO MUCH ALREADY FOR ELECTRICITY FROM WESTAR. IT'S GETTING OUT OF HAND.

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Complaint ID **101095**

Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name DON SEWARD	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 1306 APACHE DR	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **101095**

Date Filed **07/28/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/28/2015 I DO NOT FEEL THIS RATE INCREASE IS A GOOD IDEA BECAUSE NOT ONLY MYSELF, BUT LOTS OF OTHERS ARE ON A FIXED INCOME. WE ARE ALREADY PAYING A LARGE AMOUNT FOR ELECTRICITY.

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Toni Shroyer
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:24 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Toni Shroyer
616 S Volutsia
Wichita, KS 67211

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Shellie Griffiths
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Miss Shellie Griffiths
4212 Roanoke Street
Hutchinson, KS 67502

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Diane Wynn
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Ms. Diane Wynn
5601 Perryton
Bel Aire, KS 67220

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Margaret Calvert
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Ms. Margaret Calvert
34 Lansdowne Drive
Wichita, KS 67220

Gerrie Lippert

101101

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Annette Campbell
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:24 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Annette Campbell

67220

Gerrie Lippert

101102

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dana Van Gotten
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:24 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Dana Van Gotten
2514 East 45th Ave
Hutchinson, KS 67502

101103

Arthur La Rue
3317 SW 7th
Topeka, KS 66606-1929
July 10, 2015


Kansas Corporation Commission
Re: Docket # 15-WSEE-115-RTS
1500 SW Arrowhead Drive
Topeka, KS 66604

Dear Sir:

I am a Westar shareholder and understand you will hold Public Hearings on a Westar rate application, in Topeka and Wichita. I have always been happy with Westar's common approach to developing equitable pricing and providing safe, clean, reliable energy and resent out-of-state solar lobbyists using scare tactics with misleading statements to attempt to undercut our Kansas concern. I am a strong supporter of Kansas attending to its own business in which we usually do a good job.

At your July 21 and July 23 public hearings I support the rate plans as proposed by Westar Energy which keeps their prices below the national average while incorporating vast amounts of renewable energy in our Kansas electric service. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectively yours,



Arthur La Rue
(785-357-0029)

101104

7-11-15

Ks Corp Commission
1500 S.W. Arrowhead Drive
Topeka, Ks 66604

Dear Sirs:

As a stock holder in Westar I am
happy with the way they handle the pricing
+ offering safe + clean, reliable energy. Please
do not change your policy. I appreciate the
way they handle every thing now.
Do Not Change!

Sincerely

Esther Mae Weber Rev Trust.

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KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Complaint ID **101106**
Date Filed **07/29/2015**
Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name DONNA HULL	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 833 E JEWELL AVE	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code 67401		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **101106**

Date Filed **07/29/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/29/2015

I AM OPPOSED TO THE INCREASE. I AM ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND HOPE TO BE ALIVE IN 2016. IF I AM 13.00 MORE PER MONTH WILL BE TOO MUCH. I TRY TO DO ALL I CAN TO CONSERVE ENERGY. I HANG MY CLOTHES, I DON'T RUN ANYTHING IN THE HEAT OF THE DAY... I AM HAVING PROBLEMS KEEPING UP WITH EVERYONE'S INCREASES.
I HOPE IT DOESN'T PASS.

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

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(785) 271-3100

Complaint ID **101107**
Date Filed **07/29/2015**
Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name ANN COWAN	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 415 N JULIETT	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City MANHATTAN		
State KS Zip Code 6 6502		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **101107**

Date Filed **07/29/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

07/29/2015 I HAVE TWO CONCERNS. IT IS SO EXPENSIVE. THEY ARE A FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION AND A COMPANY WE HAVE NO CHOICE ABOUT. THE INCREASE WILL BE TOO EXPENSIVE.

THIS DISCOURAGES PEOPLE FROM CONSERVING ENERGY AND USING SOLAR. THIS WON'T ALLOW ME TO CUT BACK AND SAVE ON ELECTRICITY LIKE I CAN DO WITH OTHER PRODUCTS THAT ARE EXPENSIVE.

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Complaint ID **101108**
Date Filed **07/29/2015**
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name CHARLES WALKER	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 211 S. YOUNG ST.	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code 67209		

Contacts

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Complaint ID **101108**

Date Filed **07/29/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

07/29/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE. HE SAID TO ROLL BACK THE LAST TWO INCREASES GIVEN TO THEM. THEY HAVE HAD 23 RATE INCREASES IN LAST 5 YEARS AND 3 OR 4 IN PAST 2 YEARS. HE IS ON A FIXED INCOME.

101109

July 6, 2015
Moran, KS.

Commission, Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I want you To know how it is down here on the farm! The wife and I are 85 years old. We worked as long as we were able. We had good jobs that paid good wages for the Time we worked. As you know the wages back at that Time were not what they are now, and also there was no retirement either. What little we saved and raise a family plus our S.S. is what we have to live on now which is now S.S.

I think Westar is good electric company but I think they want to pay there investors more so they look good. Everything is going up in price but S.S. Our home is all electric so price increase is going to hurt us bad!

Sincerely,
Charles H. McVey
Phyllis A. McVey

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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101110

July 10, 2015

Docket NO 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Kansas Corporation Commission
Office of Public Affairs + Consumer Protection
1500 SW Arrowhead Rd
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Gentlemen:

I am writing to ask you to think carefully about any rate increase to Westar Energy. This is my first time to stand up and say ~~and~~ I have had all I can take with utilities getting large increases. I'm on a fixed income no increase so far have managed to keep bills paid -

The Westar Energy Bill comes with different rates charged each month could be 30 days, 31 days, 34 day more days above 31 - I can not believe all Kansas people believe ~~this~~ is more the 365 days in a year Westar has increased their income my a constant cycle change. There going through one again just in time to ~~see~~ see them getting back to 365 days a year. After the rate increase ~~there will be another cycle~~ will change again. (over)

Karen McConaughy
716 U St
Atchison, KS 66002-2955

#101110

This all does not seem fair

No, I am not in favor to let them have the increase. This I know is not up to the citizens of Kansas for you speak and decide for us all.

Please consider the people on fixed low incomes. They have to come up with more money to keep cool & warm and have light.

Tell me if you can when do they get an increase?

Thank you for listening

Karen McConaughy
716 21st St
Atchison, Ks 66602

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Ks Corporation Commission
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TOWHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
I am 86 years old, handicapped
and living alone and on fixed
income. I can not afford the
rate increase in my electric
Bill. Since Jan 1-15th have
spent Jan 199.23

Feb 210.25

March 209.83

April 111.74

May 74.74

June 55.78

July 44.77
902.15

I try and keep my thermostat
at 180 degrees most of the
time. Pls take this letter
in consideration I have poor circulation.
My apartment is George E Dolezal
all electric

Mr. George E. Dolezal
1214 Augusta St.
Salina, KS 67401-7964

785-825-8613

#101111

7-23-2015

The following people oppose the increase
Weston is trying to pass:

Christina Walquaboshuk
Emily Pittorso
Shayla Ruz

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101112

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Judy Lawson
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 9:25 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Ms. Judy Lawson
2328 Aurora Ave
Salina, KS 67401
(785) 822-8811

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Mr. Dennis Ratzlaff
1306 Barnes Lake Rd
Hutchinson, KS 67501
(620) 694-7283

101114

Gerrie Lippert

From: Jeff Farney <jeff.farney70@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 9:23 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar's 7.9% rate increase proposal

To whom it may concern:

If the KCC has another avenue to comment on rate increase proposals, please let me know. I OPPOSE Westar's rate increase proposal!!! I've had enough of their rate increases, especially given their yearly profits in excess of \$30 million!! 22 rate hikes approved by the KCC in 6 years - IS ENOUGH!! Consumers are being squeezed until we are having to choose between food/medications and utility bills. Where does it end???? NO INCREASE!!!

Sincerely,

Jeff Farney
Haysville, KS

101115

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of dan gepford
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Mr. dan gepford
204 e creager
frontenac, KS 66763

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Bonnie Kopper
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Bonnie Kopper
580 Ne 120th Ave
Murdock, KS 67111

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Sincerely,

Miss rita eason
5615 n hesston rd.
newton, KS 67114
(316) 288-9414

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101118

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Eugene Diller
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 8:25 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Eugene Diller
PO Box 176
3 Fairway Dr
Hesston, KS 67062

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Daniel McMahon
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:24 PM
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Mr. Daniel McMahon
300 W 15th
Hutchinson, KS 67501
(316) 253-4484

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Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Walter Ramsey
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 7:55 PM
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Mr. Walter Ramsey
1815 Lakeland Drive
El Dorado, KS 67043
(316) 323-0571

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Robert Eroh
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Mr. Robert Eroh
8104 W Forest Pk.
Wichita, KS 67205

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jeffrey Cullop
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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5451 North Delaware
Wichita, KS 67204
(316) 214-4050

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Ms. Michelle Eskeli
256 w young street
Rose hill 67133

101124

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Moussa Elbayoumy
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Mr. Moussa Elbayoumy
2200 Rodeo Drive
Lawrence, KS 66047
(785) 318-6323

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Edmond martin
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:55 PM
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Mr. Edmond martin
4201 E Jonquil Cir
WICHITA, KS 67210
(316) 648-0039

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Pamela Harris
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 7:25 PM
To: public.affairs
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1511 S. Phyllis Ln
Andover, KS 67002

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:55 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. John Popp
2529 N Woodridge St
Wichita, KS 67226

Gerrie Lippert

101128

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lynn Hill <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:55 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 16, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Lynn Hill
4500 S Pattie St.
Wichita, KS 67216
(316) 641-9703

Gerrie Lippert

#101129

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of annie reimer
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:54 PM
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Sincerely,

Mrs. annie reimer

67062

Gerrie Lippert

#101130

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kirk Thomas
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:54 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Mr. Kirk Thomas
621 N Creek Trail Cir.
Kechi, KS 67067
(848) 992-5439

Gerrie Lippert

#101131

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Michele Brakewood
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:54 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Ms. Michele Brakewood
10302 E Ayesbury
Wichita, KS 67226

101132

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sandy Gable
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 7:25 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Sandy Gable

67212

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marilyn Blanchat
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:54 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Marilyn Blanchat
2448 N. Hazelwood Ct.
Wichita, KS 67205

Gerrie Lippert

101134

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sheryl Anderson
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 6:55 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Ms. Sheryl Anderson
117 N. Eastborough Rd
Salina, KS 67401
(785) 819-4166

Gerrie Lippert

101135

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Bill Wiesner
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:54 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Mr. Bill Wiesner
9008 pepper tree circle
Wichita, KS 67226

101136

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Edmund Lohmann
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 6:55 PM
To: public.affairs
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Mr. Edmund Lohmann
1607 S.W 37th Street Apt245
Topeka, KS 66611

Gerrie Lippert

#101137

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of ROSE KING
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:25 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Ms. ROSE KING
2134 S Minneapolis
WICHITA, KS 67211
(316) 350-5944

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Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of phil kinast <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 6:55 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. phil kinast

pretty prairie, KS 67570

Gerrie Lippert

#101139

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gina Tice <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:24 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Gina Tice
807 Lexington Rd.
WICHITA, KS 67218
(316) 281-5868

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Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dawn Havens
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 6:25 PM
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Dawn Havens
1202 S Walnut
Newton, KS 67114

Gerrie Lippert

#101141

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jane Orr <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:24 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Ms. Jane Orr
532 west Broadway
Newton, KS 67114

Gerrie Lippert

101142

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of LAWRENCE CURTIS
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:24 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Thank you;

LAWRENCE D CURTIS
1510 POWERS ST
LAWRENCE, KS 66044

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Mr. LAWRENCE CURTIS
1510 POWERS ST
LAWRENCE, KS 66044

101143

Gerrie Lippert

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 6:25 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Bayouth
636 Eastern #101
Wichita, KS 67207

Gerrie Lippert

#101144

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Janet Jackson
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 10:54 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Ms. Janet Jackson
PO Box 5997
Topeka, KS 66605

Gerrie Lippert

101145

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Larry Buller
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 5:55 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Larry Buller
120 SW 6th St
67114
Newton, KS 67114

Gerrie Lippert

#101146

From: Turley Hayes <turley.hayes@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 5:28 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate increase for service fees

The proposed increase in service fees for Westar Energy are totally unnecessary. They are already guaranteed profits on their generation and their transmission segments. We, the retired, don't get that type of increase in pensions or Social Security. The State of Kansas does not owe Westar a guaranteed income. They need to compete in the marketplace. They need to set their eyes and goals a little lower. They have cut employees and business segments to give the officers and shareholders greater value, but have done nothing for the people of Kansas.

Turley K. Hayes
2121 Meadowlark Rd. Apt 501
Manhattan, KS 66502

(785) 320-0097

Gerrie Lippert

101147

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gloria Myers
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 5:24 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Ms. Gloria Myers
1424 SW Lancaster
Topeka, KS 66604

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of doyle patee
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 5:24 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Mr. doyle patee
10615 e. countryside
wichita, KS 67207

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101149

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of richard roach
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:53 AM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Mr. richard roach
946 ne green st.
topeka, KS 66616

Gerrie Lippert

#101150

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Beth Stoker
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 11:23 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Miss Beth Stoker
2617 Belle Haven Dr
Lawrence, KS 66046
(785) 766-4563

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Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mona K. Gasaway
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 4:54 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Ms. Mona K. Gasaway
610 N Karren Lane
Wichita, KS 67212

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101152

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Thomas G Meek
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 11:23 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas G Meek
PO Box 293
118 N Park ST
Hope, KS 67451

Gerrie Lippert

#101153

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Alicia Frieswyk
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 10:53 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Alicia Frieswyk
6021 SW 29th, Ste A, PMB 238
Topeka, KS 66614

Gerrie Lippert

#101154

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jeffery Reynolds
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 9:53 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jeffery Reynolds
6647 SW 19th St
Topeka, KS 66615
(785) 250-3680

Gerrie Lippert

101155

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of TJ Ciaffone
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 8:53 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mr. TJ Ciaffone
4841 SE 45th Street
Tecumseh, KS 66542

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#101156

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Donald Deseck
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 7:22 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mr. Donald Deseck
1921 SW Oakley Ave
Topeka, KS 66604
(785) 249-7702

Gerrie Lippert

101157

From: Jody Boyd <generaljb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 6:55 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: WESTAR PROPOSALS

15 July 2015

Dear Sirs,

I am writing as a concerned Kansas citizen about the upcoming legislation that affects solar energy the Westar energy company is trying to pass through our State government.

First and foremost, if you pass the regulations they are trying to get pass in their proposed rate changes you are in effect making them more of a monopoly than they already are. We have seen what the OPEC monopoly did to our gas and diesel prices, harming our economy and especially the rural economy. The fact that the minimum price range of electricity will go up is detrimental for Kansas. It is hard enough for families to pay bills with the economy we have now. Especially after the sales tax hike we don't need any more financial hits.

The way their proposal deals with solar energy is counterproductive to what the United States energy agenda promotes. While I am not a fan of Washington's policies, I believe Kansas needs Solar and wind energy for numerous reasons. One, whether the greenhouse effect is bogus or not the fact remains that our population keeps expanding and the planet does have limited resources. So we do need to promote solar energy and wind energy and not inhibit its growth with allowing Westar to pass regulations that make privately owned Solar Energy less cost effective. Solar energy has become more user -friendly but it still is not a standalone energy product and the few people that can afford the systems aren't going to hurt Westar's pocket book. To pass their legislation you will be in effect telling the citizens of Kansas that clean energy is not going to be allowed without some sort of financial punishment.

The fact that society is afraid of Nuclear energy and passage of these proposals of Westar, the everyday citizen and our future families will be in dire straits. As much as our society is "on the grid" we need leaders who will stand up for cheaper and competitive energy solutions. Please consider carefully what passing these proposals will mean to your family, friends, and constituents.

Sincerely,

Jody Boyd

Gerrie Lippert

#101158

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dena Stein
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 6:53 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Dena Stein
3520 Eagle Pass Ct
Lawrence, KS 66049
(785) 304-1636

Gerrie Lippert

#101159

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jarolyn Geist
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 6:22 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Jarolyn and David Geist
1255 East gate Ct
Salina, Ks. 67401

Sincerely,

Ms. Jarolyn Geist

KS 67401

Gerrie Lippert

#101160

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kathy Bigler
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 5:23 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mrs. Kathy Bigler
2630 Plantation Dr
Salina, KS 67401

Gerrie Lippert

101161

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Leah Cappaletti
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 4:53 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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I also say no to the rate increase these people are already over charging for services. There is no need for this increase other than to further line the pockets of the fat cats.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leah Cappaletti
2873 SW Jewell Ave
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Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sylvia Carter
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 4:22 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 15, 2015

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Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Sincerely,

Ms. Sylvia Carter
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Apt J-66
Topeka, KS 66611

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From: Joe Schmidt <jeschmidt65@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:02 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: In regards to the proposed Westar rate changes - Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

As a Westar customer in Wichita, KS, I would like to offer the following comments in regards to Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS.

Westar characterized this as increasing rate options. It's only an option for them, the residential consumer is held in their stranglehold with only the KCC and CURB to protect us.

In a recent article in the Wichita Eagle it was stated that "Most of the company's costs are fixed, and basing rates on usage is unfair to big users, who shoulder a disproportionately large share of the cost of running the power system, Westar contends." Big users also disproportionately use the majority of the power. Charging residential customer more is not proportionate. Basing charges on usage is proportionate. Businesses can charge more for their products and services if costs rise. What are residents supposed to do when their costs rise? I can't just unilaterally raise my pay. It is also especially onerous to those on a fixed income.

There is also no reason to approve Westar's draconian request to charge those who use solar or wind more for their service. The Wichita Eagle article stated a Westar spokesman: "Even if they generate some or most of their own power, solar customers are "still benefiting from using Westar's generation, transmission, distribution, and customer service facilities as backup when the sun is not shining and the solar panels are generating no electricity and during cloudy periods when energy production is reduced," testified Westar consultant Ahmad Faruqi. "In this circumstance, Westar essentially acts as a free backup battery for these customers.""

Read more here: <http://www.kansas.com/news/local/article27058939.html#storylink=cpy>

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I would hardly consider what Westar currently charges those customers a "free battery backup". Those customer are charged the same fees and usage rates as other residential customers. They just use less of Westar's power.

I'm not opposed to Westar making a fair profit. I am opposed to a regulated utility gouging residential customer in favor of big business and suppressing alternative energy sources in the name of supporting the status quo and those who would reap the benefits of such support.

Don't let Westar fool you. Deny this rate request.

Joseph E. Schmidt
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Wichita, KS 67212
316-729-8941

Sent from Windows Mail

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#101164

From: McClelland, Wayne <Wayne.McClelland@f-e-t.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 1:56 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: DOCKET# 15-WSEE-115-RTS

AS A SHAREHOLDER OF WESTAR, I SUPPORT THE PROPOSED RATE PLANS

Thanks,

Wayne McClelland

Gerrie Lippert

#101165

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Charles Koepplin
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 12:53 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Koepplin
1200 MARTIN AVE
Salina, KS 67401

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Complaint ID **101167**
Date Filed **07/29/2015**
Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City MARYSVILLE		
State KS Zip Code 6 6508		

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Narrative

07/29/2015 PEOPLE ON FIXED INCOME..THIS INCREASE WILL BE HARD TO SELL. IT'S REALLY HARDSHIP ON THOSE ON FIXED INCOME. THIS IS A 125% WESTAR INCREASE. I CAN'T IMAGINE THIS.

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name JOEL WILDER	Home Phone	Cell Phone
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City WICHITA		
State KS Zip Code		

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07/29/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE

101169

To the Kansas Corporation Commission:

After attending a rally and hearing on 7/21 in Topeka on Solar Energy and possible rate hikes for customers by Westar, I noted that 2 entities were not allowed to have input in the discussions: Cromwell Environmental, Inc. and the Alliance for Solar Choice. By excluding the two interested parties and hearing only the monopoly's side--i.e. Westar--the limited discussion reduces the breadth of information shared, and this gives an unfair advantage to the monopoly.

Since the current President and CEO of Westar reportedly brings in a yearly salary of \$3,008,208, and 3 other top executives are each paid one million dollars or more per year, one wonders about the necessity for raising the cost of services to customers, when the highly-paid executives could take a pay cut. Although the company is investor-owned and for-profit, it is a monopoly serving the public and should act responsibly for the public good. Raising rates is not in the public interest.

As someone said recently, "what policies help our community plot a sustainable future?" Since non-renewable fuels are increasingly hard to access and increasingly costly, moving toward solar energy development looks like an excellent investment, in terms of jobs that will be created to produce the renewable energy panels, and utilizing the abundant sunlight that Kansas experiences during the summer months.

Please do not approve a rate increase for Westar at this time.

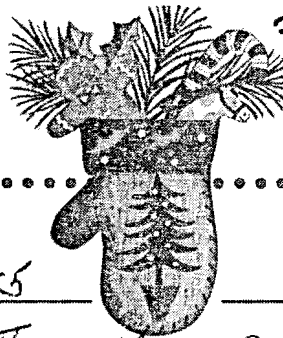
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just a note

July 26, 2015

To whom This May Concern:

Reading about the price increase
for Weststar but asking, too, if this
isn't a bit too much? Please don't
let this go through. I'm not rich but
don't want to go on Assistance either.
Want to pay my way but, as I under-
stand, this is a Flat Rate that all
customers would pay Regardless of how
many kilowatts one uses. I do heat
and yes, cool, part time, but try to
Reduce my bill each month by
earling and  not heating or

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cooling: what isn't being used.
The fuel adjustment almost chokes
me in the winter. And I'm sure there
are plenty more. Again I ask you
not to Approve this Rate Increase.
Thank you, too, for being understanding.

Cordially yours
Dettie J. Peters

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7-23-2015

The following people oppose the increase
Westar is trying to pass:

Christina Wahquaboshuk
Emily Pittsboro
Shayla Ruiz

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Comment Form

Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

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Name (please print): Mary J. & Harold L. Beasley

Address: 1115 E 7th St.

Phone: 620-231-9175

Email: _____

Preferred method of contact: By Letter

Comment: We are a senior living on Social Security we sure don't want electric bill go up anymore it all ready have, or Social Security checks needs a raise to all the (high cost of everything else.)

Signature: Harold Beasley
Mary Jo Ann Beasley

Date: 07/26/15

Please note: By submitting comments to the Commission, you are authorizing the Commission to make your comments and any included information publicly available.

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(please print): Jim Herbert

Address: 1708 W. Quincy ; Pittsburg, KS 66762

Phone: 620-249-8835 Email: jdherb@hotmail.com

Preferred method of contact: Email

Comment: First of all, I want to commend the line crew members of Westar working in the Pittsburg area. During inclement weather situations, they have restored power in a timely manner.

However, regarding the proposed rate increase of \$150 million as requested by Westar, I believe you should at least address the reduction suggested by CURB. As I recall, Westar was granted a \$30+ million dollar hike in 2013. Is this additional increase going to suffice for many years or will consumers once again see our lone utility provider back at the trough for years?

Crawford County, Kansas was recently reported to be the poorest county in Kansas. We are not only dealing with a high sales tax approaching 10%, but also must deal with a newly implemented state sales tax increase.

(Attachment to follow)

Signature: Jim Herbert Date: 7-27-15

note: By submitting comments to the Commission, you are authorizing the Commission to make your comments and any related information publicly available.

I know my household does not have the means to get pay increases each and every time a state agency or utility monopoly in the areas of essential services increase our bills with another rate increase or service charge.

In conclusion, it is understood Westar has very legitimate funding concerns and that an increase will be approved by the KCC. However, I believe strongly their request for an over \$150 million increase should be minimized, possibly along the lines suggested by CURB. Remembering the line spoken in the old movie Network, "I am mad as hell and will not take it anymore." sums up the citizenry of Kansas who feel lack of control in their lives. Lack of control in the state of the economy, state wide and locally, is not well served in seeing higher and higher utility bills etc without increased household income to match.

Jim Heckard
Pittsburg, Ks.

7-27-15

Gerrie Lippert

101174

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Trudy Bishop
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 4:24 PM
To: public.affairs
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101175

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Ms. Teresa Lay
4618 E Gilbert
Wichita, KS 67218
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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Thomas KISLEY
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Mr. Thomas KISLEY
141 vantage view circle
WICHITA, KS 67212-3310
650-1968

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marshall Post
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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5558 Legion
Wichita, KS 67204

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Complaint ID **101178**

Date Filed **07/29/2015**

Investigator **GLIPPERT**

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Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code		

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Narrative

07/29/2015 CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER INCREASE. WESTAR DID NOT READ HER METER IN 2013 AND ON HER APRIL BILL IN 2013 SHE OWED OVER \$400. SHE GOT ON A PAY AGREEMENT.

08/04/2015 NO INCREASE AS REQUESTED. TOO DAMN MUCH! CAN HARDLY PAY WHAT YOU CHARGE NOW.

Gerrie Lippert

101179

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Patty Staples
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 3:54 PM
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Mrs. Patty Staples
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Frontenac, KS 66763
(620) 687-3767

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Packard Lamont
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Sincerely,

Mr. Packard Lamont

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Elmer Stahlecker
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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4224 E. Jonqil Cir
Wichita, KS 67210

Gerrie Lippert

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Sincerely,

Mr. Bryon Meginnes
5249 S Madison Ave
Wichita, KS 67216

Gerrie Lippert

#101183

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of oliver Westbrook
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 3:24 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 16, 2015

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Mr. oliver Westbrook
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Newton, KS 67114
(316) 644-3855

Gerrie Lippert

#101184

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Bill Stephans
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:55 PM
To: public.affairs
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Mr. Bill Stephans

Wichita, KS 67230

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101185

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Bob Trammell
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:55 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Bob Trammell
602 5th st apt 1
Uniontown, KS 66779
(620) 768-9289

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of cathyjo menousek
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:54 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. cathyjo menousek
6121 e 9th st n
WICHITA, KS 67208

Gerrie Lippert

101187

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lutie Lobaugh
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:54 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Lutie Lobaugh
8210 W. Thurman St.
Wichita, KS 67212

Gerrie Lippert

1011KY

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Richard Mendoza
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:54 PM
To: public.affairs
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Mr. Richard Mendoza
2727 N. Amidon #109
Wichita, KS 67204
(316) 200-4428

Gerrie Lippert

#101189

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Meredith Opstad
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:25 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Meredith Opstad
3631 SW Lincolnshire Rd
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 431-3808

Gerrie Lippert

#101190

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Robert Galvin
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:24 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mr. Robert Galvin
526 Sunset Drive
Fort Scott, KS 66701
(620) 215-9154

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Donna Best
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:24 PM
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401 w 5th
Waverly, KS 66871-9705
(785) 418-6193

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Deb Kuhn <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:24 PM
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Mrs. Deb Kuhn
300 N. Labette
Frontenac, KS 66763

Gerrie Lippert

101193

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Debra Kretzschmar
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 2:24 PM
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11423 W Murdock
Wichita, KS 67211

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101194

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of John Willey
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:54 PM
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2896 SW Knollwood Ct
Topeka, KS 66611

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lova McMahon
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:54 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Ms. Lova McMahon
300 West 15th Ave
Hutchinson, KS 67501
(620) 899-8980

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Linda Ricker
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:54 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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999- N. Silver Springs Blvd. Apt.705
Wichita, KS 67212
(316) 755-5511

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of RANDY C. DANIEL
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:54 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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3321 zoo blvd.apts.#221
wichita, KS 67203

Gerrie Lippert

#101198

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ralph Appelhanz
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 12:53 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mr. Ralph Appelhanz
711 NE Green St.
Topeka, KS 666161308

Gerrie Lippert

#101199

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Bob Gabler
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 12:22 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Bob Gabler
1949 SW Cheyenne Road
Topeka, KS 66604
(785) 221-2793

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Complaint ID **101200**
Date Filed **07/29/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name JOHN ROBINSON	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State ks Zip Code		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

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Narrative

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IF COULD POLITICIANS OUT OF THE ENERGY IT WOULD BE BETTER

101201

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Anna Willard
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 9:02 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Anna Willard
2527 limestone rd.
fort scott, KS 66701
(620) 224-7976

101202

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gary wescoat
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 8:02 PM
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Mr. Gary wescoat
2098 maple rd
fort scott, KS 66701

101 203

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Tom Muth <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 8:01 PM
To: public.affairs
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Mr. Tom Muth
2022 SW Stone Ave
Topeka, KS 66604

101204

Gerrie Lippert

From: ken hesler <meyerhesler@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 6:48 PM
To: public.affairs
Cc: ken hesler
Subject: Westar Energy Fixed Rate Increases

We demand that you deny Westar Energy's request to increase fixed electric energy use. The increase would result in rates far above the national average, and discourage solar energy use. Kenneth and Diane Meyer-Hesler, Hanover, Kansas

Gerrie Lippert

101206

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Colleen Pellett
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 6:31 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Colleen Pellett

KS 66801

Gerrie Lippert

#101207

From: AARP Kansas <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Susan Morten
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 4:06 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Kansas Corporation Commission

Jul 20, 2015

Chariperson Shari Fiest Albrecht
1500 SW Arrowhead Rd
Topeka, KS 66604

Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler Chariperson Fiest Albrecht,

As a KCP&L Customer, I ask you to say "NO" to KCP&L Docket No. 15-KCPE-116-RTS!

As a utility consumer, I diligently try to conserve my home energy usage in an effort to keep my energy bills more affordable.

KCP&L has filed for a \$67.3 million base rate increase. They are asking to nearly double fixed electrical charges on monthly utility bills - the fee consumers pay before using any electricity at all.
KCP&L proposed increasing residential customer charges from \$10.71 to \$19.00.

Thank you for considering my request in reference to Kansas Corporation commission Docket No. 15-KCPE-116-RTS.

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for environmental purposes, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home and community.

Under the recent KCP&L request we as consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on -- if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, KCP&L's request for a 10.2% on equity for its shareholders is unfair and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions and higher than the rates granted utilities in other states. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Please keep utility consumers in mind when you hold hearings on this request.

I urge you to reject KCP&L's proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Morten
4411 W. 54th Terrace
Roeland Park, KS 66205
(913) 262-8628

101208

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Fort Scott, KS 66701

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Complaint ID **101209**

Date Filed **07/29/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name GARY MOSBURG	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 1221 S MILL POINT CIRCLE	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City MANHATTAN		
State KS Zip Code 6 6503		

Contacts

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Narrative

07/29/2015 I THINK IT IS OUTRAGEOUS FOR WESTAR TO ASK FOR A RATE INCREASE LIKE THIS, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME ON A FIXED INCOME.

101210

Gerrie Lippert

From: Sharon Vaughn <ssjv86@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 4:37 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Energy

Please say NO to proposed rate changes by Westar.

Thank you

Sharon Vaughn
1242 Prairie Ave
Lawrence, KS 66044

Gerrie Lippert

#101211

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joyce Revely
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2015 7:06 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Joyce Revely
1115 SW Lincoln St.
Topeka, KS 66604

Gerrie Lippert

#101712

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mark Walton
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2015 9:35 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Walton
1800 Exchange
Wichita, KS 67213

101213

Gerrie Lippert

From: John and Connie Smith <jandcsmith@everestkc.net>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 4:34 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Public Hearings on Westar Rate Application

Kansas Corporation Commission Members:

Re: Docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS

As shareholders and also rate-paying citizens of Kansas, we are pleased with Westar's work to encourage green energy and energy that is accessible to all Kansans at a price that meets the cost to provide it. We are in favor of a policy that protects the interests of all Kansans by providing that everyone who uses the grid pays a fair share of its costs.

With the advent of new technologies such as solar, we want to recognize the need of Westar to update prices and rate plans that allow their continuance of support for renewable energy in a way that our utility services are up-to-date, safe and reliable.

John and Connie Smith
23321 W 45th Terrace
Shawnee, KS 66226
Ph: 913-322-6571

Gerrie Lippert

#101214

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Terry Turner
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2015 5:04 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mr. Terry Turner
5115 S. Mount Carmel Ave.
Wichita, KS 67217
(316) 295-2271

Gerrie Lippert

#101215

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of howard banks
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 10:34 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. howard banks
214 N Main
Newton, KS 67114
(316) 249-0079

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 4:01 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Miss Annette Fuston
10307 W Yosemite Dr
Wichita, KS 67215

101217

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 4:01 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Root
2516 N Loch Lomond Lane
Wichita, KS 67228
(316) 733-4415

Gerrie Lippert

#101218

From: Ty Hanchett <tyhanchett@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 9:30 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: westar grievance

to whom it may concern. westsar is increasing every year but regular working peoples wages are not . so there is less to go around to other bills and rent and food, etc.etc. dont they already have enough good working equipement and supplies i mean really are they gonna stick it to the fixed income and working class thats just trying to survive and provide for their family, they've got enough money rolling in. just to keep me and my daughters from sweating while we sleep i have to run the ac alot and thats 165 mo from 100 a month from 3-4 years ago thats alot more in just a few years, someone has to tell these corperations enough of jacking up the prices to make a profit or whenever they feel like it, seems as though they doing this every year now and that is unfair to the many working residents

Gerrie Lippert

#101219

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Tom Shirley
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 6:04 PM
To: public.affairs
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Mr. Tom Shirley
1413 S Ellis St
Wichita, KS 67211

101220

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Bonita Gooch
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 2:01 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 17, 2015

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Ms. Bonita Gooch
2918 E. Douglas
Wichita, KS 67214

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Phyllis Tucker
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 6:04 PM
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Phyllis Tucker
2809 S. Santa Fe
Wichita, KS 67216-1136
(316) 214-3637

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101222

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Walter Goudeau
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 3:03 PM
To: public.affairs
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Mr. Walter Goudeau
5701 E 45th St N
Bel Aire, KS 67220
(316) 655-9666

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Larry Schulte <highplainscontractors@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 1:19 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: westar

good afternoon, I would like to share my views and concerns on the upcoming Westar request to change the rates for users that may be using solar. I believe that this tiered system should be denied. We all should share the cost for line maint. but this tiering is just reducing the cost of large users[who should be paying more of the cost] and asking others to shoulder this cost.

I believe that the cost should be based on the amount of energy used by each customer. That would be the fairest way. Solar users should be commended on reducing their carbon footprint not penalized. They will still be using grid power and paying for maint. As more people use solar it will reduce the peak demands for Westar and make existing production capability go further and reduce the need for more generation. This pricing system seems to be a push from utility companies all over the nation trying to protect their turf. We all need to work together to reduce our dependency of fossil fuels.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion, and by the way I am a investor in Westar Energy

#101224

Gerrie Lippert

From: John Nelson <nelsonj3@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 12:24 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar pending rate application

ALCON

I believe that anyone connected to the grid should pay their fair share. There should not be a reduction to your rate for having renewable energy.

John Nelson

101225

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Harold Johnson
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 11:56 AM
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Mr. Harold Johnson

67205

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of GILBERT REINECKE
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 11:03 AM
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Sincerely,

Mr. GILBERT REINECKE
414 S PLUM
NEWTON, KS 67114
REINECKE

#101 227

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of John Ware
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 10:56 AM
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Mr. John Ware
1744 N. Valleyview Ct
Wichita, KS 67212
(210) 392-3016

Gerrie Lippert

#101228

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of John Harrison
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 9:33 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mr. John Harrison
785 S 196th Street
Pittsburg, KS 66762
(620) 232-4860

101229

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Susan Jones
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Jones

66429

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101230

From: yisrj@att.net
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 9:01 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Wondering

Just wondering why were at this crossroads again. Every year Westar Energy wants more money via rate increases. And every time they seem to get their way because the KCC always seems to approve. Why is that? Why can't they use some of their profits to pay for their excuses for raising rates? Why do their employees get paid so much? Why don't they have some competition? I wish the KCC would just once deny their request and force Westar to go down another path.

Adrian Gome

Gerrie Lippert

#101231

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ivan Speer
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 9:56 AM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Mr. Ivan Speer
5314 S. Oak ave.
Wichita, KS 67217

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of ALLEN BROWN
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 8:32 AM
To: public.affairs
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Mr. ALLEN BROWN
1320 east 10th ave
Hutchinson, KS 67501

101233

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Roger Scovell
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 9:26 AM
To: public.affairs
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Mr. Roger Scovell
830 Karla Court
Haysville, KS 67060

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#101234

From: Michael Riner <mriner@sunflower.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 1:29 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate increase (again)

Regarding Westar Energy's rate increase requests.....they keep asking for more and more, but my wages (i.e. retirement) cannot come close to keeping pace. How soon will I end up having to cancel my electricity? I can't keep pace with their increases. Between the electric, water,cable and phone...everyone wants more and more and more....but I can't keep pace. Does anyone care about people like me???

Please tell Westar to postpone their increase requests.

Gerrie Lippert

#101235

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of robert cooper
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 11:02 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mr. robert cooper
1707 Amber Ridge
DERBY, KS 67037-7903
(316) 777-0023

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101236

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Melody Goldsmith
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 10:32 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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6508 Randall Dr
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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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1604 S Water St
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Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 9:26 AM
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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 10:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Cindy Sundell-Guy
1043 N. Jefferson
Wichita, KS 67203
(316) 264-2121

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Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jeanne Marie Poole
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 8:56 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 17, 2015

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Ms. Jeanne Marie Poole

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#101241

From: Paula M Smith <justpms@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 9:43 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar

KCC of Kansas,

I am Paula M Smith of Wichita, Ks 67216. I am writing to you in hope that you will see how unfair another rate increase for Westar would be. Families are having a really difficult time now meeting basic needs. Westar is requesting a return on equity, otherwise known as shareholder profit, of 10% and an overall rate of return of 7.99%. Really! I am 60 years old. I can't even get 5% on my savings! My home that I have owned for 10 years haven't even increased in value enough for me to recovery what I paid plus put into it. Enough is enough! Tell Westar NO! They need to cut back and stay in their own budgets like everyone else.

Thank you for your time in reading this,
Paula M Smith

101242

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of David Childs
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Mr. David Childs
471 Prairie Creek Drive
Kechi, KS 67067

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 7:26 AM
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Ms. Jennifer Fox
1609 W. Burton Street
Wichita, KS 67213

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of MICHAEL CALL
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 6:56 AM
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701 OSBUN ST.
FORT SCOTT, KS 66749-2439
(620) 215-5158

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lynn Chaney
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 6:26 AM
To: public.affairs
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Ms. Lynn Chaney
1398 - 185th Street
Fort Scott, KS 66701-8374

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kamala Platt
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 5:26 AM
To: public.affairs
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Dr. Kamala Platt
2111 N. Spencer
Newton, KS 78207
(210) 617-8613

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 4:56 AM
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2914 SW Moundview CT
Topeka, KS 66614-3009

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From: Carol Schenk <cschenk2@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 7:36 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed rate increase by Westar Energy. They have increased their rates every year; this is COMPLETELY unacceptable. Adding an additional \$15 a month is ridiculous!! I do NOT HAVE ANOTHER \$180 TO PAY FOR ELECTRICITY!!!. My electric bill for June was \$181, and I have a programmable thermostat set at 83°F.

The fact that I will have no control over this charge is just another frustration. Westar needs to control their OWN costs, and stop imposing a 10% or more rate increase every year. I can't afford to live in Wichita anymore.

I also want to add my opposition to the sneaky attack on solar power. This is nothing but a benefit to the earth, and should be a benefit to Westar, but instead they are simply seeking to gouge consumers and pocket even more money.

Please deny this ridiculous and unnecessary (and incredibly, tediously repetitive!!) rate increase by Westar.

Thank you,
Carol Schenk
8913 W. Chartwell St.
Wichita, KS 67205

Gerrie Lippert

#101250

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Patricia Smith
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 7:10 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Ms. Patricia Smith
13431 118th Rd
Hoyt, KS 66440
(785) 289-3454

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carl Frazier
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 6:40 AM
To: public.affairs
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Mr. Carl Frazier
7519 SW Falcon Strret
Topeka, KS 66610

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marcia Weeks
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 12:25 AM
To: public.affairs
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2322 S.Ridgewood
wichita, KS 67218
(316) 655-6589

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 4:40 AM
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Ms. Julia Withington
806 S Main
Leon, KS 67074

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Brian Wiggans
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 1:10 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mr. Brian Wiggans
2819 SE Colorado Ave
Topeka, KS 66605

Gerrie Lippert

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Hannah Perkins
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 11:40 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Ms. Hannah Perkins
140 N Clifton
Wichita, KS 67208

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of DAVID FINNEGAN
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 10:41 PM
To: public.affairs
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2404 S.E. CUIVER ST.
TECUMSEH, KS 66542

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Nesha Robb
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 10:10 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Nesha Robb
2301 Falconview Dr.
Salina, KS 67401

101259

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lee Ullum <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:55 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 16, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. Lee Ullum
12105 West Texas Street
Wichita, KS 67235

101260

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From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mark Regier
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 9:42 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Regier
520 Meadowlark Lane
Newton, KS 67114
(316) 650-7542

101261

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mike Teter
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Mr. Mike Teter
Box 179 2052 Koenigs
Garden Plain, KS 67050
2052 Koenigs

#101262

Gerrie Lippert

From: Sylvia Beeman <sbeewoman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 9:18 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Engery's rate increase request

Dear Sirs, Please do not accept Westar Energy's proposed rate designs that will discourage people from making improvements to their living and work places that will generate clean energy or conserve energy use. People should be given incentives to install renewable energy equipment. Solar panels enhance Westar's operation by providing additional power during high usage times. Please protect the future well-being of our populace and our planet by encouraging person responsibility for conserving energy usage and CO2 reduction. OUR fixed rate for energy usage are already significantly higher than the national average.

Sincerely,
Sylvia C. Beeman

101263

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Melinda Ware
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:25 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Miss Melinda Ware
918 N. Waddington
Wichita, KS 67212
(316) 617-2727

Gerrie Lippert

101264

From: Garth McGinn <gjmccinn@hughes.net>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 9:18 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: WestStar Rate Hike

I can't get out much so probably won't be able to make the meeting. We just put in 7kW of Solar to do our part to make this country energy independent and had to pay an extra fee when we applied. Now, they expect us to pay a higher, perhaps much higher, rate for doing what we should ALL be doing?

My wife and I absolutely oppose this!

Regards,

Garth and Terri McGinn

Gerrie Lippert

101265

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Valentin Delgado
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:25 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Mr. Valentin Delgado
320 East Ave A
Hutchinson, KS 67501-7418
(620) 474-0402

Gerrie Lippert

#101266

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Tracey Jordan
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 9:15 PM
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Tracey Jordan
1321w.cloud
Salina, KS 67401
(785) 822-0602

#101267

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Melvina Jones
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Melvina Jones
P.O. Box 73
Potwin, KS 67123

Gerrie Lippert

#10126Y

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Leah Cappaletti
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 9:15 PM
To: public.affairs
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Mrs. Leah Cappaletti
2873 SW Jewell Ave
Topeka, KS 66611

Gerrie Lippert

#101269

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Diana Warren-Prout
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 9:11 PM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Ms. Diana Warren-Prout
2601 SW Fillmore
Topeka, KS 66611
(785) 580-7047

#101270

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Laura Dodge
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 9:11 PM
To: public.affairs
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Mrs. Laura Dodge
2616 240th Rd.
Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 279-4511

Gerrie Lippert

101271

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Robert Merrill
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 8:41 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mr. Robert Merrill

66047

Gerrie Lippert

#101272

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jerry Marshall
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 8:39 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mr. Jerry Marshall
1101 East Logan
Emporia, KS 66801
62-481-5501

Gerrie Lippert

#101273

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Darcy Gregory
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 8:09 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Ms. Darcy Gregory
2505 Ryan Ct
Lawrence, KS 66046

Gerrie Lippert

#101274

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Denise Appelhanz
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 7:42 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mrs. Denise Appelhanz
300 SW Courtland Ave
Topeka, KS 66606-1271

Gerrie Lippert

#101275

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Cathy Engroff
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 7:41 PM
To: public.affairs
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3236 SE BURTON ST
TOPEKA, KS 66605-2140

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#101276

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Betty Clark
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 7:40 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Betty Clark

Topeka, KS 66614

#101277

Gerrie Lippert

From: jim&carol <thomascj@cablone.net>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 7:29 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I wish to state since we are on a fixed income this raise in rates would be difficult for us to handle, we have no one to pass this cost on to and would involve deciding what to cut back on, and frankly we are running out of anything to cut. Why is it every few months we have a request for another raise in rates?

Jim & Carol Thomas

101278

Gerrie Lippert

From: Liz Pomeroy <ltpomero@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 5:58 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Increase an penalty for solar panels

I live at 8 Indian Lane, Newton, KS. I am opposed to the proposed Westar rate increase, particularly the penalty against those with solar panels. A 60% rate increase over 6 years is ridiculous! I do not have solar panels but I strongly support the use of clean energy rather than dirty coal plants.

Liz Pomeroy

Gerrie Lippert

From: Andrea Fuhrman <meowart@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 5:58 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Comments on rate increase

7.20.15

Dear Commission,

Retrofitting coal based ancient La Cygne is an error. Resources instead should be spent on new energy technology and infrastructure that is both green and safe. Coal impacts the planet causing global climate change despite nonscientists "disbelief". The sun, wind and water are more sustainable sources for energy provision.

Charging more for expenditures at the Wolfcreek Nuclear Power Plant as the Plant life has been extended from 40 to 60 years is wrong! The nuclear power plant should be disconnected and decommissioned. There is NOT enough storage for nuclear WASTE. The requirements for preventing an overstorage of waste has been ignored and the plant is a disaster waiting to happen! The plant location has a potential for flooding! Floods would seep into the waters that cool the plant and may pollute our water. Think of the expense and tragedy! It is also possible to imagine that the drilling and blasting for natural gas by companies like Hillburton are also disturbing the land underground, another potential for the failure of an old nuclear plant that should be decommissioned. Additionally, KS has sinkholes and geologic plate features that might also break apart. Dangerous and foolish to invest in a defunct toxic site. And the cost to replace residential meters with new digital meters can't be that expensive - that needs to be investigated to assure funds are well-spent.

Give advantages to the consumer for being energy efficient. More green energy practices should be rewarded not charged more! Ideally, Westar should become more invested and supportive for sustainable green energy practices; use wind or solar or water power to be environmentally sound! The supplies of coal may be time based, anyway, so it is best to consider other energy applications sooner rather than later.

Why not be ahead of that process and invest in better equipment for wind and solar? Wouldn't Westar benefit by energy tax credits from the Federal Government? Germany is more green -- manufacturing green solar equipment for example - and that sector of the economy is thriving.

If I could afford it, I would go completely green and use solar and wind power. I have read that in China, 60% of the population has asthma due to all their coal plants! I recently had a horrible asthma attack that landed me in the hospital. I could not breathe. Unfortunately I had to run my air-conditioner and shut my windows because the outside air was

polluted. Westar should be fined for polluting the air by coal rather burdening its customers with a rate increase. Dickinson County, where I live had an unemployment rate of 6.1 % in June. I am one of those unemployed. I do not know how I would afford an increase in residential rates. I would be concerned for others ability to pay increased rates- including the poor and elderly with limited or fixed incomes.

Cut greenhouse gases! Develop clean, green and sustainable affordable energy. Don't overcharge for sustainable practices. Think of the world that our grandchildren inherit.

Sincerely,

Andrea Fuhrman
Abilene, KS

Gerrie Lippert

101 280

From: Barb Starrett <bestarrett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 5:13 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar proposed fixed customer charge increase

Kansas Corporation Commission –

I am writing as a residential user of Westar Energy's services voicing my disagreement with Westar's proposed increase of the fixed customer charge for residential electric bills. Increasing the monthly fixed charge disproportionately affects the poor, elderly, and other who use less electricity, as well as discourages energy efficiency because it increases the base rate rather than the charge for actual usage. If an increase is necessary at all, which seems questionable since they seem to receive one about each year, then an alternative would be a very slight increase in the fixed monthly charge (i.e., cents not dollars) and a slight increase to the electricity usage rate for both residential and commercial users.

Barbara E. Starrett
4902 Stoneback Drive
Lawrence, KS 66047-3341
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Email: bestarrett@gmail.com

Gerrie Lippert

From: Kurt Look <look@ku.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 4:53 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Pending Westar Rate Request

I wish to express my concern regarding the pending Westar rate increase request. I assume the KCC will do a good job of reviewing the merits of the amount requested.

I find it objectionable that Westar wishes to use a rate context to achieve their objective of negatively impacting solar installations in homes and businesses. Distributed production of energy is a desirable goal that should be encouraged. Since peak solar energy production occurs at the same time electrical demand is peaking to run air conditioning systems, it helps ratepayers avoid the excessive costs associated with production to meet peak demand.

Increased revenue should be funded by increased costs per kilowatt, not by increasing the fixed monthly fee. The equity argument that solar energy producers are receiving some kind of unfair advantage is not persuasive. I would argue solar energy production actually benefits both Westar and other ratepayers based on my peak energy argument above.

I'm also not very fond of increasing the expenses of people on fixed incomes, but if rate increases are tied to energy consumption, at least people can attempt to reduce consumption.

Kurt Look
626 North 1000 Road
Lawrence, KS 66047

Gerrie Lippert

#101282

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mark Bezdek
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 4:39 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 20, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Bezdek
4230 SE Iowa Ave
Topeka, KS 66609-1702

#101283

Gerrie Lippert

From: Casey Hitch <caseyhitch@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 4:07 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Case

Hello,

I wanted to make my objections to the Westar rate case known. The methods they are using are obviously meant to push alternative energies to the back burner and from a species standpoint that might be the dumbest thing Westar can do. If we want our planet to be habitable 500 years from now, we have to leave the older methods of energy creation behind. Coal and Nuclear especially. The commission needs to examine the possibility of instituting a revenue decoupling mechanism, it is a much more fair alternative to the base pay rate increase that is being voted on.

Also, I have no idea who will be reading this, but it needs to be mentioned that Kansas has been labeled a backwards state in recent years due to the failures of our elected officials, cough, Sam Brownback. The last thing we need to be making the news for is putting roadblocks up for alternative energies. It will only help promote the awful stereotypes that Kansas has become known for.

Here's to making a difference,

Casey Hitch

#101284

Gerrie Lippert

From: lucerolb <lucerolb@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 4:00 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate hike

I have always been opposed to the construction of Wolf Creek power plant and have absolutely no desire to bail out Westar for their absurd purchase of that monstrosity. I'm also on a fixed income and can barely afford to pay their ridiculously high rates now. Please oppose any rate hike from Westar at this time.

Sincerely,
Bill Lucero
1176 SW Warren Av.
Topeka, KS 66604
785-232-5958
lucerolb@cox.net

Gerrie Lippert

#101285

From: Jennifer Kongs <jennifer.kongs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 3:57 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Comment regarding Docket No 13-WSEE-629-RTS

Hello,

As a Westar customer who has been saving and planning to install solar panels and a small wind turbine, I am strongly opposed to the proposed rate increases and rate restructuring as outlined in Docket No 13-WSEE-629-RTS. The planned increase would not only increase my personal rate, but it makes any money-saving incentive for installing renewable energy go out the window. For us to make a switch to a renewable energy economy - and get away from coal, oil and other limited, polluting resources - we need individuals to be able to make financial sense of installing these systems. Docket No 13-WSEE-629-RTS would take this incentive away, and instead make it more expensive for renewable energy systems to be installed than standard, polluting systems. There are no other electricity providers in my region, which makes Westar a monopoly as far as my power sources are concerned. There is no way for the market to force Westar to create competing rates, and no way for me to find a different solution. I strongly urge this rate increase, and especially the rate changes for renewable energy producers, to be denied.

Thank you,

Jennifer Kongs
940 Connecticut
Lawrence, KS 66044

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"And still, after all this time,
the Sun has never said to the Earth, 'You owe me.'
Look what happens with love like that. It lights up the sky."
- Rumi

Gerrie Lippert

#101286

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of ERNEST G. HEDGES
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 2:39 PM
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Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. ERNEST G. HEDGES
1016 SE 36th St
TOPEKA, KS 66605

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Gerrie Lippert

From: adkins4151@gmail.com on behalf of Bill Adkins <badkins@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 2:12 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate increase

Dear Sir Or Ms:

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed rate increase. To charge people more who have invested in renewable energy and to charge more to clean up the existing energy is beyond belief. If producers of energy throughout history had been able to charge more as people moved to different types of energy then the wood cutter and coal supplier would be the highest paid energy producers on earth. Westar has raised energy costs at every possible option. I am not going to waste a lot of your time because I am sure you will hear about this issue a lot. One thing to consider is if renewable energy is the direction of the futureHow many renewable energy initiatives has Westar supported, i.e. How many solar or wind generators have they installed on private homes. I bet the number is none. Thank you

Bill Adkins
1314 N. Oliver Unit 21426
Wichita, Ks 67208

Gerrie Lippert

#101288

From: Delores Maines <DeloresMaines@pbpnation.org>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 1:34 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: increases

I would like to say that I am not a Westar customer directly, I am on Brown Atchison Electric, who does buy from Westar. I have concerns of the increase of monthly bill for myself of course but for my elderly aunt who is on a fixed income. Things are getting tighter now with prices raising everywhere, I am afraid that the fixed income person will soon be unable to afford utilities, or make a choice of utilities or food, or medicines. I just wanted to lodge by complaint and air my concerns. Thank you

Gerrie Lippert

#101289

From: Jackie Mitchell <nokwes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 10:40 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: rate hikes

We use Westar electricity and are very concerned about the rate hike. My husband is on social security disability and I will work for a few more years before I retire. It will be very hard on us for any rate hike. Please take this in consideration before allowing this very profitable company to increase their rates to older customers on a fixed income. Thanks for your consideration in this important matter.

Elaine Mitchell Westar Customer

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code 67401		

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Hashman, Sandra <sandra.hashman@optum.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 4:23 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Comment letter surrounding rate hike
Attachments: Ks_Corp_COMmission.docx; Westar_1.pdf; westar_2.pdf; westar_3.pdf; westar_4.pdf; westar_5.pdf

I cannot make the meetings surrounding the proposed rate hike, but I would like my letter and comments to have weight in the decisions. THANKS.

Sandra K Hashman-Evans

Executive Director / OHBS - KanCare Team
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Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

July 21, 2015

Dear Kansas Corp Commission,

I am writing you a letter that I have been meaning to write for several month. I know you are considering a rate hike for Westar energy and I would like to submit my comments.

I live in the same home my parents purchased in 1969. My, how times were simpler ☺. My parents passed away in 1999 and in 2006, and had they both been alive today on their fixed income, there is no way they could pay the energy bill for this house. Yesterday, I received my June electric bill and it is the highest bill I have ever received. A staggering \$503.80.

I live in a two story farm house with new windows, new roof, new insulation and vinyl siding. I have watched my energy bill increase, increase, and increase since 2002, when I moved back into this house. I have enclosed copies of my 2007-2008-2009 and a 2015 bill around the same months. If you review the KWH and KWH/Day of each month, you will see the amount of energy is very similar. However, please note the disparity in charges/fees of the bills. The cost of transportation, and all other added fee's have pushed the cost of the electric bills for consumers to the point of absurd. I would like to put some perspective to some real life scenarios and I pray you will do more investigation to resolve the disparity

- The State of KS employees have not seen a raise since 2007
- The state Medicaid rates for outpatient services have not increase since 2007
- The cost of maintaining an inmate in the state system remains around \$21,950 annually, same as in 1999.
- The cost of placing a youth in a group home in KS has been \$126.50 since 1999
- The amount of funding for education has decreased by approximately 28% since 2008
- The amount of funding for community mental health centers for non-Medicaid members has decreased by approximately \$22 million since 2007.
- The amount of money a foster family receives for fostering a child in KS custody has been flat for 8 years.

I use these cost factors for comparison because there are MANY state employees in Ks, and there are so many disabled persons who live on fixed income and received benefits

such as Medicaid who have not seen any increases since 2007 due to the recession. As you hear from media sources, the states deficit continues to widen and there is no relief. I am concerned how can individuals in this state keep paying for energy costs which could be quelled by Corp officials of Weststar energy. I am just one person who is concerned more about others and how this is a burden to their budgets, than just myself. I happen to be blessed to be able to pay, though not happy, for my absurd electric bill. I beg you to review what is the TRUE cost of providing the energy to the citizens of Ks, and add no more than 5% for profit to the shareholders. Cost based services is what every consumer in Ks should receive and pay, not bloated rates.

Thank you for your time in this matter, and I would love to have more conversations about how to do business better in Ks. I believe though I have no experience in energy, I do have the perspective of a typical Kansan and could lend insight to the planning process of how to do more with less and still accomplish the same goal.

Sincerely,

Sandra K Hashman-Evans

101292

Gerrie Lippert

From: Jeff Head <jeffhed@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 4:16 PM
To: public.affairs
Cc: juliehead@cox.net
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear KCC:

My wife and I are writing with regard to the rate increase from Westar which would increase the base rate for solar energy adopters. Our understanding is that Westar wants to charge a higher base rate to solar energy users who sell electricity back to Westar, based on their argument that this somehow creates an extra load on their infrastructure. We believe that this is a misleading argument, since the electricity is immediately available for use by others on the grid, thus lowering overall demand. We believe this has more to do with stifling competition than imaginary loads on the grid.

We also understand that Westar won a recent ruling allowing it to pay 3 cents kwh from residential solar users, while selling it for 12 cents kwh. We were not aware of this ruling until we read about it in the Manhattan Mercury with regards to this rate increase. This markup -- which seems outrageously excessive by any measure -- by itself should more than compensate Westar for any additional demands on its grid. The addition of a higher base rate for solar energy users and suppliers is really over board and excessive.

We also see no reason to have a high base rate for all users. We believe electricity rates should be based on usage, which should serve as an incentive to users to increase energy efficiency in their home and appliances, and lessen their demand. Our home has had a successfully operating solar hot air system for over 40 years, and we are seriously considering adding electrical solar generation in the future. We strongly urge the the Corporation Commission to reject this rate increase.

Sincerely,
Jeff Head and Julie Head
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

Gerrie Lippert

101293

From: Jim Wohler <jwohler44@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 3:36 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar proposed increase

I urge the KCC not to approve Westar Energy's huge proposed rate increase. This will work a real hardship on me and my fellow senior citizens, most of whom are on fixed incomes. We are barraged with escalating costs yearly on food, energy, taxes, and almost everything. We do our best to hang on and tighten our budgets, but it gets tougher each year. There comes a breaking point, and the pain then becomes more personal and intense.

The wealthy do not care. They can afford it. The affluent do not really know or care of the plight of seniors and the poor--the people that things like these proposed increases hit the hardest.

I urge you to deny the increase proposed by Westar.

Respectfully,

Jim Wohler

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City SALINA		
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Gerrie Lippert

101295

From: Will B <wthethrill67@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 3:22 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate increase

IN regards to westars request for a rate increase. How many increases to the consumer has westar received . It seems that they no more than get one than they are asking for more money of somesort. The company is not losing money . The average Kansan has been hit Hard with the economic situation of our state and country. My family and many others are struggling to make it .Working several jobs and living modest lifestyles trying to keep our head above water . I am strongly opposed to any more increases for westar for any reason . I suggest they start having the shareholders make a little less profit . in reality I know that it was a waste of time to contact the KCC about yet another increase for westar . westar always seems to get their increase of some sort and soon come back for more . Most customers will not contact you about this because they feel what is the use , the increase will happen regardless. No rate increase . Will Barngrover 5541 se 89th street Berryton Ks.

101296

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of PAT WITH
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 12:58 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. PAT WITH
14230 Lakeview Dr.
Wichita, KS 67230

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

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Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code		

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07/30/2015 OPPOSED TO RATE INCREASE AND THE 10% RETURN ON INVESTMENT IS UNREALISTIC. HE SAID THEY NEED STOCK AND BOND EXPERTS TO TESTIFY ON THE RATE OF RETURN AS THEY UNDERSTAND THIS IS REALISTIC.

101298

Gerrie Lippert

From: Michelle <rnbauck@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 12:48 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: substandard electric service by Westar

I and my neighbors have long had a problem with Westar Energy in Hutchinson Ks. Our side of the street over the past 18 years has had many power outages, both brief and long term, while across the street our neighbors have had no problems. Those of us who have called to complain have been given various excuses. Those excuses apply to our neighbors across the street as much as to us (squirrels, trees growing into the lines, etc.) but they again have not had these problems. Those affected have had basement flooding due to this and we believe the brief outages damage our appliances, since 2 homes on our side have had to replace air conditioners in the past month after the numerous brief electric failures late in June.

Last night was the worst. We had 5-6 power failures of 1-2 second durations in a 15-20 minute period, followed by a 30 minute complete power failure. One neighbor having a new air conditioner put in then was told by the technician not to start the AC because this type of brief outage would ruin it. We are all outraged, and want something done about this. If you are not the correct agency to contact, who is? Please reply since we are all considering various options to force this company to give us the decent service we pay very high electric bills to get.

Thank you,

Michelle Bauck
529 39th Ct.
Hutchinson Ks. 67502

Gerrie Lippert

#101299

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Terry Peters
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 12:34 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 21, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

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This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Terry Peters
2007 S.W. Mission Ave.
Apt. #11
Topeka, KS 66604
(785) 272-6863

#101300

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Linda Blevins
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 12:29 PM
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Mrs. Linda Blevins
511 Fowler
Box 95
Maple Hill, KS 66507

Gerrie Lippert

#101301

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sara Leslie
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 11:10 AM
To: public.affairs
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Sincerely,

Ms. Sara Leslie
1600 Haskell Ave.
Apt. 105
Lawrence, KS 66044
(785) 979-0248

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101302

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Loretta Bailey
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 11:10 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Loretta Bailey
516 West 11th Ave
Hutchinson, KS 67501

Gerrie Lippert

101303

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of patricia benabe
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 10:41 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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This new rate will effect the elde4rly, disabled and low-income wage earners the most for they are in the extremely low-income category.

The energy assistance programs are no longer an option for most people as funding has been significantly cut. We like your shareholders need air-conditioning to cool us when the temps soar.

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Sincerely,

Ms. patricia benabe
1600 Haskell
Lawrence, KS 66044

101304

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Hope Manderino
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 9:40 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 21, 2015

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Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

Dear Commissions:

No increase for Westar!!!

All Kansan's living expense are increasing and everyone's paycheck can't afford yet another Westar increase. I already do everything I can in my power to keep my electric bill low and affordable to my budget.

There are several business that have to deal with a budget and don't get the privilege to request increases that affect every Kansan. We all rely on having electricity and Westar should be held to a budget and work within in it. Why don't they raise the prices on the wind turbine energy that they sell to out of state users since Kansan's don't really get the full use of that power increase either. There are other ways that Westar can get the money for projects they are just taking the easy way out because you at the commissioners always give them what they want regardless of what the Kansan's NEED!!

Most individuals in the State of Kansas don't get regular pay increases the way Westar gets regular increases to supposedly support projects they are working on. What happen to the funds from all the past increase they've gotten over the past six years. Make them use the funds from those previous increases! The projects should have been completed by now if that is what they actually used the money for. If they aren't completed make them wait to start the next project until they can afford it within their budget.

I'm one state employee that hasn't seen a cost of living increase in my check for over 10 years and there are over 60,000 of us with the same issue. Not to mention the fact that the state government has consistently reduced all state employees checks on a regular basis because of them raising how much the employees cover of their health insurance and retirement so the government can pay less to cover the state budget issues. With the sales tax increases, school expenses increasing at all levels of education, water bills increasing and waste management bills increasing that now affect every Kansan which we all have to deal with for the next several year's adding yet another increase to everyone at this time is not good business measures!

Do the right thing this time and tell them NO!!!

Sincerely,
Hope Manderino
4531 SE 27th St
Topeka, KS 66605

Sincerely,

101305

Gerrie Lippert

From: rsonnedecker@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 9:39 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Energy Rate Increase

The current and continuous efforts by Westar to increase rates to the Kansas Consumer are excessive and unacceptable. The current economic situation in Kansas cannot support these large and frequent increases. The evidence of Westars lack of priority for the maintenance of the infrastructure in order to provide dividends and executive bonuses is evident in the condition of the electrical grid. Westar is a monopoly and must be controlled as such. Dividends, bonuses and executive pay must be controlled and minimized. NO RATE INCREASE IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITIZENS OF KANSAS!

Ray Sonnedecker
104 W. 20th Ave
Hutchinson, Kansas 67502

rsonnedecker@sbcglobal.net

101306

Gerrie Lippert

From: Mary Kerle <lib.kerle@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 9:18 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar's proposed charge to energy efficient customers

Kansas Corporation Commission

We all praise efforts to invest in energy efficiency. Westar now seeks to penalize customers who are succeeding in doing so. It can't be allowed to happen! Westar, thank these customers for lowering their energy use. If you are allowed to raise rates, get your increase from the customers who have not made an effort to do so.

Mary Kerle
1614 SW Sieben
Topeka, KS 66611

101307

Gerrie Lippert

From: Kurt Look <look@ku.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 8:35 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Increase

Westar is couching their proposal to increase the fixed monthly charge in terms of "fairness". Consumer advocates are arguing it is not fair at all. Isn't "fairness" the domain of the KCC commissioners? Westar should limit their concerns to raising revenue and let the KCC and consumers decide how to provide the revenue to Westar.

You are well are of the arguments against raising the fixed monthly charge. I just hope you see through Westar's sudden cynical concern about fairness.

Kurt Look
626 North 1000 Road
Lawrence, KS 66047

101308

Gerrie Lippert

From: Teresa Wilke <teresawilke@sunflower.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 8:24 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS

Westar rate hike is regressive. Perhaps pend the hike on the amount of energy used by each consumer. Include commercial and residential consumers if determination is made to charge the fee/rate increase. This is a corporation with a very bad record of financial ethics. Westar is a monopoly and their profits should allow their growth without sapping each poor sonsumer. Don't we pay enough for electricity as it is? Thank you, Teresa Wilke

101309

Gerrie Lippert

From: Jamie Hofling <jkhofling@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 8:15 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: rate increases

KCC,

I attended a session by CEP to learn about the rate increases proposed by Westar. While I understand the need to recover costs for facility upgrades I fully disagree with a plan that penalizes people who strive to conserve energy. By imposing flat rate increases to everyone, Westar is negating the important message that we must be more conservative with energy usage. The current proposal particularly hurts people with solar panels which is the most upsetting. Investment in solar panels should be made easier not more difficult for people. I also find the rate plans to be too complicated.

The message that we must be more conservative with our energy usage will be more appropriately conveyed if a higher usage charge were imposed.

As an alternative solution, the strategy of revenue decoupling which shifts the focus to selling energy more efficiently, appears to be a fair strategy.

Thank you,
Jamie Hofling

101310

Gerrie Lippert

From: Kelli Flanner <kelliflanner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 10:02 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Proposed Westar punitive fee for solar customers

Good morning,

I'm a Westar customer and solar energy user. My leased solar-panels provide not only all the heating, cooling, and electricity for my home - they produce surplus energy that goes back into the grid for others, requiring Westar to burn less coal to produce the electricity that my neighbors enjoy.

Please do not accept Westar's proposal to create a punitive fee for solar customers. I pay the same user fee as everyone else for using the electric grid Westar provides. There is no reason that I as a solar user and generator should pay MORE than my neighbors for using the same grid, especially when I am providing Westar with free, extra energy they can use to distribute to others without burning coal or incurring any cost to create that energy!

Thank you,
Kelli Flanner
Lecompton, KS

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Date Filed **07/30/2015**
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

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State KS Zip Code 6 7422		

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Narrative

07/30/2015 OPPOSED TO RATE INCREASE FOR WESTAR. SAID THE EXECUTIVES ARE OVERPAID AND WESTAR NEEDS TO MAKE SOME CUTS BEFORE ASKING FOR A RATE INCREASE. THIS INCREASE WILL REALLY HURT RETIRED PEOPLE.

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State KS Zip Code 6 7216		

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Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code		

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Narrative

07/30/2015 WHY DOES WESTAR EVERY 6 MONTHS A RATE INCREASE, I'M ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND DO NOT GET AN INCREASE TO COVER THIS EXTRA CHARGE.

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Date Filed **07/30/2015**

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Account Information

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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code 67401		

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07/30/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE. HE SAID IT IS UNETHICAL FOR THE GOVERNOR TO ASK WESTAR FOR CAMPAIGN HELP AND THEN WESTAR TO INCREASE RATES FOR CUSTOMERS AS THAT IS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.



Comment Form

Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

101315

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Name (please print): Brittany Newberger

Address: 1957 2900 Ave Chapman KS 67431

Phone: 785 307 0525 Email: britewheeler@hotmail.com

Preferred method of contact: Any

Comment: I oppose this measure that would increase my utility bill. My family is on a fixed income and struggle to pay the bills due to Kansas outrageous tax rates, adding this on top of it would be ridiculous. In 10 years there will be newer improvements to do that will be more cost efficient. If anything I'd offer discounts to people to install and operate wind or solar energy. My family would be willing to install a wind turbine but we just can't afford it.

Signature: Brittany Newberger Date: 7/21/15

se note: By submitting comments to the Commission, you are authorizing the Commission to make your comments and any 'ed information publicly available.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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CONSUMER PROTECTION

June 24, 2015

To Whom it may Concern

Docket # 15-WSEE-115-RTS:

I get on average 3-5 phone calls my day, people wanting donations or trying to sell me something. Whether it be "Maha Nishk", American Heart, Lung or Diabetes associations, or you have won a trip for 2 - free! But you must contact your travel agent to get tickets and make arrangements. Sometimes its Sheriffs association or State troopers wanting money for fallen officers. The newest one I had recently was to purchase a video, safe for children under 15 for \$11.98. Each year my Medicare deduction from Social Security goes up. What do we get --- Less health coverage. Just this last year my Social Security went up \$7.00 to: \$414.00 a month and my health insurance went up \$12.00; vehicle insurance up \$23.00; and homeowners \$18.00.

I am almost 70 yrs old. We are almost told at our job we are not needed anymore. (Younger and now compatible with modern technology) workers are hired to replace us. I would like to be able to send out letters saying: I need some home repairs done, please send money or workers to help me. Or the last week of the month the grocery store has a "good deal" on something I really like, but funds are almost gone, please help me out.

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Its hard for me, but I have managed. 5 years now as a widow. If you don't go out to eat, attend anything that costs money to see and really watch your money it can be done.

It seems once people get older we are no longer heard. It would be nice to go to the Senior Center for meals each day. I live in the Country and use gas to get there. Don't know how much more I can cut back on. I do not have Air Conditioning. Only a plain TV (no dish etc), no Computer or dish washer or automatic washer or dryer. I have a wringer washer and hang my laundry outside. In the winter hang in the basement. My vehicle is 14 yrs. old and it gets me to town and back when I need it.

Donna Mc Nicholas

People are getting lazy. We walked to Country School. Now the meter reader can't walk little over 100' to read a meter so they put in digital meters they can read from the truck. Absolutely Un-necessary.

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Complaint ID **101318**
Date Filed **07/30/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

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City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code		

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Complaint ID **101318**

Date Filed **07/30/2015**

Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Narrative

07/30/2015 ASKING NOT TO APPROVE RATE INCREASE - I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN AND ONLY HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY FOR INCOME.



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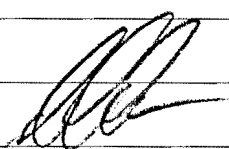
Name (please print): Alan Schnacker

Address: 10030 SW 109th Auburn KS

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred method of contact: _____

Comment: I know this rate increase is mostly a Fed
mandate from EPA. I would like to thank west star
employees, Power plant operators, linemen, mechanics, all the
folks behind the scenes, that keep our lights on, out in
the stormes behind the desks, cleaning the floors and
everything else we need people! do to keep our power on.
These people are barking up the wrong tree. They
need to call their congress people and tell them to
defund the EPA. Its not west stars fault, its not
Brownbacks fault, blame Obama!

Signature:  Date: today

Please note: By submitting comments to the Commission, you are authorizing the Commission to make your comments and any included information publicly available.



Consumer Information

Public Hearing

101320

Consumer Inquiry

Thank you for coming to the public meeting sponsored by the Kansas Corporation Commission. We regret that we were unable to address all questions during our session tonight, but we want to assure you that we will make every effort to direct your inquiry to Commission staff who will contact you in the near future to address your question.

Please turn in this form to the Commission staff at your location.

Location: Farley Elementary School, Topeka, KS Docket No: 15-WSEE-115-RTS Date: July 21, 2015

Public Comment

Name (please print):

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Preferred method of contact:

Name of your energy provider:

Question:

Rate of Return should be 6% and no higher.
> There should be a good Conservation
> Program of new furnaces + CHP for Sm Business
and the poor and small landlocks.
West Star has had 60% increases
in 5 years! Ridiculous!
I am opposed to this Rate Increase.

Please note: Questions submitted on this form will not be considered public comments and are not provided to the Commission for inclusion in the record. Please refer to the Consumer Information Sheet if you would prefer to submit a written comment to the Commission. Thank you.



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Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

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Name (please print): RONALD RICHIE

Address: 2332 SE 22ND TERR

Phone: 785-2344122 Email: RONALDRICHIE@POL.COM

Preferred method of contact: _____

Comment: READ THE MOVERS 6 TIME A YEAR.
IT WILL SAVE MONEY. $\frac{12}{\times 6} = 72$ A YEAR

JAN MAR MAY JULY SEPT NOV ON SIDE
OF TOWN.

FEB APR JUNE AUG, OCT DEC
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note: By submitting comments to the Commission, you are authorizing the Commission to make your comments and any included information publicly available.

July 18, 2015

Re: 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Kansas Corporation Commission
Public Affairs and Consumer Protection
1500 S W Arrowhead Road
Topeka Kansas 66604-4027

Dear Members:

I am encouraging you again, to deny Westar Energy's rate increase. It seems like, I am writing you every year.

This time, the rate increase requested, will make a substantial increase, on every bill. They are really hurting the low income customers, but, also, all of us. Westar knows we need their product and with no competition, we don't have a choice. We don't see services improved at the same rate.

Westar Energy executives and stockholders are enjoying the "good life", as the rate increases line their income "nests". The average customers are not seeing their monthly income increase at such a generous amount, many, not at all, some without jobs.

Thank you for your time listening to us, hopefully, helping you make the right and fair decision.

Sincerely,



Charlene M Durbin
505 W 13th Ave
Hutchinson KS 67501
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Complaint ID **101323**

Date Filed **07/30/2015**

Investigator **SBOYD**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name MARILYN ZIEGENHIRT	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City		
State KS Zip Code		

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Narrative

07/30/2015 * MS. ZIEGENHIRT IS ON SOCIAL SECURITY. HER INCOME IS SMALL AND SHE IS BARELY GETTING BY NOW, SO A WESTAR RATE INCREASE WOULD BE A TERRIBLE HARDSHIP FOR HER.
* PLEASE DENY WESTAR'S REQUEST.

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Complaint ID **101324**
Date Filed **07/30/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City TOPEKA		
State KS Zip Code		

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Narrative

07/30/2015 DISABLED AND ON FIXED INCOME AND DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY NEED TO RAISE IT AGAIN. NEED TO LOOK INTO THE STOCKHOLDERS. HOW MUCH MONEY IS GOING TO THE STOCKHOLDERS. IT IS THE ELDERLY THAT CANNOT AFFORD FOOD AND MEDICINE AND AIR CONDITIONING. NEEDS TO BE LOOKED INTO AND DOES NOT THINK IT IS RIGHT.

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Testimony for Public Hearing
KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

July 21, 2015

Eva Zurek
2007 Anderson Ave
Manhattan, KS, 66502

Westar's proposed residential rate increase - Docket 15-WSEE-115-RTS.

My name is Eva Zurek and I am writing my testimony in opposition to the rate increase Westar Energy is proposing on its residential customers who plan to supplement their energy use with a solar energy from its own installations. My objection to those rates is based on my own data I have been able to gather over the course of one year being a customer with solar panels with a net metering plan that ended in July 2014. Allow me to present those data together with some modest calculation in attempt to cast a light on some of the claims made on behalf of Westar Energy.

In the DIRECT TESTIMONY OF AHMAD FARUQUI ON BEHALF OF WESTAR ENERGY, it is claimed that *"Westar essentially acts as a free backup battery for these customers – storing the customers' generation during periods of surplus generation and delivering it back to the customers when their consumption exceeds the output of their solar installations."* ... and that *"Those backup services impose real costs on the utility"*.

Having just 300 solar customers like me, Westar Energy calculates, that the real cost of transmission, distribution and customer service is worth of 2-3x times as much as for the regular customer without solar panels regardless on time of use, demand and actual load. In their words, it costs Westar so much more to serve us, we need to stop installing solar panels, because that is essentially what will happen, if Westar proposal will be honored. It can be easily calculated, that the investment into solar panels will barely pay off after 20-25 years in service. That will not be a sound economic decision on behalf of any potential solar customer. Why ban it, when they can make it economically insane?

My own personal data tell this following story: This past year, I used 4708 kWh total energy per year. I bought from Westar 3419 kWh and I used 1289 kWh of my solar energy. I sold to Westar 1853 kWh which represents 59% of my total solar E. produced (total solar E. was 3142 kWh). My dependency on Westar supply was 72%.

Under proposed scenario:

1. I am not a solar E. owner, and I would eventually pay \$27/mo fixed cost:
That is \$324 fixed cost per year to deliver 4708 kWh.

2. I am a solar owner, and I would pay \$50/mo fixed cost:

That would be \$600 fixed cost per year to deliver my 3419 Kwh of bought E. Assuming the much larger pay is for the "battery storage" as Mr. Faruqio points out in his testimony, I am using 30% less energy from Westar for the regular price \$324 per year (see No1 above) and then I pay \$276 for the "battery" per year.

Did they have to build extra grid because of the buy-back? Do I cause so much damage to the existing grid by selling them the extra? If yes, they should show it in numbers. The current data from the ongoing studies suggest that none of these extra charges are justified, and in fact, solar energy benefits the grid by extending the life expectancy of the transformers for as much as 15 years.

How is the "battery charge" calculated is not clear. No data has been presented as far as I can tell to justify that, and under that light, it does not seem far off to think, that Mr. Faruqui has figured a cost of a solar storage battery for a homeowner and used the number to calculate the extra charge over the expected lifetime of a battery in use. If this rate is approved, homeowners may as well save the money to purchase the battery and leave Westar as customers. This will in return push the solar industry into a fast-speed development. This strategy from Westar is therefore short-sided and in contrast with a public service which was design to serve all, not to alienate Kansas citizens who wish to reduce its dependency on coal generated energy.

Westar Energy is NOT my battery. I am not getting energy from Westar for free. If I had a battery, it would be my energy, generated from my own installations, for which I paid myself. I pay to Westar Energy for all services I use just like any other customer. If Westar has an increased cost directly associated with buying back the extra solar energy, they should first calculated it fairly, scientifically, and only then they should offset the possible extra cost. This should be reflected in the charge per kWh bought back, because the solar installations differ greatly among customers, and not all customers are selling back equally, and some may sell back very little. Under a very high fixed cost rate, customers with solar panels might be having a tendency to sell back as much as possible, but as we can see, the Westar has prepared for such behavior by making sure, it will not pay off. They will buy those extra kWh at a very reduced cost. No win situation for a solar customer, the only option that is left to leave the grid, or never install solar panels. Is that what is desired in the state of Kansas?

Allow me to add one more point to the diversity of solar installations. My solar panels are not facing the South. In fact, half of my panels face West, therefore I produce most of my solar energy in the late afternoon hours, going strong till 7p.m in the summer time. That way, I am easing the peak load, which drives many of those cost increases. I do my best to address this issue, and I hope members of this committee will see it with me.

Thank you for your attention. Sincerely, Eva Zurek

Eva Zurek
June 21, 2005

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Complaint ID **101327**

Date Filed **07/30/2015**

Investigator **GLIPPERT**

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City BENNINGTON		
State KS Zip Code 67422		

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Narrative

07/30/2015 DO NOT BELIEVE WESTAR NEEDS ANOTHER RATE INCREASE. DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY NEED TO RAISE RATES AGAIN. WHO ARE THEY PAYING TO GET THE RATE INCREASES AS IT NOT THE PEOPLE PAYING THE BILLS.

DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY.

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City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code		

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State KS Zip Code		

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Narrative

07/30/2015 AGAINST INC REASE FOR WESTAR

101330

Jul 16, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar
Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money
on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to
\$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its
investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the
environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills
affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this
control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to
increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the
Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its
shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher
than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food,
prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost
of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider
this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase
Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Ms. cathyjo menousek
6121 e 9th st n
WICHITA, KS 67208



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#101331

CHARLES K. HYTER
1112 N. MONROE STREET
HUTCHINSON, KS 67501
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July 28, 2015

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1500 S.W. Arrowhead Rd
Topeka KS 66604-4027

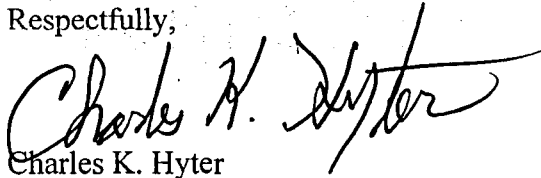
Re: 15-WSEE-115-RTS

If I understand correctly, Westar wants to increase my electric utility rate by \$.65 per day over a five year period and my customer service charge (presently \$12.00) to \$27.00 per month by 2019. In my humble opinion they can go straight to hell!

The rate increase is another attempt to shift the rate burden from large users to individuals and families – much like the tax burden in Kansas has been shifted. Westar has received 20+ rate increases since 2009 and makes a very nice 10% profit, wish I could a rate like that from my friendly credit union.

Those of us on a fixed income cannot continue to pay ever increasing rates to maintain those in high management in the style of David Wittig and give the shareholders (not investors) a return of 10%.

Respectfully,



Charles K. Hyter
Account Nbr: 4964590345

Charles K. Hyter

1704 E 975 Rd
Lawrence, KS 66049
July 24, 2015

101332

Kansas Corporation Commission
Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection
1500 Arrowhead Rd.
Topeka, KS 66049

Dear Commissioners:

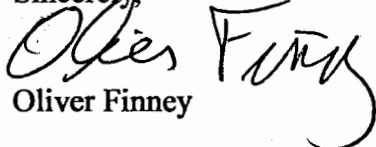
I am writing concerning the most recent rate plan proposed by Westar.

While I am, like most people, in favor of the lowest possible electric rates, I have to admit that I don't have the expertise to comment on the validity of the company's request. Therefore I'll confine my comments to the company's plan to increase the "monthly charge" from only about \$9 a year or so ago to a planned \$27 a year in five years.

Specifically I am concerned about the unintended social consequences of the rise in charges for the people who use the least amount of electricity. Maybe it's the case that the projected prices accurately reflect the "cost" to Westar of providing power to small users. But for our society the real cost is that the poorest of our state will in yet another way find it difficult to survive while the more affluent of us enjoy the benefits of consuming more.

I hope that the Commission will preserve the present rate schedule which doesn't worsen the existing gulf between the haves and the have-nots in our community. It's not just a economic issue; it's a moral issue.

Sincerely,


Oliver Finney

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Date Filed **07/30/2015**

Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

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City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code		

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Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Narrative

07/30/2015 DO NOT A FEE INCREASE - ALREADY PAY ENOUGH IN UTILITIES - CANNOT AFFORD ANY MORE EVERY 6 MONTHS.

My name is Judy Steinkirchner. I work for the Coleman Company in Wichita, Kansas owned by the Jarden Corporation in Rye, NY.

We have not had a raise in wages for 15 years. No cost of living raise. No raise of any kind.

I do not drink pop, coffee or alcohol. I do not smoke. I do not go out to eat or to movies. I have been cutting my own hair for the last 20 years. I do not have cable tv or internet service. I have a simple cell phone plan with text and talk only. I have cut out every expense I can to make my income stretch as far as I can.

I have cut everywhere I can and am still struggling financially. I like many people cannot afford an increase in the electric bill.

I am very conservative on how much electricity I use. I am asking you not to give Westar Energy an increase of any kind. Even a small increase is going to add a hardship to me and many other families.

I am referring to Docket No 15-WSEE – 115-RTS

Sincerely,

Judy Steinkirchner

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Account Information

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Narrative

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DIRECTOR OF A NON-PROFIT AND DEAL WITH A LOT OF LOW INCOME PEOPLE AND IT WILL BE QUITE A BURDEN.

101336

Jul 17, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Ms. Glenice K Watson-Davis
1604 S Water St
Wichita, KS 67213

*Please!- I can hardly pay all of my
Utility Bills now, as it is.*

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

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Narrative

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Date Filed **07/30/2015**

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DOCKET NO. 15-WSEE-115-RTS WESTAR RATE INCREASE

The Kansas Corporation Commission

Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection

1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road

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Commissioner(s):

Is the Kansas Corporation Commission in Westar's pocket or at minimum too sympathetic toward Westar rate increases? Recent comments by KCC Spokesperson L. Berry would seem to indicate this is occurring. Many of Westar's customers, including me, feel this is a problem. I cannot remember when the KCC ever rejected a Westar rate increase outright. Many rate increases have been reduced but none, to my recollection, have ever been turned down. I feel that the KCC is being out-smarted, out-numbered and out-maneuvered by Westar who likely has a full time staff dedicated to proposing, writing, submitting, justifying and defending rate hike requests. This function within Westar must justify its existence (i.e. salaries) by securing rate increases as is witnessed by Westar's semi-annual rate hike requests.

We install high efficiency air conditioners and furnaces and insulate our homes to the max to conserve electricity but these efforts are negated by Westar's incessant rate increases and their latest request to increase the monthly residential service charge by 25 %. This request should be rejected outright.

I also question Westar's request for a rate increase to pay for EPA ("environmental") required upgrades at the La Cygne power plant in light of the recent ruling by the Supreme Court (SCOTUS) regarding EPA mandates. Has the KCC checked this out? We should be getting rebates not rate increases!

Westar needs to be cautioned and perhaps even censured for its unrelenting rate increase requests and it is the KCC's job to do it

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To: The Kansas Corporation Commission
 Re: written comments, Westar rate case
 Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS
 From: Kansas Natural Resource Council,
 Sharon Ashworth, Program Manager



**Kansas Natural
Resource Council**

The Kansas Natural Resource Council is a non-profit group whose mission is to promote the wise use of Kansas natural resources for current and future generations of Kansans.

KNRC opposes Westar's proposed rate structure on the grounds that it discourages energy conservation and renewable sources of energy.

- **Solar customers and efficient customers are not cheats**

Westar testimony suggests that the fewer than 300 solar homeowners in Kansas play a lead role in Westar's case to raise electricity rates on all its nearly 700,000 customers. These solar users apparently are responsible for inter-customer inequities that must be corrected if utility rates are to be fair. KNRC questions the use of such baiting language – why pit one group of users against another, why put the blame for higher costs on the backs of a handful of solar providers?

While the Westar testimony targets homeowners who install solar panels, their arguments in fact apply to anyone who seeks to reduce their energy usage for any reason, environmental or fiscal. By suggesting that those who seek to reduce their energy bills are somehow not paying their fair share, Westar includes all those customers who have installed energy efficient appliances, switched their incandescent bulbs to fluorescent or LED, and admonished their children to turn off the lights when they leave a room. Essentially, those customers that have conscientiously sought to save money on their energy bills will be penalized in Westar's new plan because those who do not need or wish to reduce their energy bills, those who leave the lights and TVs on, are paying more for the cost of energy production. The incentive structure of the new rate plan is backward from the consumer's point of view. Worst off will be those customers who cannot afford the LEDs and energy saving appliances. Those who have diligently invested in energy saving devices and strive to save money and energy in their daily habits will be penalized. Those who use energy with impunity and have not invested in energy savings are rewarded.

Infrastructure costs are built into all customers' bills by way of the fixed service charge, including those customers with solar panels. Westar does not provide solar panel users with a "free" backup battery as suggested in Dr. Overcast's and Dr. Faruqui's testimonies. Solar customers pay the fixed charge for that service, the same as all Westar customers, a rate that until this year Westar had determined was a fair charge for customer service.

- **Westar's rate plan raises electricity bills for low use customers and removes control of electricity costs from the consumer**

In his testimony, Dr. Faruqi states that "Redesigning rates to better reflect the split between fixed and variable costs in Westar's operations ensures that customers' changes in consumption will directly affect their energy bills." In fact a customer's ability to affect their energy bill is much reduced under any of the new plans. A greater portion of the customer's bill remains fixed under the proposed scenario leaving the customer fewer options to make a meaningful dent in their electricity payment.

We are assured, however, that variable costs for energy consumption will go down with the new plan as fixed rates go up. There are two problems with this proposal: 1) it is not true for all plans, and 2) it sends the wrong signal.

Under Westar's rate plan, both fixed and variable charges go up with the new standard service plan – there is no offsetting. According to the Residential Stability Plan (RSP), the variable rate is reduced only for the first 600 kWh; thereafter the variable rate is higher. The variable rate only goes down for the new Residential Demand Plan (RDP). While this may be the "offsetting" Dr. Faruqi mentions in his testimony, it clearly sends the wrong signal. This offsetting decreases the incentive to save in the future and penalizes those customers that have to date attempted to conserve energy and lower their bills. Why spend money on expensive light bulbs or tell the kids for the 20th time to turn off the lights when it won't have a great impact on your bill. The new demand charge, based on peak electricity use, might be an extra incentive to save on the electricity energy bill, but what customers have the ability to manage all their electrical appliances on a daily basis to prevent high spikes in energy use? A customer's electricity bill might be based on the fact that their refrigerator happened to cycle on while dinner's cooking on the electric stove, one kid plugs in her computer, the other turns on the TV, and someone else decides to run the vacuum cleaner. No one will be able to predict their peak use and cannot hope to manage those costs without a strict schedule of what appliances can be used at what times.

The Residential Rate Study for the Kansas Corporation Commission dated April 2012, reported on the effects of different rate structures. The Straight Fixed Variable Rate (SFV) examined in the study evaluates a proposed increase in the fixed charge while lowering the variable charge. The study found that while the SFV did reduce a utility's disincentive for promoting energy efficiency, the plan increased the customers' disincentive to save energy and actually led to large bill increases for low-use customers (these are energy efficient customers as solar customers were truly negligible in 2012). In fact anyone using under 1,000 kWh was to have an increase in their electricity bill (the average Kansas household uses 945 kWh) while those using more were to experience a decrease in their electric bill.

Westar's proposal discourages energy savings because most of bill is fixed. The new rate structures will in the end cost all Kansas residents more – more fuel, more water, more pollution, more money. There are other models that provide for the real costs of producing electricity while also imparting an incentive and reward for frugality.

- **The cost of providing electricity is high and Westar needs a fair return on investment**

Westar does need to recoup the costs of providing its customers with electricity, including those costs associated with the environmental upgrades at La Cynge and the updates at Wolf Creek. We have learned from Westar's testimony, the current fixed charge does not cover costs and as more and more people work to save money on their energy bills, the variable energy consumption charge does not currently make up for the gap between expenses and revenue. To remedy this very real and legitimate concern Westar has proposed to increase the fixed charge for providing electricity.

However, the 2012 Residential Rate Case study presented to the KCC found that revenue attrition is more pronounced with high fixed rates as compared to rate structure models that adjust variable charges.

De-coupling fixed and consumption charges is one potential rate mechanism that has been used successfully in other states. In these cases, utilities are guaranteed a rate of return and recoup expenses predominantly from the variable rate rather than the fixed rate. In a decoupled rate structure, the variable rate is annually or semi-annually adjusted up or down depending upon a guaranteed rate of return for the utility. The variable rate can be adjusted for increasing energy consumption in blocks of kWh, by seasonal use, or by time of use.

According to the 2012 Residential Rate Case study, any variable rate increase caused by increasing efficiencies is negligible when compared to the savings customers can generate through those efficiencies. Decoupling allows the utility to recover costs, removes the disincentive to promote consumer efficiency, and allows the consumer to better control their monthly bills.

- **Who controls the power of the sun?**

Westar knows that solar is part of our future and they are building demonstration projects and will in the near future give customers the option of purchasing solar from utility owned solar arrays. The Westar website thanks Kansans for supporting renewable energy. We applaud this effort, but do not want to see homeowners choices limited if they prefer to produce their own solar power. Westar's rate plan ensures that the utility will remain in control of solar power.

As an organization that promotes the wise use of our natural resources, KNRC opposes Westar's proposed rate structure on the grounds that it discourages energy conservation and renewable sources of energy.

Thank you for your time.

Sharon Ashworth
For the Kansas Natural Resource Council

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OPPOSED TO WESTAR INCREASE. HAS HOME WITH DUAL METERS AND 2 SEPARATE A/C UNITS SO A \$27-\$50 FEE PER CONNECTION WOULD BE DEVASTATING TO THEM AND COST THEM \$100 BEFORE EVEN TURNING THE LIGHTS ON. THE DUAL SYSTEM WAS A SELLING POINT WHEN THEY BOUGHT THE HOME IN JANUARY AND EFFICIENT WAY TO KEEP OLD HOUSE COOL.

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07/31/2015 THINK IT IS ENTIRELY UNJUSTIFIED. CURRENTLY PEOPLE ON A FIX INCOME HAVE MORE THAT ENOUGH ON THEIR PLATE TO PAY FOR THINGS NOW. WESTAR NEEDS TO TIGHTEN THEIR BELTS. STOCKHOLDERS ARE GETTING MORE THAN THEIR SHARE OF DIVIDENDS PRESENTLY. THE KCC NEEDS TO STAND UP FOR THE POPULATION OF KANSAS AND PUT THEIR FOOT DOWN.

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07/31/2015 CANNOT AFFORD ANY MORE MONEY TO WESTAR. MADE MORE MONEY THAN ANYONE IN THE WORLD. WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE DO NOT NEED TO RAISE OUR RATES ALL OF THE TIME.

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07/31/2015 * MR. VITNELY IS 86 YEARS OLD AND MRS. VITNELY IS 81. THEY LIVE ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND THEY ARE BARELY GETTING BY NOW, SO EVEN A SMALL RAISE FOR WESTAR WOULD BE VERY HARD ON THEIR BUDGET.
* BOTH OF THE VITNELYS ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE FOR WESTAR.

July 20, 2015

Kansas Corporate Commission
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RE: Westar Rate Increase

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my concern for another rate increase. I do not support this rate increase due to the effects that it will have on people that are on fixed incomes such as the elderly and disabled sector. As the cost of living continues to increase, people that rely upon social security cannot afford another rate hike for electrical services that are already expensive. You also need to consider people that are minimum wage employees within this state. \$7.50/hour for 40 weeks = 300, gross income. People cannot make a decent living off this wage, let alone support a family. These people provide very important service to our community such as cleaning and food service. The political appointees of this state won't support a minimum wage increase, but yet they also benefit from the services minimum wage workers provide. This sector of minimum wage employees are heavily taxed compared to the 'small businesses and farmers' that benefit from tax exemptions. They pay taxes on everything they buy in addition to income taxes. Minimum wage employees pay more than their fair share of taxes and they are taxed at the expense of others.

I do not support Westar's request for another rate increase. Maybe the CEO and other executives should reformulate their salaries, or better yet, let them try to live off of minimum wage and see how it is to feed, clothe, house a family and pay bills on this income.

Kansas air quality regulations K.A.R. 28-19-720 and 28-19-750.

"The proposed regulations are not anticipated to result in additional costs to KDHE, other state agencies, or the private sector because the impacted facilities are already subject to the costs associated with the current federal standards, which KDHE is proposing to adopt by reference. A detailed economic impact is provided in the regulatory impact statement that is available, as listed below, for each proposed regulation." - Secretary Robert Moser, MD, Secretary of Health and Environment.


Verna Potts
Mayetta, Kansas

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- * MR. AND MRS BEIL LIVE ON A FIXED INCOMENAD THEY ARE BARELY GETTING BY NOW. ANY RAISE IN ELECTRIC RATES WOULD MAKE IT VERY HARD ON THEIR BUDGET.
- * WESTAR IS ALWAYS ASKING FOR A RAISE. THE BEILS WOULD LIKE FOR THE KCC TO TAKE SOME OF THE REQUESTED RAISE FORM WESTAR'S MANAGERS. THEY ARE MAKING MORE THAN ENOUGH AND ULIKE THOSE ON FIXED INCOMES THEY COULD SURVIVE WITH A LITTLE LESS MONEY.
- * BOTH OF THE BEILS ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE FOR WESTAR.

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Jul 16, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?


I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control—before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,


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Subject: Concerning Westar's proposed rate changes
Attachments: EPA_and_Utilities_Are_On_the_Wrong_Track_say_Experts.docx; Kansas_faces_dangers_say_scientists.doc; Utilities_Cant_We_Be_Partners.docx; Brownback_Letter_of_1-13-2011.doc

Importance: High

Dear Kansas Commerce Commission:

Westar Energy must not be allowed to make changes to its rate structure designed to interfere with and oppress distributed energy while also opposing EPA mandated changes needed to protect the public's welfare.

(see first item attached)

The above is an informed position that I take and one that agrees with scientists and with sustainability leaders like Len Hering; and I take the above position in part because I've (as one of Westar's long term customers) proposed a modified business model for Westar that is designed to enable Westar to adapt distributed generation and Westar has steadfastly refused to even discuss my proposal, which I believe indicates the company has bowed its neck and refuses to even consider my proposal and what is in the best interests of its customers and what benefits to its customers could be embodied in the modified business model I have to propose.

Rear Admiral **Leendert "Len" Hering** Sr. (U.S. Navy, retired), is a prominent military and civilian sustainability leader with a broad background in energy and environmental issues. His main passion is sustainability and educating people on the dangers the future holds without taking responsible actions to secure the nation's cleaner energy future and preserve water, air quality and other resources.

Mr. Hering says; **"The truth is, distributed generation is the answer, and the chaos that's needed in the utility sector is needed today," adding "If the energy companies can't figure out how to get there from here, we're going to figure it out on our own."**

(see second item attached)

My proposal to Westar and the Kansas Corporation Commission offers Kansans many Advantages

A cooperative or community owned energy project offers many advantages. It stimulates the local economy by creating new jobs and new business opportunities for the community while simultaneously expanding the tax base and generating new income for local residents. A locally owned energy project also generates support from the community by getting people directly involved. Many such projects could be located within Westar's trade area and provide many benefits including holding down energy costs and creating jobs and economic recovery both in the rural sector and in towns and cities in Kansas.

Another advantage of community energy projects is that they can be owned cooperatively or collectively through a variety of legal mechanisms. Ownership strategies can include limited liability corporations (LLCs), cooperatives, school districts, municipal utilities or other municipal entities, or combinations of these models. Often a city partnering with an existing utility can be mutually beneficial.

(see third item attached)

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I maintain that a strategic alliance between my firm and Westar is exactly what is needed and all that is required is for a city in Kansas or a utility in Kansas to come to the table and work with me to figure out what is in the best interests of all involved.

Here is a notice I've posted on Facebook and elsewhere.

COLLABORATORS, STRATEGIC ALLIANCES AND/OR INVESTMENT NEEDED FOR NOVEL NEW CONCEPT GLOBAL REPOWERING TECHNOLOGY. AAEC WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILS ON REQUEST.

AAEC has invented, patented, tested and further developed a new concept low-carbon energy technology we've designed for serving as the core technology for far cleaner renewable energy production systems and energy efficiency improvements across the American landscape and around the world. AAEC's novel new concept technology consists of a biomass, fossil fuel, and municipal waste combustion, gasification and pyrolysis conversion technology that can provide scalable heat and power requirements as well as both biofuel and biochar production. AAEC's technology is for stand-alone use or as backup for alternative energy systems that depend on solar, wind or other intermittent sources of energy, and in this way it will help enable a doubling of the deployment of alternative energy projects around the world in coming decades.

AAEC developed this new concept technology to enable homeowners, businesses, towns, cities and even counties to convert nearly completely to cleaner renewable energy. AAEC is for those who understand that cleaner distributed alternative/renewable energy derived from coal, solar, wind, biomass and waste is a viable pathway to stall global warming and produce a much better future for all communities, for our descendants, and ultimately for all humanity. AAEC offers a viable way to move beyond merely talking about global warming and climate change to better controlling it. Fossil Fuels firms and utilities may oppose what AAEC offers and may want to maintain their monopoly positions as sole energy providers and pass on the costs in cleaning up their operations to their long suffering clients and customers, even if much better options are available that would benefit them as well.

AAEC management believes we will do better and be safer in the long run if we can deploy a practical way to power all societies on extraction of greenhouse gases that have already been emitted into earth's atmosphere while also reducing ongoing greenhouse emissions and begin protecting our communities and electric power grids. We are claiming to be the inventor of one of the "tools" needed to enable humanity to overhaul the power delivery system, in the USA and elsewhere, and help get us out of the box fossil fuels and governmental inaction have humanity bound up in. We propose to do this through deployment of advanced alternative energy projects at community, city and county scale as good paying infrastructure producing jobs are needed. Therefore AAEC is seeking support from all that may care to support this project.

AAEC's product lines can be manufactured in the US and in most any locality on any continent for the local or regional market. This we at AAEC believe will create licensing opportunities and many thousands of good paying long term jobs and these are among the things we are offering to an alternative energy hungry world. For further details please contact:

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The EPA and the Utilities Are “Both on the Wrong Track,” Say Experts

02/18/2015 | Aaron Larson



Len Hering speaks to attendees at the Energy, Utility & Environment Conference in San Diego, Calif. *Source: POWER/Aaron Larson*

“I honestly believe they’re on the wrong track, clean and simple,” Hering said, suggesting that the transition needs to happen at “five times the pace that these folks are talking about.”

“The truth is, distributed generation is the answer, and the chaos that’s needed in the utility sector is needed today,” adding “If the energy companies can’t figure out how to get there from here, we’re going to figure it out on our own.”

And Hering isn't the only one pointing out the trend toward distributed generation. "The utilities have had their world turned upside down as a result of the installation of rooftop solar systems by their customers," said Greg Odegard, principal of GO Global Environmental.

Odegard pointed out that the two largest electricity suppliers in Arizona have started to fight back. Arizona Public Service proposed a \$50 to \$100 per month fixed fee for rooftop solar customers last year, but the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) only allowed a \$5 fee to ultimately be levied.

Salt River Project (SRP)—the other big player in Arizona—is attempting to attack solar users from another angle. It proposed a change to the net metering credit, which would base the credit on wholesale rates rather than retail rates, and proposed a demand charge for use of the grid regardless of the electricity consumed.

SRP doesn't need ACC approval because it is a government agency. It has a 10-member board that simply needs to approve the proposal for it to go into effect, and Odegard said they seem pretty happy with the measures, so it could just be a matter of time before it is implemented. The net result, according to Odegard, would be a \$50 per month rate increase for each SRP rooftop solar owner.

Some utilities see distributed generation a bit differently. According to a utility survey cited by Odegard, 31% of respondents said they saw distributed energy resources, like rooftop solar, as their biggest growth opportunity over the next five years.

"There is a sense within the utility industry that things are definitely going to change," Odegard said, but he suggested that many utilities still don't seem to know what to do with that knowledge.

The crux of his presentation focused on the transportation sector, however. Hering noted that CSE—a San Diego-based nonprofit organization—administers clean vehicle rebate programs in California, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

"You have to look at transportation," Hering said. While coal-fired plants are large emitters of GHGs, he noted that transportation emissions account for up to 48% of GHGs in San Diego, and as much as 52% in Los Angeles, so addressing transportation emissions is just as important as reducing power sector emissions. But even so, Hering was firm in his view that utilities need to make changes.

—*Aaron Larson*, associate editor (@AaronL_Power, @POWERmagazine)

Len Hering, RADM, USN (Ret.)



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Rear Admiral **Leendert "Len" Hering Sr.** (U.S. Navy, retired), is a prominent military and civilian sustainability leader with a broad background in energy and environmental issues. His main passion in sustainability is educating people on the dangers the future holds without taking responsible actions to secure the nation's energy independence and to preserve water, air quality and other resources.

A native of Portsmouth, Va., Hering retired from the Navy in 2009 after more than 32 years of service. He was noted as one of the Navy's top experts in base operations and facility support with an emphasis on sustainability and the environment.

While in the Navy, Hering's efforts included everything from renewable energy to responsible water use and conservation. He built a team recognized throughout the Department of Defense as the best in environmental protection and sustainable innovation. Within three years, the team reduced energy consumption by nearly 42%, diverted 75% of Navy waste from landfills and reduced water consumption by more than one billion gallons, saving tens of millions of taxpayer dollars. Hering instigated wind, thermal, photovoltaic and conversion technology at all levels in Navy facilities. President Bush awarded Hering a 2005 Presidential Award for Leadership in Federal Energy Management in recognition of efforts reducing oil spills and for recycling.

In 2009, Hering joined the University of San Diego, where as vice president for business services and administration he initiated numerous sustainable measures on the campus. Within the two years he served, USD installed the largest solar system of any private campus in the country, instituted the most comprehensive water abatement project in the school's history and reformed numerous business practices to help control costs. His efforts resulted in saving more than 3 million gallons of water per year and more than \$1 million in electrical costs.

Hering's endeavors include founding what is now the largest sustainability business partnership in San Diego County, the San Diego Regional Sustainability Partnership, a consortium of business, government, academic and community organizations promoting practices that support a sustainable future for the region.

Education

- State University of New York Maritime College, B.S. degree, meteorology and oceanography
- Naval War College, M.S. degree, international relations and strategic studies
- Salve Regina University, M.S. degree, business management

Awards

- 2005 Presidential Award for Leadership in Federal Energy Management
- San Diego's Top 100 Influentials in 2006-7
- 2006 Community Sustainability Award, California Manufactures & Technology Association and Industrial Environmental Association
- 2008 San Diego's Deal Maker of the Year 2008 Spirit of San Diego Award
- 2008 & 2009 City of San Diego Recycler of the Year

- 2010 American Lung Association Climate Champion Award
- 2010 Energy All-Star Award, Outstanding Sustainable Organization, CSE

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Comments on Herring article on EPA and Utilities;

MJCronin -

"The truth is, distributed generation is the answer, and the chaos that's needed is needed today. If the energy companies don't figure out how to get there from here, we're going to figure it out on our own." HUUUUH ?? Solar power doesn't work at night. Energy storage is extremely expensive, especially in California. Natural gas fired reserves are the only reasonable answer if you want a stable grid and reasonable costs. What has this guy been smoking? If you want fewer CO2 emissions, make gasoline more expensive and institute free mass transportation.

Les Blevins

You are right Mr. Cronin; Solar doesn't work at night and energy storage is extremely expensive, but natural gas isn't the answer. NG is also fossil fuel and fracking isn't going to change that. Advanced Alternative Energy Corp. (AAEC) has developed new technology designed to allow towns, cities and counties to go completely to clean renewable energy. AAEC.com is for those who understand that distributed renewable energy derived from solar, wind, biomass and waste is a viable pathway to stall off and reduce human induced global warming and produce a better future for ourselves our descendants, and for our communities and for humanity. AAEC offers a viable way for environmental organizations and activists to move beyond talk. Fossil Fuel firms and utilities on the other hand oppose what AAEC offers and want to maintain their monopoly positions as sole energy providers and pass unlimited costs in cleaning up their operations to their customers, even if better options are available.

▪ MJCronin

You speak fluent MBA, Mr. Blevins. But you are no engineer....

Storage of wind/solar/whatever generated energy, which is the only alternative to combustion-free electric power is very, very expensive. Generation of load-following power by burning natural gas is the only practical way to make the entire system operate when renewables cannot meet the demand.

... AND following a changing electric demand during daylight hours requires combustion. The wind/sun does not care about the electric power demanded at any one moment. As far as your statement "AAEC is for those who understand..." realize that a large part of your audience is seasoned white-haired seniors who understand all too well.

No one is enamoured with combustion..... Industry has been experimenting and improving wind and sun generated electricity for over 50 years ! There are practical limitations.... Face Reality !

Les Blevins

Mr. Cronin I am facing reality and you should too. Generation of load-following power by burning natural gas is not the only practical way to make the entire system operate when renewables cannot meet the demand. Gasification of biomass and municipal waste can provide "load-following power" as well and storage of municipal solid waste and dispatching it as feedstock for gasification furnaces is not as you say "very very expensive" as the MSW can be delivered to and stored at the site near the gasification furnaces along with tipping fees that would ordinarily go to the area landfill that provides no return on the ongoing fees being collected. This is the concept that coal burning utilities are most in fear of and this is the innovative approach that can provide the chaos that is needed today that Mr. Hering is calling for.

***"The country that harnesses the power of clean, renewable
energy will lead the 21st century."***

~ President Barack Obama

***"A fundamental rule in technology says that whatever can be done
will be done"***

~ Andy Grove, Co-founder of Intel

Grid Revolution Massachusetts-style

Elisa Wood, Contributing Editor

June 25, 2014

Virginia, USA -- Utilities, get ready: Massachusetts is in revolutionary mode again. No one is throwing tea into Boston Harbor, but the state is trying to sink outmoded ways of moving around electrons.

Massachusetts recently became the first state in the nation to issue a 'grid modernization' strategy, a move to make the electric system amenable to new technologies. More than that, it's a shift to encourage utility innovation.

The state is "remaking the electric grid as it might have been designed by Steve Jobs: elegant, customer-friendly, and with functionality that was previously unimaginable," said Paul Gromer, CEO of Peregrine Energy Group and former Massachusetts state energy commissioner.

The Department of Public Utilities began investigating grid modernization in 2012 out of concern that technology was changing and the grid wasn't keeping up. Clearly, the electric grid of the last century wasn't built for homes acting as power plants, appliances keyed to energy prices, and cars fueling up from an electric plug. After months of meetings with key players, expert input, hearings and a mulling of ideas, the regulatory agency in mid-June ordered a course of action to ready the grid for the new world.

What Will This New Grid Be Like?

The state isn't pushing a particular kind of future grid. ("We cannot know today all the advances and technological breakthroughs that will occur in the electricity sector over the next decades," said the DPU in the order.) Instead, it is laying out a new way for utilities to plan their future, one increasingly inclined toward greener operations.

"The grid modernization order requires utilities to really think differently about the way they operate their businesses," said Ann Berwick, chair of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities in an interview.

The order calls for utilities to submit plans to the state to show how they will achieve four modernization objectives: reduce power outages; reduce peak demand; integrate distributed resources, and improve workforce and asset management.

The plans must receive DPU approval before they are put in place. And the DPU will monitor progress over the years based on a series of metrics, including the number and output of distributed generation systems installed.

"What gets measured, gets done. With this order, in Massachusetts renewables will get done," Gromer said.

Those who follow Massachusetts energy policy expect solar, in particular, to benefit from grid modernization.

"We are really big in Massachusetts on solar," Berwick said. So big that the state met a goal to install 250 MW of solar four years early. Now, with more than 500 MW installed, Governor Deval Patrick has set a new goal of 1,600 MW of solar by 2020.

Massachusetts is pushing wind power, too. But given the state's dense population, it has little room for land-based wind and is relying more on the still nascent U.S. offshore industry to help it meet its 2,000 MW wind power goal by 2020.

Removing Fear

To encourage utilities to act — and act quickly on grid modernization — the state is trying to remove what many say is a significant impediment to innovation: the way regulators treat utility investments. Traditionally in the U.S., regulators take a backward-looking approach to cost recovery. The utility makes the capital expenditure, then state regulators investigate and decide if the utility did the right thing and can therefore recover its cost in consumer rates. This makes utilities notoriously risk adverse; they fear getting left with a big bill.

But to modernize the grid, the state will take a forward-looking approach to cost recovery. Utilities will offer up their capital investment plans first and then if regulators find them worthy, they will pre-authorize the expenditures.

Specifically, the state is requiring that the utilities file 10-year plans that outline how they will modernize their facilities. Investments made in the first five years are eligible for pre-authorization.

There are some nuances. To be eligible for the special rate treatment the capital investment has to be incremental — "to specifically facilitate grid modernization over and above what companies would be doing without these requirements," Berwick said.

And as a precondition, utilities also must put in place "advanced metering functionality," she said. That might mean installation of advanced meters or some other technology that can do the same kind of thing — collect customer data in near real time, automatically report customer outages to the utility, etc.

Storage, Too

The Obama administration recently issued a federal proposal to limit carbon emissions from existing power plants 30 percent by 2030. But Massachusetts set its own carbon requirements several years

earlier. In 2008, the state passed a law requiring a 25 percent reduction by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050 from all sectors of the economy.

It will be easier for the state to reach its goals with a modernized grid, since the new structure will better accommodate not only renewables and energy efficiency, but also electric storage.

Tom Leyden, CEO of Solar Grid Storage, said the state is showing "clear leadership in confronting climate change and ensuring the reliability of our power supply." By supporting solar and storage, Massachusetts will "make the grid more efficient by smoothing out the peaks and providing clean power when its needed most — during peak demand times."

The state's grid modernization strategy, in fact, complements the 'New Technology Adoption Regulatory Model' or NTARM, which is being promoted by the Energy Storage Association, according to Matt Roberts, ESA executive director.

NTARM allows for a streamlined process to create pilot projects and demonstrate new technologies. Once the technologies are established and utility investment increases, then the technologies are subject to more formalized regulatory oversight, he said. This approach is helpful because "regulation in the energy sector often involves a number of phases that are executed over many months or years, and for a small startup technology company this can be detrimental as they tend not to have the flexible capital to maintain throughout the process."

Will Others Follow?

Something of a bellwether state, Massachusetts has been out front on several green energy trends. The state is home to what soon may be the first major offshore U.S. wind farm — the 420-MW Cape Wind. And the state has been selected three years running as number one for energy efficiency by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy. Its clean tech industry saw 11.8 percent job growth in the last year.

And Massachusetts was the first state to put a grid modernization plan in place. But change is afoot elsewhere in the U.S., too. New York — another influential state in the power sector — is looking at grid transformation as well, with the intent of boosting distributed resources. Others may follow. This could be the start of a larger, national drive to make the grid more tech-ready. It's too early to gauge its shape and size, but its color is clearly green.

Comments

Brian Donovan

July 4, 2014

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Yes, smart grid means the utilities control our generators and heavy appliances. It also means they monitor our usage so accurately they can tell what brand of TV we have and when it's on.

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/energy/2012/12/121212-smart-meter-privacy/>

"A key feature of the smart grid is automation technology that lets the utility adjust and control each individual device or millions of devices from a central location. "

<http://energy.gov/oe/services/technology-development/smart-grid>

The grid is a single frequency, single voltage system with various filters and time delays from wiring. Just by measuring the voltage and phase/frequency, an isolated grid connected system can tell if the grid needs to get energy or lose energy, and can respond appropriately. This actually works better than central control, because it's instantaneous and local. Central controls can get into oscillations caused by the delay in reporting deviations and controlling input and output. This caused the big east coast blackout.

There are applications for smart meters, but they can be a huge invasion of privacy too. If parked cars are designed to provide phase/frequency and voltage spinning reserve 10 minute interval power, they need to get paid for it appropriately. They can do the stabilization spinning reserve function without central control, but the payment part requires a smart meter. Same for home generation and batteries. Net metering didn't require smart meters, since the analog meters ran fine backwards. But if you want to create time pricing, you need smart meters. Note, that's not smart grid.

Even load shedding can be done with only distributed intelligence, no central control. You have loads that can be delayed, you have agreed to delay them, you see a dip in grid power, and you shut them off. It's that simple and it can all be easily built into the electronics that control the loads. What you need is a smart meter to pay you for that action.

Here are the generally defined aspects of the "smart Grid"

Reliability. Well, central control is the least reliable, a single point of failure. Distributed control wins, and municipal local distribution micro grids with solar backed by waste fueled peak/reserve generators wins. Whole city grids can disconnect from an overloaded state or national grid, continue running and give the bigger grids time to stabilize. Maybe we don't even need those big grids.

Market Enabling.

Really, grab your wallets, they want another money extraction system. While they talk about users getting paid like they should for load shedding, and battery spinning reserves, I don't trust the corrupt

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politicians to regulate the greedy utilities to do it fairly.

They claim latency is a problem, but that's only for real time central control. and that's very bad idea. Centralize rules and contracts making with distributed control works great with no latency. Just use the internet as is.

Scott Sklar

June 29, 2014

What Massachusetts is rightly trying to achieve is maximum choice for consumers, as we have done for phones. No single player, no single technology, no single energy source can dominate the market. Having a smart grid does not mean they can cut your solar off, but rather route the electrons to where they are most needed and where it is most economic. I have two self-generating buildings in Virginia using battery banks, and such systems are allowed in any case with smarter grids. While these transitions are always rocky, as it certainly was with cellular and the early introduction of WIFI, it's worth the change to provide options, lower risks, and ultimately lower costs. Scott Sklar, Adjunct Professor, GWU and President, The Stella Group, Ltd.

ANONYMOUS

June 26, 2014

To build solar in Massachusetts, the state government is setting the solar electricity rate at \$300/MWH (\$0.30 kWh) making it 6 times as expensive as current sources of electricity (in addition to Federal tax subsidies). That reflects poor solar conditions, higher potential wind and snow loadings, and other factors. This does not include the cost that will be required for backup electricity supplies or grid upgrades. This is not Southern California. The state solar program reflects a political belief that electricity costs are not connected to economic growth--ultimately that will backfire as higher electricity rates come in over the next decade. Welcome to real world costs.

Brian Donovan

June 25, 2014

We don't need a smart grid, in fact, it's a Trojan horse. It will allow utilities to shut down rooftop solar with a simple software command. The world doesn't need state or national grids anymore.

Rooftop/parking lot solar backed up with municipal waste to fuels in the local distribution substations peak/reserve generators, is all we or nearly anyone in the world needs. The distribution substations with their own waste fuels generators can island from the state and national grid, completely eliminating the possibility of huge blackouts. Now that's national security. Offshore wind can help, but it's big energy, and US big money is in the mood for torture and pillage, not honest long term investment. Without our own local choice, they have us over the barrel.

Ya know, it's just awful the subsidies and breaks all these "capitalist" free market "renewable" industries need, isn't it? we should stop that, it's unfair. Well.. then how unfair are the 50 times larger gov breaks fossils and nuclear have gotten for 100 and 50 years and still get!

Without subsidies breaks and protection, electricity prices would be: rooftop solar Power: 3-6 cents/KWH

Wind Power: 6-7 cents/kWh

Nuclear Power: 11-20+ cents/kWh

Coal Power: 9-32+ cents/kWh

<http://cleantechnica.com/2011/06/20/wind-power-subsidies-dont-compare-to-fossil-fuel-nuclear-subsidies/#ABfIXAI3UjBqeQOP.99>

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/the-real-deal-on-u.s.-subsidies-fossils-72b-renewable-energys-12b>

solar 2.3, wind 12B, ethanol 17B, 70B fossils. nukes 120B\$

400GW of solar and wind installed world wide, 100 nuclear power plants worth, and even more waste to fuels and energy.

Barbara Durkin

June 25, 2014

Correction:

Where are our reliable energy sources that are commercially reasonable? It's clear who has the green jobs. Insiders :(

Follow the money.

Barbara Durkin

June 25, 2014

Is the agenda public interest served by reliable, safe and reasonably priced and clean energy sources?

By appearances crony capitalism and corporate welfare are the drivers of energy policies in MA.

He who writes the rules renewable wins. This is at the public expense in reliable energy terms.

This article states:

"Paul Gromer, CEO of Peregrine Energy Group and former Massachusetts state energy commissioner."

Phil Guidice, CEO of Ambri, (ARPA-E) award of \$6,949,624, former chair of the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust, now part of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center funding Ambri. Guidice has served as commissioner of the Department of Energy, and as Undersecretary of Energy of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Phil Guidice led the team that invested over \$54 million in federal stimulus dollars in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in Massachusetts. Prior to joining the Patrick administration, Guidice was senior vice president of EnerNOC, which was awarded 20 percent of the state's ARRA stimulus for a \$10 million contract, by Guidice's own energy department.

Ian Bowles served as Executive Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs of Massachusetts, during which time he oversaw all aspects of energy and environmental regulation and policy in Massachusetts. And during which he served as Advisor to Harvest Power and Flo-Design. Ian Bowles is the founding Chairman of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center that approved a \$3 million financing package for FloDesign.

A quartet of senior officials who served in the state's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs under Deval Patrick are forming a new consulting and project development firm, Rhumb Line Energy. The founders are Ian Bowles, the department's secretary, who left last December, and undersecretary Phil Giudice, who plans to resign at the end of this month. Joining them are Vivek Mohta, who served as the director of energy markets at the state's Department of Energy Resources, and Bob Keough, who had served as the energy department's head of public affairs. http://www.boston.com/business/technology/innoeco/2011/05/former_state_energy_officials.html

Epsilon Associates Director of Regulatory Affairs is Deerin Babb-Brott Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Coastal Zone Management and Director of the Office of Coastal Zone Management in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. In that role, he led the development of the Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan, a first-in-the-nation comprehensive state ocean plan that designates wind energy development areas

EPSILON: Deerin will lead Epsilon's work on off-shore energy projects and bring his considerable expertise to bear on Epsilon's active coastal permitting practice.

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Kansas faces dangers from rising CO2 Say KU Scientists

"We can expect more heat, more intense storms and more droughts," say KU scientists in climate change report

By Scott Rothschild
November 11, 2008

Higher temperatures, more intense storms and increased drought will plague Kansas this century because of rising carbon dioxide emissions, according to a study by Kansas University scientists that was released Tuesday.

The study details numerous dangers posed by climate change and should serve as a warning and prompt new policies that reduce CO2 emissions, the scientists said.

"What's important to remember — these are projections," said Johannes Feddema, a geography professor who is a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The study by Feddema and KU's Nathaniel Brunsell, also a geography professor, was done for the Salina-based Land Institute's Climate and Energy Project.

By 2100, if greenhouse gas emissions continue to increase as projected, temperatures in Kansas will rise an average of 2 degrees to 4 degrees, the study said. Southwest Kansas could see an increase of 8 degrees.

By 2060, winter temperatures will stay mostly above freezing. That means more insects, diseases, and the need for farmers to increase the use of costly pesticides, the scientists concluded. Higher summertime temperatures will also hurt crops and livestock and increase the need for irrigation.

Climate change will also cause more extreme weather patterns, including intense rain and flooding, but because of higher temperatures, soil moisture will decrease, and that means more intense drought. "What hurts Kansas also hurts the nation," the report said. "Climate change will increase stress on America's breadbasket, risking our food security."

An earlier study by the National Council of State Legislatures estimated that climate change could cost Kansas \$1 billion per year.

The report recommends that Kansas embrace renewable energy, focusing on wind, biomass and solar. Not only will this help the environment but it will also play into Kansas' economic hand, the report said.

"When people talk about climate change, too often they ignore the costs of not dealing with it. They also ignore the economic opportunities for Kansas in shifting to a clean energy economy," said Nancy Jackson, executive director of the Climate and Energy Project.

Disaster damage numbers rise in Kansas

By Associated Press

July 6, 2015

TOPEKA — Federal disaster declarations and damage costs are on the rise in Kansas, although it's unclear whether more severe weather is the reason.

Twenty-nine disasters were declared in Kansas from 2004 to 2013, the last year for which data is available, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The rest of FEMA's history, from 1953 to 2003, showed 27 disasters in Kansas, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported.

There also was a generally upward trend in weather-related damage. The newspaper averaged claims over five years to reduce the impact of individual years with unusually high or low claims. The claims rose from an annual average of \$92 million from 1994 to 1998, to \$249 million from 1999 to 2003, \$339 million from 2004 to 2008 and \$551 million from 2009 to 2013.

Mary Knapp, Kansas state climatologist, said the increases coincide with weather watchers getting better at documenting some events, such as small tornadoes. She also noted that a flood or tornado that wasn't a disaster in earlier decades might be one if the same thing happened today because of shifting demographics.

"A flooding event that happened 30 years ago may have affected a few families and not been a disaster," she said.

Before 2000, all but one disaster in Kansas was either due to severe storms, tornadoes or flooding. The exception was a grain elevator explosion in 1998. While the severe storm-related causes still dominated in the most recent decade, the state also had declared disasters related to the Hurricane Katrina evacuation in 2005, two fires and eight winter storms.

Michael Cappannari, spokesman for FEMA's Region Seven office, which covers Kansas, said he didn't know of any trend that would explain the increase in Kansas disaster declarations, which are declared by the president.

The process starts on the county level, where emergency management officials determine if they need state help, Cappannari said. The state can then request that FEMA assists state and local officials in preparing preliminary damage assessments, he said.

"These damage assessments are the first step in helping a governor determine whether the scope of the damages are beyond what the state is capable of handling and if additional federal assistance is needed," he said.

Kansas residents rally against coal fired electric plants

By Scott Rothschild

March 12, 2008

Coal-burning energy plants

- Local lawmakers split on coal-plant bill (03-08-08)
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Topeka — For her 14th birthday, Sarina Farb said she wanted to work against the proposed coal-fired power plants.

So the Lawrence teen, her mother and father, JoAnn and Joe, and sister, Samantha, 9, came to the Capitol on Tuesday to rally with others against legislation that would allow two 700-megawatt coal-burning plants in western Kansas. Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has vowed to veto the bill, but legislative leaders have said they will try to override her veto.

"It's a really bad idea all around," Sarina said of the proposed project.

"It's just going to add to global warming, and my generation is the one that is going to be the one to suffer the consequences," she said.

Both she and her sister are home-schooled, and coming to the Capitol to speak with legislators was part of their education, her mother said.

The proposed plants would produce 11 million tons of carbon dioxide per year, but proponents of the project say it will be among the cleanest burning coal plants in the country and help revitalize the western Kansas economy.

Later, both Sebelius and Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson spoke at the rally. Organizers of "Kansas Clean Energy Day" said approximately 250 people attended events at the Capitol throughout the day.

Sebelius urged the crowd to contact their legislators to lobby against the bill.

"We are in the beginning of what needs to be a thoughtful, and careful and comprehensive conversation that will impact this state for generations to come," the governor said.

Kansas residents could greatly benefit from a new nonpartisan and comprehensive approach

By Les Blevins Jr.

January 12, 2008

This is a rewrite of a Journal World opinion piece.

Next week, Kansas legislators will gather in Topeka to begin their 2008 session and, from all indications, the lawmakers are going to face several difficult, challenging issues that are sure to result in a contentious session.

And, although legislators are pleased and proud of the basketball and football teams and the Orange Bowl win, legislators are not generally very wild about KU. Therefore it is likely to be a challenging session relative to the university and its wishes and needs.

One of the major issues facing lawmakers is how Kansas is going to pay the bills from major natural disasters this past year. According to one lawmaker, the price tag for 2007 disasters could easily top \$625 million. This includes floods, ice storms and the devastating tornado that hit Greensburg.

Federal funds normally take care of roughly 75 percent of such costs with the state picking up the remaining 25 percent.

Where is Kansas going to find the financial resources to deal with these issues, and how can it avoid the consequences of future weather-related disasters? One lawmaker said, "There is a huge issue relative to Greensburg. How do we rebuild the community?" "They have no money. It is critical, and we must find a solution."

Response: If the state were to build a substantial building in Greensburg, and hire Greensburg residents to build it, it would amount to a huge helping hand to Greensburg, and the state of Kansas would have a building to use in solving other wider needs - such as helping develop an ongoing effort at wider economic assistance for the entire Southwestern part of Kansas.

The question of what to do about the proposed coal-fired Sunflower plant near Holcomb is a major issue and, some even suggest it is very likely to pit western Kansas legislators against eastern Kansas lawmakers, others are saying energy issues could and should be discussed in a positive, visionary manner, including finding and developing numerous energy sources. Coal, oil, gas, wind and biomass should all be brought to bear in creating the kind of energy and environmental future Kansas needs.

Response: Therein lies the opportunity for Kansas lawmakers to initiate a comprehensive and nonpartisan approach to dealing with several issues Kansas faces in coming decades.

"I could see a sound energy plan with a wide menu of energy providers possibly getting as many as 110 votes in the House and as many as 45 in the Senate," one Kansas lawmaker said. He also said, however, that if a **sound, broad plan** cannot be agreed upon, there's a good chance legislators may tell the state to go ahead and proceed and allow building the controversial coal-fired plants near Holcomb - despite Secretary Rod Bremby's rejection of the permit for the plants.

As usual, there are far more requests for funding — many for very worthy programs — than there is money to pay for them. The soft economy doesn't help. And education continues to be the largest single recipient for Kansas tax dollars.

Response: Education funding can be brought to bear in addressing all the issues previously mentioned and those yet to follow.

Right or wrong, justified or not, KU and/or its leadership, does not stand tall in the eyes of far too many lawmakers. This hurts the school in its funding requests. Some legislators want to take a closer look at how KU and the KU Medical Center spend money obtained from state resources. The recent "negotiations" for the "affiliation" agreement between KU Hospital, KU Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital did not set well with many Kansas lawmakers. In fact, they want to consider having more say in how a proposed \$5 million a year increase for the school's cancer effort is spent.

Response: Here in this issue lies an opportunity to provide funding for addressing the issues already mentioned and those to follow.

It is understood Rep. Jim Morrison of Colby has invited KU Hospital CEO Bob Page and KU Medical Center Vice Chancellor Barbara Atkinson to appear before his committee in Topeka next Thursday to discuss the recent affiliation agreement with St. Luke's. It would be a very interesting session if everyone involved was frank and told the truth that **Kansas University needs to accept the pressing need for a change in its priorities and begin to put much more emphasis on solving global problems such as the issue of Global Warming, and not continue putting unjustified and unsustainable amounts of its resources in health focused programs. The reasoning here is that cancer is being addressed in hundreds of programs all around the world and cancer affects far fewer people than does global warming and it will cause far fewer deaths and far fewer monetary demands on people than will global warming.**

Response: the above will of course cause some people involved in cancer research to wail and protest but the issue needs no further clarification. The manner of some at KU already tends to rankle lawmakers. One legislator said one particular KU administrator "redefines the word arrogance." This is not good for KU nor the people of Kansas.

A number of legislators wish all those serving on the Kansas Board of Regents would show more vision and leadership in their oversight of state universities, but based on the current situation, they don't hold out much hope this will happen. Consequently, funding requests for regents schools don't carry as much weight as they should.

For the overall good of the state, Kansans should hope their elected lawmakers enter the upcoming session with an honest desire to do exactly what is in the best interests of the entire state and try to put personal perceptions and partisan politics at the bottom of their priorities or motives.

Maybe this is simply dreaming, or asking for the impossible, but consider what could be accomplished in making Kansas a leader in so many arenas if legislators and the governor could rise above partisan politics and spend the 08 session studying, working, deliberating and debating what course is truly best and most beneficial for the state and its residents. It might also try realizing that what is good for the entire world might just be the same as what is good for Kansas.

Kansas should also consider the direction the national elections are taking, take visionary and courageous actions for local, state, national and world improvements and, in so doing, set some examples for the nation.

Lets ask ourselves; what can Kansas legislators do and what could the governor do to make Kansas a uniquely progressive state and show leadership in how it faces and addresses many interconnected challenges faced by other states and help set a course for avoiding natural disasters in the first place.

Lets ask ourselves; how to properly fund public education in such a manner as to encourage superior leadership at our state universities and how to find the best answers to the growing energy crisis, all are issues that deserve the best efforts of our legislators and the governor. What kind of example, for instance, could a state such as Kansas set, sitting atop coal, gas and oil reserves and with plenty of biomass and wind potential in showing leadership in how to address the growing energy and environmental crisis?

Some may suggest there is all kinds of time to address these and many other questions, but really there is no justification to delay and play political games and one-upmanship.

Kansas residents deserve a lot better than what Kansans have been getting in the past. And this is all possible through improved efforts on the part of the legislators and governor.

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The above position statement is a rewrite of an opinion piece by Dolph C. Simons Jr. of the Lawrence Journal World that appeared in the Lawrence Journal World of January 12, 2008 on page 1B.

Electric Power Utilities: Can't We Be Partners?

AAEC is About Enabling City to County Scale Conversion and Utilization of Locally Available Biomass Resources, Including Municipal Wastes and Fossil Fuels (like natural gas and coal) in more highly efficient distributed power generation and biofuels production facilities.

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No longer is it acceptable to continually saddle our economy with producing and trucking vast amounts of municipal wastes to landfills and taxing residents and businesses with paying tipping fees to dispose of it, then, once the landfills are filled, to open up new landfills and continue this extremely wasteful process. This is an inadequate and increasingly expensive approach to an ongoing problem that cries out for a permanent and comprehensive solution that doesn't drain the economy and force cuts to numerous programs the people have developed over time to deal with ongoing problems such as unemployment, health issues, hunger and crime.

Scaleable biomass and waste conversion via gasification enables a community to adopt a permanent and localized solution to many ongoing problems of municipal waste management and lowering its carbon footprint. Waste gasification technology is quickly becoming a larger part of a comprehensive solution for cleaner localized clean energy production. Improved MSW management, is also becoming a more sustainable and environmentally responsible contributor to the **triple bottom line** for institutions of all sizes like schools, companies, communities and other types of organized entities such as towns, cities, counties and even states.

The phrase "the triple bottom line" was first coined in 1994 by John Elkington, the founder of a British consultancy called SustainAbility. His argument was that companies should be preparing three different bottom lines. One is the traditional measure of corporate profit—the "bottom line" of the profit and loss account. The second is the bottom line of a company's "people account" a measure of how socially responsible an organization has been throughout its operations. The third is the bottom line of the company's "planet" protection account, in other words a measure of how environmentally responsible it has been. The triple bottom line (TBL) thus consists of three Ps: profit, people and planet. It aims to measure the financial, social and environmental performance of an entity over time. Entities that adopt a progressive TBL improvement program are taking a full account of the full cost involved in doing business.

Welcome to Sustainability Via AAEC's SG Gasification

Somewhat like a multi-function food processor, a Kansas invention is in reality a multi-fuel and multi-process capable fuels processor, and AAEC President Les Blevins is looking for a few backers and investors for his technology.

A blender or food processor is a kitchen appliance that one can use to produce results of their choice. Depending on what one puts into the blender and what button is pushed it can produce a nutritious drink made of veggies or a tastier 'smoothie' drink made of juice, fruits and yogurt.

The AAEC Sequential Grates fuels conversion technology is similar in concept in that its users (homes, towns and cities) can get widely varying results depending on exactly what fuels are being processed and what fuel conversion or processing option button is chosen.

Like a food processor or blender; the AAEC Sequential Grates TM fuels processing technology has an opening at the top and several operational choices for selecting the desired fuels conversion process and end products. Available fuel conversion processes run from the choice of clean coal use via gasification at one end of the scale to advanced thermal biomass and waste conversion modes at the other end. End products available are cleaner heat power, chemicals and biofuels.

Les Blevins believes the best way for creating jobs and keeping the cost of oil in line; and keeping a lid on carbon emissions; may be for us to begin making more of our heat, power and transportation fuels is by using our own locally abundant biomass resources along with coal in our own localized clean energy conversion systems like AAEC's advanced Sequential Grates TM system.

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Community Supported Energy Offers a Third Way

by Greg Pahl, Vermont Biofuels Association, Co-Founder

We have the necessary resources to meet most of our energy needs in the future with renewable energy. Until fairly recently one key strategy has, for the most part, been overlooked in North America. This innovative strategy involves the cooperative and collaborative installation and ownership of advanced renewable energy projects at the local, community level.

CSE projects are somewhat similar to Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). The main difference, however, is that instead of investing in potatoes, carrots, or cucumbers, with CSE, local residents invest in energy projects that provide greater energy security and a wide variety of other benefits.

When applied to wind power for example, this strategy falls in between the large-scale commercial wind farm and the small-scale residential wind turbine, and has been described as "The Third Way." This middle strategy, also referred to as Community Supported Wind, relies on somewhat smaller scale projects that are developed, sited and owned by members of the local community rather than out-of-state corporate entities.

Community Supported Wind could fill a huge gap in the present wind power sector. And this approach is not limited to wind power, but can be applied to virtually any type of local renewable energy project such as solar thermal or photovoltaic panels, biogas digesters, a variety of biofuels production facilities, geothermal or geoelectric projects, and small-scale hydro.

When applied to a wide variety of renewable energy technologies, this strategy is sometimes known as Community Supported Energy (CSE). CSE projects are somewhat similar to Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). The main difference, however, is that instead of investing in potatoes, carrots, or cucumbers, with CSE, local residents invest in energy projects that provide greater energy security and a wide variety of other benefits.

Many Advantages

A cooperative or community owned energy project offers many advantages. It stimulates the local economy by creating new jobs and new business opportunities for the community while simultaneously expanding the tax base and generating new income for local residents. A locally owned energy project also generates support from the community by getting people directly involved.

Another advantage of community energy projects is that they can be owned cooperatively or collectively through a variety of legal mechanisms. Ownership strategies can include limited liability corporations (LLCs), cooperatives, school districts, municipal utilities or other municipal entities, or combinations of these models. Often a city partnering with an existing utility can be mutually beneficial.

An excellent example of this approach is the prominent, commercial-scale wind turbine located on Toronto's (Ontario) harbor front that is 50 percent owned by WindShare, a 427-member cooperative of local residents, while the other half is owned by Toronto Hydro Energy Services. While the appropriate model will differ from project to project and from state to state (or province), depending on a wide range of variables, what these strategies all have in common is some form of community ownership and group benefit.

The main point is to identify the project as belonging to the community, which may avoid (or at least minimize) the usual conflicts between local residents and developers, whose large-scale, commercial proposals are often viewed as primarily benefiting absentee owners. Local ownership is the key ingredient that transforms what would otherwise be just another corporate energy project into an engine for greater energy security that directly benefits its owners -- the members of the community.

Community Supported Energy projects offer yet another advantage; they retain a greater amount of income in the local area and increase the economic benefits substantially over projects owned by out-of-area developers, according to a study conducted by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) for the Government Accountability Office. NREL compared the effect of large corporate wind farms owned out of area with similar projects owned locally.

The study found local ownership yielded an average of \$4 million in local income annually, over three times more than the \$1.3 million produced with out-of-area control, while job creation was more than twice as large in the local model.*

With benefits like these, why aren't there more CSE projects? For one thing it's a relatively new concept in North America, although it's a well-established strategy in many European nations. In Denmark and Germany -- world leaders in wind energy development -- many commercial-scale wind turbines are installed as single units or in small clusters distributed across the countryside, or sometimes in or near urban areas. And many of these turbines are either owned by the farmers on whose land the turbine stands, or by groups of local residents.

This idea has spread to many other EU nations as well and is beginning to catch on in Canada and the United States, especially in states like Minnesota and Iowa, where dozens of community owned wind farms are sprouting up.

One of the best examples is MinWind, located near Luverne, Minnesota. The original project, which began in 2000, consisted of four 950-kilowatt turbines owned by 66 local farmers. The project was so successful that seven additional turbines were added in 2004. The second group of turbines is owned by approximately 200 local investors.

One of the main reasons for this success has been Minnesota's progressive promotion and support of locally owned wind projects and other renewable energy initiatives. The main barrier to wide-scale implementation of Community Supported Energy in most other states,

however, is a regulatory environment and process that does virtually nothing to encourage these types of projects. For the most part, CSE isn't even on the radar screen of most regulators, and the typical high cost of the approval process (often \$100,000 to \$500,000 or more) halts most community based initiatives before they even get started.

What's more, federal energy production tax credits (PTC) for wind farms, for example, favor large-scale corporate projects that are well beyond the means of local communities. This situation needs to change, and it needs to change soon, because all viable forms of renewable energy, regardless of their size, need to be supported and encouraged if we are going to meet the substantial energy challenges of the next few decades.

One of the best regulatory models in North America at the present time is the new Standard Offer Contracts in Ontario. Announced early in 2006, the new Standard Offer Contracts (Advanced Renewable Tariffs) are an historic step towards a sustainable energy future. Standard Offer Contracts allow homeowners, landowners, farmers, co-operatives, schools, municipalities and others to install renewable energy projects up to 10 megawatts in size and to sell the power to the grid for a fixed price for 20 years.

The Ontario Standard Offer Contracts provide a powerful model that other provinces and states should consider when developing their own renewable energy laws and regulations.

Security and Opportunity

Community-based energy strategies generally place the renewable energy facility as close as possible to where it is needed. In the case of electricity generation, this reduces the need for additional, ugly and expensive high-tension power lines, while simultaneously improving the stability of the electricity network. One or two good sized wind turbines, for example, could provide much of the power needed for a school, business or manufacturing facility.

A cluster of medium-to-large-sized turbines could power a whole neighborhood or a small community. Add a significant number of rooftop solar panels, small-scale hydroelectric plants, ground-source heat pumps, and a local cooperative bio-fuels facility or two for biodiesel and ethanol production, and you begin to assemble a picture of greater energy security that provides for a significant proportion of your community's energy needs while generating income, all from local resources.

The people employed to operate and maintain these facilities keeps them working (and spending) in their local communities, and eliminates the need for them to commute somewhere else to get to their jobs. The result is energy creation and conservation at the same time. And if the renewable energy facilities power other job-creating activities, such as local manufacture of essential products, you end up boosting the local economy while creating even more jobs. It's a win-win-win proposition.

The energy challenges we face are enormous, consequently the response needs to be sized to match. Community Supported Energy offers the potential of making substantial progress on a large scale while directly engaging (and benefiting) a major segment of the population. CSE is an idea whose time has definitely arrived, and I am convinced that if this strategy

were to be adopted across the nation that it could provide a huge boost to local economies everywhere while offering greater energy security and price stability.

The opportunities for locally based renewables are enormous. Almost every city and town in the country has the potential for one or more CSE project. Perhaps you can get one started in your community.

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One man's trash... is potentially a city's energy-rich biomass

The idea sounds so outrageous that one is tempted to dub it wishful thinking-To make an entire town "energy independent" within the near future.

City managers would love to create electricity and biofuels using biomass as a feedstock and fuel. What kind of biomass? All kinds. The waste that goes into the county landfill. Tree clippings and yard waste from the residential section. Locally derived corn husks, switchgrass, storm, flood and construction debris, old scrap tires, sewage sludge. Just about everything a city has to pay out taxpayer money to dispose of.

Virtually any organic waste that can be rounded up from within a 20-25 mile distance from town that people would have to pay to get rid of or let rot can be converted to power or biofuels..

After extensive research, a Kansas company conceptualized and developed a new technology based project that would cost a fair sized city about \$10 million. It would generate about one to two megawatts of electricity for sale into the local electric grid, enough to power about 1,500 to 1,800 households, and would also yield 3 million gallons a year of biofuels.

As long as the price of motor fuels stays above \$2.25 a gallon (it's about \$3.00 right now) and the price of crude stays above \$38 per barrel (it's currently over \$85), Les Blevins of Advanced Alternative Energy he says, projects will be profitable.

"Government shouldn't be wasting peoples' money" says Blevins. We're taking garbage and burying it in the ground." "That doesn't make sense", Blevins says when the trash and garbage is loaded with BTUs that could be converted into electricity and liquid fuels.

Blevins is working to ensure that when a reliable supply of biomass is available, as is the situation in almost every town and city in North America, the innovative new concept CHP plant his firm can install would prove very effective in solving the community's waste management, energy security and generation, as well as their carbon footprint reduction goals are achieved. A public or private-sector entity could take ownership of a local project, and lobby for federal loan guarantees to reduce the risk for investors.

This entity would negotiate terms that would allow them to re-sell the electricity to the city or area residents who sign up for less than what their local utility charges.

"If residents are paying 5.9 cents per kilowatt," Blevins says, "let's bring that down to about 3.9 cents."

The AAEC gasification technology is ready to be demonstrated and go forward, although it will require engineering to accommodate a city's particular range of waste products

The AAEC process entails heating the waste materials to a high temperature in the absence of oxygen - as high as 2,000 degrees - later cooling it to around 98 degrees or less.

The material would not burn, it would gasify, leaving about 4 or 5 percent of the original volume as residue to dispose of.

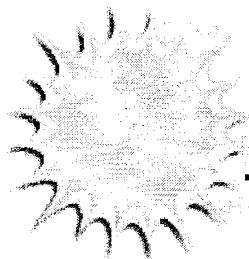
Waste heat from the cooling would be used to generate the electricity, while the organic compounds in the gases would be converted into cellulosic ethanol or other biofuels.

There are implications for our nation's energy policy, too. The environmental community is pushing a Renewable Portfolio Standards bill that would require electric utilities to generate around 12 percent of their power from renewable energy sources by 2020.

Municipal projects built near load centers or landfills could make a significant contribution to that 12-percent goal.

Small-scale projects like the Blevins proposes, are consistent with a "distributed generation" approach to organizing the electric power grid.

In theory, an electric grid incorporating of many smaller power producers located much closer to their consumers is more stable and less vulnerable to disruptive blackouts than a system depending upon massive power plants linked by equally massive and inefficient long-run transmission lines.



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Les Blevins and Sequential Grates multi-fuel, multi-process biorefining system. Patented in USA and under further development.

Les Blevins Jr. was born and raised in Kansas.

His background is in the mechanical trades, and he is currently developing innovative concepts to address multiple energy and environmental problems through offering scaleable, clean distributed energy technology with an emphasis on practicality and economy.

Blevins believes humans and the environment are on a collision course. Our activities are inflicting harsh and irreversible damage on the environment and on critical resources. Many of humanity's current practices put at serious risk the future that we all wish for humanity to unprecedented degrees.

Les believes new innovations in fuels processing systems can bring about the needed improvements - and that more than ever fundamental changes are urgent this decade if we are to avoid the life altering collision our present course will bring about. Our practices may so alter the living world that it will be unable to sustain life in the manner we now know ever again if we don't make immediate changes.

Les Blevins became concerned about the future during the middle 1970,s upon reading in the news about oil issues and reading reports on then President Jimmy Carter's position on fossil fuels, the likely effects of our growing energy consumption of fossil fuels on the environment and on international politics.

Blevins believes advancements in energy generation and conservation can play a major role in solving the problem. And he favors developing improved combustion, pyrolysis and gasification methods, and in implementing these new concept systems in distributed and On-site installations as the best means to better utilize very diverse biomass sources, better manage solid, liquid and gaseous wastes, and produce from these a new source of heat, power, liquid fuels such as ethanol and biodeisel, and methane and hydrogen gas.



**Les Blevins, Jr.
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Sequential Grates System**

Blevins decided to look at what he could do to advance the scope of human knowledge on how humanity could address these complex issues. He subsequently decided to look into the possibility that he could best contribute by researching fuels conversion systems designed to reduce dependence on fossil fuels by utilizing diverse low value and widely available biomass and wastes as fuel instead. Thus Les perceived the need for improved biomass conversion technology in the 1970s.

This led to the invention and development of a furnace capable of using bulky biomass fuels such as small square and large round bales of agricultural byproducts like straws, stems, stalks, husks and leaves as well as dedicated biomass fuel crops such as grasses like elephant and switchgrass, miscanthus, sugar cane bagasse etc. The Blevins system can also use several processes in the conversion of these into liquid fuels as well. These processes include direct combustion, pyrolysis and gasification.

Advanced Alternative Energy is developing an advanced system technology for utilizing a wider range of renewable biomass forms in space heating, heating industrial processes, for use in power generation, and in production of biofuels and other valuable products to help achieve sustainability.

Gasification is the preferred process;

Unlike combustion processes, gasification is an oxygen-starved process that converts solid fuels (biomass, coal, etc.) into gaseous fuels (Hydrogen and Carbon Monoxide). Gasification is uniquely capable of producing not only heat and power, but also can be used with downstream catalysts to convert the syngas to liquid fuels and chemicals (diesel, ethanol, methanol); and, to hydrogen gas for fuel cell applications.

When using biomass feedstocks, which are considered 'carbon-neutral' (i.e. no net added carbon emissions), gasification technology can concurrently mitigate wastes (i.e. municipal, industrial and agricultural) while producing renewable energy. When using coal feedstocks, gasification technology can achieve greater efficiencies compared to combustions processes while removing trace contaminants from the gas prior to combustion of the syngas.

This approach offers multiple benefits to society such as reduced demand for finite fossil fuels and in turn lower market prices for such fuels, reduced emissions of carbon dioxide, the primary greenhouse gas, additional cash crops for our farmers and landowners, which would in turn benefit the farm sector and assist rural areas maintain economic viability.

Les Blevins, seeing increased government dedication to using the technological approach to addressing the nations addiction to oil, and fixing the climate, and seeing the recently completed Oak Ridge National Laboratory report outlining a national bioenergy strategy, indications one billion dry tons of biomass, meaning any organic matter that is currently available on a sustainable basis for displacement of up to 30 % of our nation's petroleum consumption as transportation fuel, now plans to seek funding from the government and from investors for

comprehensive technology development, testing and validation of the AAEC patented fuels conversion system.

These funding sources combined with the technology validation process are expected to transform Advanced Alternative Energy Co., from a purely R&D organization to a viable commercial business entity.

AAEC success in finding funding would insure AAEC is able to play a role in achieving an increase in ethanol and other liquid fuels production that would see US transportation fuels from agricultural biomass and wastes increase to 20 percent in 2030 and electrical power from clean coal processes also increase to 20 percent by 2030, 30 percent by 2040 and 40 percent by 2050. In fact, depending on several factors, if the company is able to commercialize its new biomass conversion technology, AAEC could be providing similar systems that could provide similar amounts of renewable bioenergy in many developing countries which would improve our chances of successfully addressing climate change in time to avoid a catastrophe.

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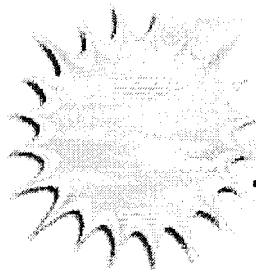
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"It is in our vital interest to diversify America's energy supply — and the way forward is through technology."

- President George W. Bush, 2007 State of the Union Address

***"Biofuels will play an important role in America's clean energy portfolio,"
"These projects will allow us to decrease our dependence on foreign oil, support the growth of the biofuels industry and create jobs here at home."***

~ Energy Secretary Steven Chu



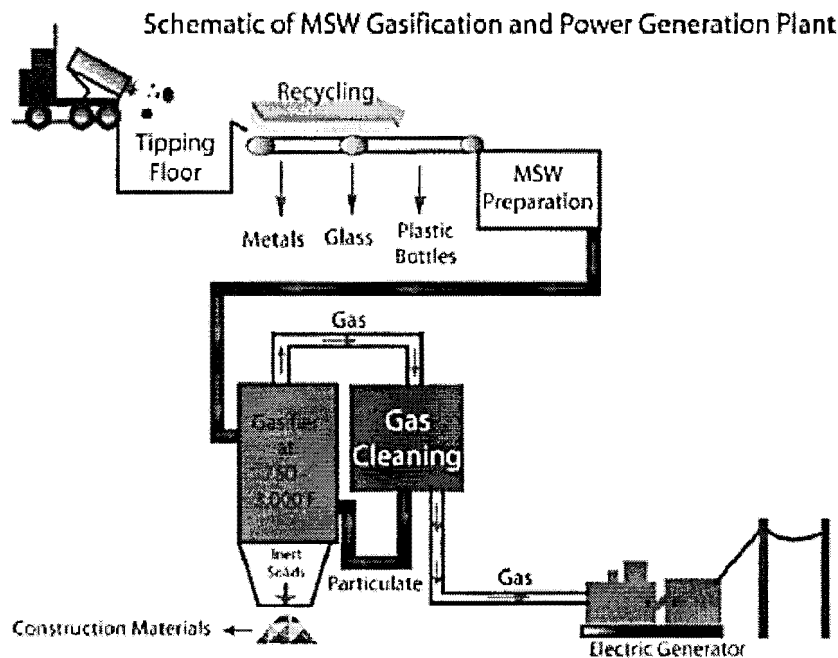
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The AAEC-SG Patented Fuels Conversion Unit (depicted in red below) is an automatically fed biomass combustion and gasification unit capable of ingesting most forms of bulky biomass and waste based fuels with little if any fuels pre-sorting and pre-processing needed.

About AAEC's Patented Fuels Conversion Technology

Unlike the conventional waste to energy plants, which are mass burn or incineration units, the AAEC conversion process is a thermal treatment process. It is a high or low heat process which burns the wastes in an oxygen deprived chamber to produce a synthetic gas (syngas). The syngas is cooled, cleaned and converted to electricity via a turbine or generator. The syngas can also be converted into a liquid transportation fuel like ethanol or diesel, via a catalyst, i.e. Fischer Tropsch method.



This process produces far less emissions than the mass burn technology, usually about 1/10, and these are well within the limits of the US EPA and State environmental quality standards. Unlike the mass burn plants, there are no huge smokestacks spewing smoke and noxious emissions.

The conversion technology of waste gasification has been successfully proven on a commercial scale in Europe and Japan. It is a far more efficient – as well as less polluting technology – and typically produces up to three times as much electricity as conventional waste-energy plants with much lower emissions. As such it can be economically deployed in communities with smaller populations, as are scattered over most areas of the world and it can also be scaled up for larger cities. Heat, power, chemicals, biofuels and agri-char are the desired end products.

AAEC is seeking partners and alliances in the commercialization of this new concept fuels conversion system. Contact Les Blevins at LBlevins@aaecorp.com for more information.

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Low-Cost and Free Fuels Useable in the AAEC "BlackJack" Multi-Fuel and Multi-Process Furnace/Gasifier/Pyrolyser

Fossil fuels are being depleted and our over dependence on them is causing rapid degradation of vast landscapes, pollution and acidification of the world's oceans, streams and lakes, global warming and climate changes, and many other serious economic and environmental problems, as well as disrupting world peace. And the world's attention is increasingly turning to plant-based energy sources, including food and fiber crop residues, lumber industry byproducts, invasive species, municipal solid wastes, scrap tires and other special wastes, manufacturing industry byproducts, bulky biomass from plantations of fast-growing trees, giant miscanthus and other energy crops, rural, urban and suburban tree and yard wastes, storm, flood and demolition debris, all of which could be used as feedstocks for power generation, thermal heating and for the production of biochar and transportation fuels. And these could all back up solar or wind energy when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow allowing nations to quickly back away from their over dependence on fossil fuels.

One advantage of AAEC's BlackJack Furnace is that it allows the use of diverse lower cost biomass and waste fuels derived from locally available sources as well as conventional fossil fuels. Some of the fuels that can be used for small to large scale applications are; wood from forest thinning, storm, flood, or demolition operations, scrap lumber, low grade wood from dead or dying trees or from trees not normally considered suitable for firewood such as cottonwood, elm and pine. For small scale applications, crotches, stumps or hard to split woods all work very well due to larger door openings and combustion chambers with firebrick lining.

Forestry and lumber mill wastes such as forestry thinnings and lumber mill slabs, wood shavings and sawdust can be used right along with other wastes such as waste paper, scrap wood and agricultural based byproducts.

Dedicated energy crops like short rotation coppice (willow, poplar, alder, ash, hazel, silver birch, sweet chestnut and sycamore), miscanthus, switch grass, reed canary grass, prairie cord grass, rye grass, straw, woodfuel from forestry, arboricultural tree management and processing and other energy crops.

Agriculture-byproducts that are "baleable" can be used, such as corn stalks, wheat straw, bean stems, baled weeds, etc. Small square bales will fit into the firebox furnace whole and firebox furnaces large enough for the large round ag bale can be supplied on special order and large or small bales can also be fed "stoked" automatically with our automatic bale feeder system. (under development).

Broken pallets or scrap from construction, demolition or manufacturing can be used as well as used roofing, carpet, furniture, scrap tires, plastic shelving etc. Other unconventional fuels such as waste oils can be used by adding a low-tech waste oil burner systems or a high-tech atomizing waste oil burner.

When needed conventional fuels can also be used by the addition of coal, gas or fuel oil burners for an additional heat source.

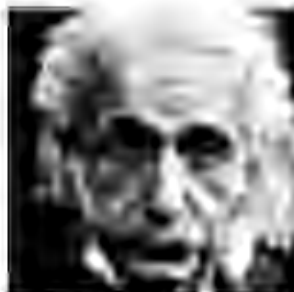
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*"Insanity is repeating the same behavior over and over and
expecting different results"*

~Albert Einstein

*To put it another way; it's insanity to believe we can solve problems by using the
same kind of thinking we used when we created them.*

~Les Blevins

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Re: State Level Collaboration Proposal by Advanced Alternative Energy Corp.

Dear Governor Brownback:

Our firm represents Advanced Alternative Energy Corporation ("AAEC") and its owner, Les Blevins.

Mr. Blevins has noted that you have "vowed to balance the state budget without a tax increase and improve the economy" and he believes his new energy technology can be a useful empowerment tool in helping universities and various agencies in the State of Kansas work together and achieve this important task.

Mr. Blevins has developed and patented a unique bioenergy technology and also has a vision of how it can be used to move the state forward on several fronts. As you commented at a recent meeting of the Lawrence Technology Association, "We need that person who has that entrepreneurial spirit who says, 'I've got a dream, and I know how to get things done.'"

Mr. Blevins believes that the manufacturing and installation of city and county scale energy efficiency products based on this new concept technology could create hundreds if not thousands of jobs in Kansas and around the nation.

Mr. Blevins also believes that products could be manufactured in Kansas for residential, business, utility, governmental, institutional and military applications. Excess manufacturing capacity in the state could be readily adapted for the production of small, medium and large scale energy efficiency and alternative energy production units to repower America and to address global warming - without harming the coal industry - by using the AAEC technology as a clean coal repowering technology. (See enclosures for additional information on the AAEC technology and how others are suggesting the need for innovation.)

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Mr. Blevins would like to point out that most feedstock conversion systems focus on one or two feedstocks while the Advanced Alternative Energy conversion technology is designed to operate on a wide variety of feedstocks including;

- Crop Residues
- Livestock and Poultry Wastes
- Dedicated Energy Crops of Many Types
- MSW, Urban Wastes and Special Wastes
- Forest and Lumber Industry Residues
- Food Processing Residues
- Wood Products Manufacturing Wastes
- Algae and Seaweed
- Natural Gas and Landfill Gas
- Low Rank Coal

The AAEC technology can use multiple advanced processes in the conversion of the above listed feedstocks to several higher value end products. Mr. Blevins believes his proposal will prove to be both a near term economic boost and a long term solution to the problems that face Kansans and the nation, including increasing energy efficiency and energy independence, combating global warming and climate change, and implementing smart-grid improvements. Mr. Blevins believes that therein lies the opportunity for bringing about the changes you are promising for Kansas.

Increasingly, "Trickle Up" technology is being seen as a viable way to repower the nation and the world via distributed clean energy solutions. This provides a backup for regional installations of solar and wind energy and enables the use of various types of biomass and waste resources which can be dispatched – on an as needed basis - when solar and wind are found to be insufficient.

AAEC's Sequential Grates system is designed to enable the use of a wide variety of available low-cost or negative cost feedstocks at county scale biorefineries, as well as enable the processing of those feedstocks using the best combustion, gasification or pyrolysis conversion processes available at the operator's discretion as it considers available feedstocks and desired end products. Such disruptive technology is also increasingly viewed by the U.S. Department of Energy and others as what is most needed for the repowering of entire communities with renewable energy.

Please contact Mr. Blevins at 785/842-1943 or me at 785/843-0811 for additional information. Mr. Blevins is eager to work with state agencies and involve universities in the proposed project.

Very truly yours,
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Enclosures

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Alabama Power proposes up to 500 megawatts in renewable energy projects, including solar



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Alabama Power petitioned the Alabama Public Service Commission last month for permission to install up to 500 megawatts of renewable energy projects the power, company spokesman Michael Sznajderman confirmed Tuesday.

Sznajderman said the company is seeking a way to provide renewable energy for corporate customers who desire it in their energy portfolio or have renewable energy mandates to meet. The proposal must still be approved by the PSC.

"This allows us to negotiate with these companies so that we can find ways to provide them with renewable energy, either by building our own projects, or possibly purchasing renewable energy from other sources," Sznajderman said.

Sznajderman said that the renewable electricity would come at a premium cost, which would not be passed on to the broader customer base, and that the program was not designed for residential customers, at least at the start.

"This is kind of a first step to try to work more aggressively with a portion of our customer base to provide renewables and predominantly solar," Sznajderman said.

"There's a growing interest in solar. The price has been coming down, but it's not quite to that point where it's at parity with conventional sources of power.

"We're hoping that the Commission will give us this sort of broad ability to work with customers and get up to that 500 megawatt number."

The individual projects could be up to 80 megawatts each, but Sznajderman said that if the PSC signs off on the broader package, it would save the company from having to seek approval for each individual smaller project.

According to an **announcement on Alabama Power's news site**, 500 megawatts of solar power is roughly four to five percent of the company's total capacity.

"This proposal provides a common-sense path for expanding renewables in Alabama," Nick Sellers, Alabama Power vice president of regulatory and corporate affairs said in the announcement. "The Public Service Commission has been clear that they do not want renewables to be subsidized by all of our customers. This filing achieves that policy directive while also allowing for solar and new renewable energy projects that are expected to provide economic benefit for all of our customers."

Alabama Power has previously lagged behind other regional utilities in solar capacity, even within its parent organization, Southern Company. Georgia Power, also owned by Southern Company, reported **900 megawatts of solar capacity** and growing as of last year.

Keith Johnston, managing attorney for the Southern Environmental Law Center -- who earlier this month co-authored a **guest editorial on AL.com** criticizing Alabama Power's lack of investment in solar energy -- said the announcement sounded like a positive step, although he would like to know more details about the proposal.

"Renewables are going to be a part of utility portfolios going forward," Johnston said. "It's adding diversity to the fuel mix and it's adding jobs as we saw with Google up in north Alabama. I'm glad Alabama Power is finally coming around to seeing it that way."

Non-profit group Conservation Alabama released a statement Tuesday afternoon praising the proposal.

"This is the beginning of what we would like to see as a long-term change in how Alabama produces and uses energy," said Tammy Herrington, executive director of Conservation Alabama in a news release. "Alabama Power is signaling their commitment to renewable energy, and we look forward to working with them to expand this program to make our state a leader in solar energy."

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Subject: Concerning Westar's proposed rate changes

Dear Kansas Commerce Commission:

Westar Energy must not be allowed to make changes to its rate structure designed to interfere with and oppress distributed energy while also opposing EPA mandated changes needed to protect the public's welfare.

(see first item attached)

The above is an informed position that I take and one that agrees with scientists and with sustainability leaders like Len Hering; and I take the above position in part because I've (as one of Westar's long term customers) proposed a modified business model for Westar that is designed to enable Westar to adapt distributed generation and Westar has steadfastly refused to even discuss my proposal, which I believe indicates the company has bowed its neck and refuses to even consider my proposal and what is in the best interests of its customers and what benefits to its customers could be embodied in the modified business model I have to propose.

Rear Admiral **Leendert "Len" Hering** Sr. (U.S. Navy, retired), is a prominent military and civilian sustainability leader with a broad background in energy and environmental issues. His main passion is sustainability and educating people on the dangers the future holds without taking responsible actions to secure the nation's cleaner energy future and preserve water, air quality and other resources.

Mr. Hering says; **"The truth is, distributed generation is the answer, and the chaos that's needed in the utility sector is needed today," adding "If the energy companies can't figure out how to get there from here, we're going to figure it out on our own."**

(see second item attached)

My proposal to Westar and the Kansas Corporation Commission offers Kansans many Advantages

A cooperative or community owned energy project offers many advantages. It stimulates the local economy by creating new jobs and new business opportunities for the community while simultaneously expanding the tax base and generating new income for local residents. A locally owned energy project also generates support from the community by getting people directly involved. Many such projects could be located within Westar's trade area and provide many benefits including holding down energy costs and creating jobs and economic recovery both in the rural sector and in towns and cities in Kansas.

Another advantage of community energy projects is that they can be owned cooperatively or collectively through a variety of legal mechanisms. Ownership strategies can include limited liability corporations (LLCs), cooperatives, school districts, municipal utilities or other municipal entities, or combinations of these models. Often a city partnering with an existing utility can be mutually beneficial.

(see third item attached)

I maintain that a strategic alliance between my firm and Westar is exactly what is needed and all that is required is for a city in Kansas or a utility in Kansas to come to the table and work with me to figure out what is in the best interests of all involved.

Here is a notice I've posted on Facebook and elsewhere.

COLLABORATORS, STRATEGIC ALLIANCES AND/OR INVESTMENT NEEDED FOR NOVEL NEW CONCEPT GLOBAL REPOWERING TECHNOLOGY. AAEC WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILS ON REQUEST.

AAEC has invented, patented, tested and further developed a new concept low-carbon energy technology we've designed for serving as the core technology for far cleaner renewable energy production systems and energy efficiency improvements across the American landscape and around the world. AAEC's novel new concept technology consists of a biomass, fossil fuel, and municipal waste combustion, gasification and pyrolysis conversion technology that can provide scalable heat and power requirements as well as both biofuel and biochar production. AAEC's technology is for stand-alone use or as backup for alternative energy systems that depend on solar, wind or other intermittent sources of energy, and in this way it will help enable a doubling of the deployment of alternative energy projects around the world in coming decades.

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AAEC management believes we will do better and be safer in the long run if we can deploy a practical way to power all societies on extraction of greenhouse gases that have already been emitted into earth's atmosphere while also reducing ongoing greenhouse emissions and begin protecting our communities and electric power grids. We are claiming to be the inventor of one of the "tools" needed to enable humanity to overhaul the power delivery system, in the USA and elsewhere, and help get us out of the box fossil fuels and governmental inaction have humanity bound up in. We propose to do this through deployment of advanced alternative energy projects at community, city and county scale as good paying infrastructure producing jobs are needed. Therefore AAEC is seeking support from all that may care to support this project.

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Gerrie Lippert

From: JON SMITH <jontsmith@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 3:20 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar energy

I urge you to deny Westar energy rate increase request. I feel it is a fair business expense for them to pay for their own upgrading to comply with the law, as every other business has to do. The expense of upgrading is fixed, however the rate increase will not end once the upgrades are paid for.

If you do business at a profit, you must re invest in your business to change with the times. The rate increase is only needed because they waited to long to adjust to the needs of their customers while operating in a legal manner.

Thanks for reading my concerns.

Jon Smith
Humboldt, KS

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Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of JANET Jackson
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 2:50 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 23, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Ms. JANET Jackson
PO Box 5997
Topeka, KS 66605

101366

Gerrie Lippert

From: Costello, Patrick <Patrick.Costello@tyson.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 2:41 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: What are they using the money for?

I feel like the cost of electricity goes up every year and they are not upgrading their facilities. I say no more!! Let them tighten up for a year or two. Do what all of us have to do every time utilities go up tighten up boys!

Patrick Costello
Tyson Foods Inc.
PBX Truck shop Manager
620-340-1251

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Heather Boos <heather.boos79@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 2:00 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate hike: NO!!

Please do not allow westar to raise its rates, the Kansas people are getting hit hard by taxes already. NO new rate hikes and yes to solar power!!! Enough of their monopoly.

Heather Boos
Topeka, Ks.

101368

Gerrie Lippert

From: Emma Rupke <emway07@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 1:47 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar possible raised rates

Hello,

I am writing to you because I am worried about the possible raised rate that Westar Energy wants to put in place. I urge you to not approve this. It is unreasonable and unjustified. I am already working two jobs to try to pay bills and cannot afford higher bills.

Once again please do not approve of this. I cannot even tell you how it will have a strong impact on our elderly. Especially for those who are living paycheck to paycheck.

Thank you,
Emma Rupke
Topeka resident/voter/tax payer

Gerrie Lippert

#101369

From: Matthew Teague <teaguemattthew77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 1:40 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate increase request

Good afternoon,

Im am writing to tell you of my concerns with Westar's most recent publicized rate increase request. I really hope the men and women of the KCC do the right thing and deny this request by Westar Energy. Over the past several years I have saw one increase after another by Westar. In every move it is for infastructure improvements and to meet epa regulations. When is it going to stop?? Now they are going after residents again. The hard working people who are struggling from paycheck to paycheck just to make ends meet but yet Westar (who we have no choice to buy electricity from) continues to shake our pockets for more all while paying lavish bonuses to execs and making guarantees of profitable dividends to its share holders. Might I add electricity has become a modern day necessity and not a luxury. Does the city raise taxes for services and then pay dividends to shareholders over profits.... NO!! They make cuts when they and try to provide what they can. This is absolutely absurd what they are requesting AGAIN! I really wished I had another choice, if I did westar would be missing a customer. Its ridiculous that they have us by the neck and yet it seems like the people WE PAY aren't looking out for our own interest. I beg you to please do the right thing and deny this request. Make them come up with something reasonable.

Sincerely,

Matt Teague
Oskaloosa, ks

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Gerrie Lippert

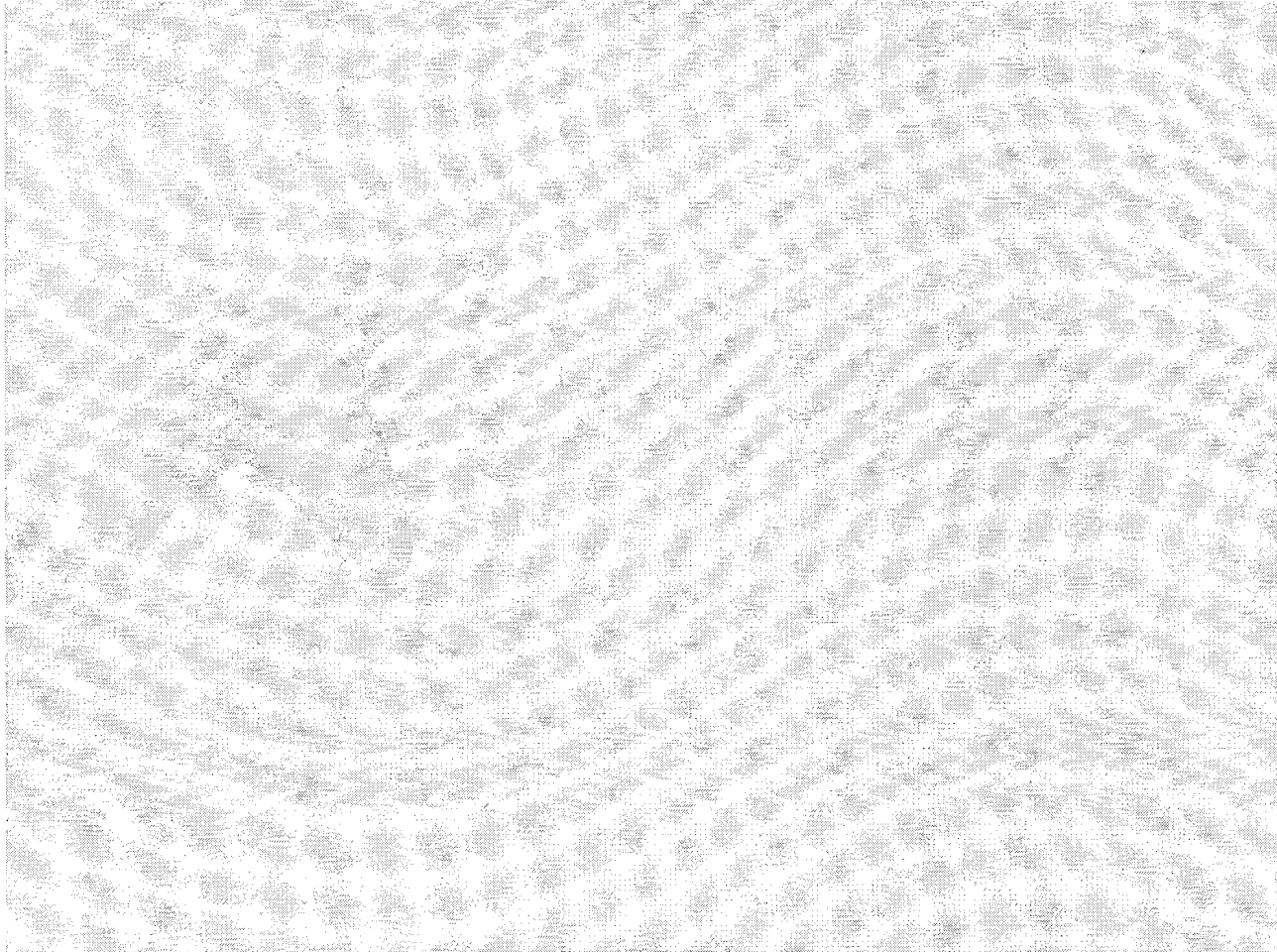
From: Mike T <mmtork02@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 1:01 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: References Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

This e-mail is to let you that I am against increasing the rate especially for poor Kansans. We're barely surviving, Can not tolerate any rate increase. I did not see rate increase for industrial centers which make a great profit. We are suppose to encourage using solar energy not discouraging. Thanks, Mike Tork

Gerrie Lippert

#101372

From: Ramona Becker <dr.milagro@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 12:45 PM
To: public.affairs; ecurb@kcc.state.ks.us
Subject: Westar rate increase



Concerning **discriminatory fees on solar customers** – I stand **strongly against** this proposal and feel it is morally and ethically wrong. It is also standing in the way of much needed progress toward clean energy!

I am against Westar's request for another rate increase!

Please register my complaints about this assault on Kansas consumers and the solar industry by Westar.

Thank you for your assistance,
Ramona Becker

Ramona Becker, Ed.D.

5824 E 48th St Circle North

Wichita, KS 67220

dr.milagro@cox.net

316.744.3393 - home

'There are only two ways to live your life. One, is as though there are no miracles. The other is as though everything is a miracle.' Albert Einstein

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Gerrie Lippert

From: attitudedogs@netzero.net
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 11:33 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Weststar Rate Increase

Please do not approve the rate increase for Weststar. Yes can understand where they are coming from but this is 23 rate increase in a few years. Rates go up, wages do not. Living from paycheck to paycheck and racking up high credit card bills just to survive.

Thank you

Lee

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Elaine Neel <cookie6175@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 11:00 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Increase

I am highly upset that Westar is seeking yet another increase.

Year after year they seek and get a rate increase. My Social Security does not get a huge increase year after year and I am force to live within my budget, why they can not is beyond me.

What else is mind boggling, is that they are granted this increase year after year. Hundreds and thousands of us tax payers, and Westar Customers complain, bitterly about these rate increases, but our voices are not heard.

What will it take to wake this Commission Up? What will it take for you to stop this Company and this Commission to Stop this nonsense?

They want to stifle solar energy so they can be a monopoly in this state. That is also stifling jobs, employment, growth in this state.

Again they will probably get their way, since no one 'has the balls' to stand up to this Monopoly!. We need to put monies forward to obtaining alternate energy sources, preserve what we have and use the God given sun and all of it's possibilities.

So again, I ask, what will it take to get this Commission to wake up and really HEAR the public?

STOP WESTAR.

Signed a very angry upset Kansan,
Elaine Neel
619 Timberleaf Dr.
Derby, Ks 67037

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Gerrie Lippert

From: John Brownlee <jbrownle@emporia.edu>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 10:53 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Rate hikes.

Good morning,

I was writing to express my displeasure in the proposed rate increases. I understand that business expenses must be passed on to the consumer, but far too many increases have been passed in an industry which should be profiting from innovation, not stifling it. Please oppose these increases.

John Brownlee

Gerrie Lippert

From: Jeff Thompson <jeff@jeffthompsonrph.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 10:47 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: reference Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.

I am writing urging you to deny the rate increase request by Westar for the below reasons.

1. Increasing costs to those that are using alternative forms of energy generation is only benefitting Westar. Westar already has subsidized their costs of the providing the grid in the differential they get between what they charge customers and what they pay the person selling them the alternative generated energy. There is a significant difference between the cost they pay that entity and what they will charge the customers that use that energy. I believe that invalidates their argument that the alternative generators are using a grid that the other customers are paying. It should also reduce their costs of building generating plants if more people generated their own electricity. I am not one of the alternative generators of electricity but just am amazed at what businesses will do.

2. Another argument they offer is that they have to make changes to their infrastructure due to government regulation. I'm sorry but every business has the risk that regulations will change and there are few business owners that can just pass that along with rate increases, notably cellphone network providers. That should be calculated into their cost of doing business.

I'm glad that KCC has authority over these monopolies and I would be troubled at how many rate increases they has asked for in the last 5 years. Maybe it is time to make the electricity market open to allow competition.

Again, I urge you to deny their request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Thompson
2514 Willow Ln
Emporia, Kansas 66801

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Bob and Val <bobval1057@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 10:17 AM
To: publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us
Subject: Proposed Rate Increase

Westar is requesting its 23rd rate increase since 2009, which all combined, has raised customer's costs by 50% over that time period. KS pays the highest rate per kilowatt hour than all of our surrounding states.

I do not want to see an increase and then read about huge bonuses being paid out to their executives. If Westar needs more revenue perhaps they should look to austerity programs to reduce expenses, like every other business.

It just seems like every time I turn around, Westar wants more, but being retired on a fixed income, I cannot afford more as my Social Security does not increase, nor does my Medicare, Plan D, and Plan F premiums decrease.

Westar needs to cut their expenses and show their customers how efficiently they operate before asking for more revenue.

Thanks,

Robert J Kozicki
11810 E Killarney
Wichita, KS 67206
316-832-1306

Gerrie Lippert

101378

From: Carol Goltra <carolgoltra@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 9:31 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Increase

I am writing to oppose the Westar request for another rate increase, this one to raise the mandatory monthly fee for service from \$12 to \$27.

We are a retired couple on a fixed income. While we expect to pay a reasonable amount for utilities, Westar adds to our monthly bill for every optional or required improvement they make. For instance, a substation was built in Lyon County and it was exempt from property taxes for a number of years. When the exemption expired, Westar added a surcharge to our monthly bill to cover their additional property tax.

I have read that average monthly bills have increased by 40% over the last five years. I do know that when we bought our current residence 16 years ago, our monthly Westar bill never exceeded \$100. It now runs more than \$200 during the summer months.

While we can adjust the temperature in our home to partially control our usage, this rate increase would not even allow us to that. This additional service fee removes more of the customers' ability to fit the Westar bill into the monthly budget.

I believe there are many Westar customers in the same situation as we are. Please consider this request carefully, taking into account past rate increases that have been approved, the financial ramifications for Westar customers and what would be a reasonable rate of return for Westar.

I do hope that you will deny this request from Westar in its entirety.

Thank you,

Carol Goltra
1705 W. Wilman Court
Emporia, KS
66801

101379

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jeff Wicks <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 9:30 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 23, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

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This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeff Wicks
4033 Memory Ln
Wichita, KS 67212

#101380

Gerrie Lippert

From: Nathan Miller <natesmiller@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 8:55 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar's proposed mandatory fee hike through Aug. 11.

I would like to suggest you change your hike from "Customer Charge" to the "Energy Charge". You use more electricity, you pay more. People who have a hard time paying their bill can cut their use to save money and not default on their accounts. Upping the "Customer Charge" provides no such option for people to conserve electricity as their minimum bill will be too high.

#101381

Gerrie Lippert

From: wanderer711@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 8:22 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate increases

I urge you to deny Westar's bid at price increases. We are paying too much now, and this increase is just to take advantage of their customers.

They know that this summer will be hot, and that fans and Air Conditioners will be running continuously to keep our residences at a comfortable temperature.

Kansans are already barely getting by due to the cost of living, and this gouging MUST end.

Sincerely, Thom Clark
Westar Customer and Tax Payer

Sent from my iPad

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Roger Reimer <rreimer@bethelks.edu>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 7:46 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am opposed to the increase of the customer charge proposed by Westar. I believe that any increase should be in the energy charge instead. Increases in energy charge encourage conservation. Increases in the customer charge unfairly burden low use customers.

Roger Reimer
3907 NE. 72nd
Walton, KS 67151

101 383

Gerrie Lippert

From: Jan Hurst <hman1801@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 7:27 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar

I have made a real effort over the last several years to cut my electric usage. After one year I compared my bill to the year before. I had used almost one third less but my bill was quite a bit higher. How is that even acceptable. Every year since, I use less than the year before but it still goes up. Westar needs to provide records showing how many turn offs for nonpayment they have for a two year period. I shudder to think how many children will have their credit ruined because their parents had to put the electricity in their name. Don't kid yourself, there are a lot of accounts out there. Westar is gouging it's customers and it is being allowed. Stop the madness. Every utility keeps going up and up. This needs to be considered, we have other bills to pay. If you are on a fixed income, sometimes things like medical and dental care are a luxury. Sometimes I have to go without prescribed medicine because I need to pay a utility bill. I know there are others worse off than I am, I have known many families with children that have gone without water for a couple of months and no gas (cold showers) for six months. Until Kansas can restore all the cuts it has made, Westar needs to be denied increases.

Why do taxpayers have to take deep cuts on services but Westar gets to continue their out of control spending?

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Kathy <kle1960@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 7:08 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Rate hike for Westar

Where do I make an effort for someone to listen to my request that Westar Energy should not receive a rate increase?

Kathy Epperson

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Randall Capps <randallcapps@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 12:41 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Hike

As a disabled homeowner in Kansas, I - and many other disabled citizens - can not afford another rate hike.

Kansas Legislature has afforded companies like Westar tax reductions (lower tax rates) and Westar can afford their own equipment as a cost of doing "healthier" business.

The average citizens are least likely to afford any more "rate hikes", as opposed to conglomerates like Westar.

Please, DO NOT allow this rate hike.

Randall Capps

Gerrie Lippert

101386

From: Greg and Susan Bryant <bryants@rainbowtel.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 12:14 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Reject Westar's higher base for solar customers

Dear KCC,

Please deny Westar's request for a higher base rate for solar cogenerating customers.

Although it is true that customers who install solar buy somewhat less from the grid, that is during the peak energy demand part of the day. Their purchases are at night when the supplier most needs to sell power, and they actually help supply the daytime peak, reducing the need for the utility to purchase peak power. Westar's claim does not take this into account.

Westar claims that it costs almost as much to supply solar cogenerators as regular customers, but that those solar owners buy less from them, making solar users a burden on their neighbors. That statement refers to transformers, lines, and other infrastructure. All customers pay a transformer fee -- this has never been an issue. But if it is a burden on Westar and our neighbors merely to use less energy from the grid, then thrift itself is an imposition. Do they ask for higher base rates for people who insulate their attics or purchase more efficient appliances?

No, there is another agenda here than reduced grid usage: it's the potential threat of solar cogeneration to the fossil fuel interests.

Westar warns of shifting burdens for grid expenses onto the largest users -- but why should this be a problem? The heaviest users are industrial, operating at peak cost times. Solar cogenerators, if anything, will alleviate some of that burden if they are allowed to grow in number and capacity without punitive counterincentives like this proposed elevated base rate. Solar cogeneration will not burden fellow ratepayers unless Westar fails to pass those savings to all its customers. Solar is not the enemy here, but part of the solution to peak energy costs. Westar has it exactly backward.

Westar's agenda, lacking a legislated renewable portfolio mandate, is coal and the quick profits of fossil fuels at the expense of the environment and consumer control over their energy supply.

Solar threatens coal. And it should. There are other considerations for the well-being and prosperity of Kansans than subsidizing coal utilities.

Greg Bryant
Future solar cogenerating grid user and Westar customer indirectly through Brown-Atchison Electric Co-op

Greg Bryant
2054 Raven Road
Robinson, KS 66532

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Karen Mayse <karenluvsjazz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 11:54 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate request

I ask you to please carefully consider how the Westar request to increase basic connection fees affects people on fixed incomes- particularly those of limited incomes. There is no way to control a fixed, basic cost. Rates based on usage would be a better way to share a rate increase among all users. Over the years customers have been encouraged to conserve. These same customers should not be punished now for taking that advice and be saddled with a higher basic service fee rather than one based on usage - particularly one that increases dramatically above the national average.

While I don't dispute that Westar may need a rate increase to maintain infrastructure that benefits all customers, I ask that their rate structure be fair for all customers.

Thanks for your consideration.

Karen Mayse
3340 Newbury St
Manhattan KS 66503

Sent from my iPad

101388

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of karla gray <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 11:29 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 22, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mrs. karla gray
615 w 55th st so
wichita, KS 67217

#101389

Gerrie Lippert

From: Sue Ella Touslee <setouslee@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 10:39 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Increase

I disagree!!

Sent from my iPhone

Gerrie Lippert

101390

From: Dave Redmon <dredmon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 9:47 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Ref: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS (rsvp)

Greetings Commissioners--

I favor de-coupling the issue of rate increases from the issue of the burdens that solar panels actually have on Westar operating costs until the KCC has independent data to guide its decisions. This seems to be a reasonable way to address the issue of holding all ratepayers responsible for paying their fair share of total operating costs.

Frankly, I find Westar's advertising campaign to be disingenuous. First, why is activism OK within the corporate community but not OK within the consumer community? Second, what does a "common sense" approach for the common grid actually mean? There is no consensus on such a definition, but one approximation is "majority opinion." Indications are that most people in Kansas favor greater reliance on solar panels to generate electricity because residential generation of electricity represents our best hope for limiting how much of our income is spent on actual electrical usage.

Nobody likes a monopoly. We're raised on the value of free enterprise because it generates higher quality products at lower prices. But public utilities do require a limited territorial monopoly that must be wisely governed by representatives of the people. In the last six years, Westar has asked the KCC to raise electric rates 19 times. There's no doubt that Westar needs to collect enough of our money to pay for EPA requirements, and the KCC must adjust rates accordingly. However, the KCC should guard against granting Westar permanent rate increases that extend too far into the future. Maybe that means an expiration on rate increases.

Most importantly, Westar's flat customer charge (now set at \$12 a month compared to \$5 to \$10 a month in other states) should not be allowed to increase more than absolutely necessary because it hurts the poor and elderly, who have no means to control this part of their bill. In my view, it is immoral for the KCC to continue expecting charitable institutions to do its work in caring for needy families.

A final thought, this time regarding the problem of national security. In this age of terrorist attacks as well as natural disasters, perhaps our best strategy is to decentralize power generation. Rates and policies that allow for installation of roof-top solar collectors would appear to be a low-cost method of achieving this.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Redmon
2232 Cedar Acres Drive
Manhattan, KS 66502

Gerrie Lippert

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From: gene marsh <gemmarsh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 8:59 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket NO. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To whom it may concern, I attended the public hearing in Topeka yesterday, July, 21 and I have these thoughts. I have a solar home built in 1979. Recently I upgraded from hot air panels to solar-electric. A major part of my reasoning is to limit my carbon footprint. It is rather costly to do this, but I feel it is a moral issue. Westar seems to want to justify suppressing the expansion of solar electric by raising rates for those who choose to do what I have done. Climate change is a real threat, even internal documents of the major fossil fuel companies admit it's reality, though they lie publicly about it. I would hope that Westar would get on board with the solar as a sign that they are an ethical company, concerned about the climate. When I had my system redone I had the option of borrowing from a bank to pay for the system. The bank would have, in essence, owned the system, benefitting from a federal tax break. I would think that Westar could consider owning some of these systems or assisting ownership rather than having to focus so much on limiting their pollution and climate changing gases. More solar would mean less pollution. And if they were to invest in solar it would reduce their costs of dealing with pollutants.

I also want to express my feeling that the ratehikes proposed are too high. An expectation of 10% return is exhorbitant in our present economic situation. I thought the KCC had reasonable ideas for any increase.

Thank you,
Gene E Marsh M.D.
Halstead KS

Gerrie Lippert

101393

From: arhargi@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 7:38 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Energy proposed rate hike.

Dear KCC representative,

I just wanted to let you all know that I am totally against Westar Energy's proposed rate increase. I worked at Wolf Creek for 12 years (and 17 years with the State of KS before that). During my time employed by the Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, one thing became perfectly clear: The IEBW and all of it's members are considered first class employees; everyone else is second class - especially all of the college educated professionals. In all my 29 years as a college educated professional employee working in the Information Technology sector, I was appalled with what went on, and how much union members were paid - and allowed to pretty-much just do whatever the hell they wanted to - with virtual impunity, and no accountability whatsoever.

Those people were paid for every piddly-assed thing they did: like taking a 10 minute telephone call after hours and receiving at least a one hour minimum wage just for doing that. There's a whole laundry list of items union members get paid for that none of the professional staff did (unless they somehow had been unionized too).

I don't know how many times I received a phone call at 3:00am because of problems associated with the aging NPIS (Nuclear Plant Information System) plant computer. I never received anything other than compensatory time off for any extra time that I spent over and above my 40 hour work week. But the union guys & gals actually seem to look for creative ways to pad their paychecks.

The entire union organization - not only at Wolf Creek, but all of the other plants as well, has gone on unchecked, for far too long. Their wages, perks, and benefits are completely un-proportional to their level of expertise - not to mention their high school levels of education (assuming they graduated from high school at all).

So send a message to Westar. Tell them it's time to cut-back on the continued rape of our rate paying customers, and say enough with your union cronyism, nepotism, and unwarranted/undeserving and seemingly unending list of perks and pay.

We've had enough and we're not going to take it anymore. If they want that kind of pay - tell 'em to go get themselves and education, and/or pay for their own training. Instead of the company paying for it all.....again, and again, and again.

Thank you,

Arnold D. Hargis
Topeka, KS

Sent from Windows Mail

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Michael <michaelco88@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 5:43 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Westar does not need another rate increase. I am tired of paying for their stock dividend out of pocket. Quit guaranteeing Westar a rate of return. Also don't cut the rate increase then tell us how the KCC saved us money by not granting the full amount, this is a scam set up between you and Westar. No more rate increases stop the dividend on their stock. Westar is a monopoly and they shouldn't have stock being traded. No More Rate Increases.

The KCC needs to be working for the ratepayers of Kansas and not the shareholders in New York.

Mike & Geri Cooper
14318 W Binter Cir
Wichita, Kansas 67235

Gerrie Lippert

101395

From: rhinodawg1969@cableone.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 5:20 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Against Rate Increase

I am a former employee of the Wolf Creek Nuclear power plant. I worked there since 1978 in the construction and maintenance of the plant till 2012 when I retired. I am AGAINST this rate increase as I know that the money will be misspent. NEVER in all the years that rate increases have been granted have the rates DECREASED after the repairs/upgrades have been made. These rate increases are only required because of MISMANAGEMENT of the units.

Please do not grant this rate increase but do provide more oversight of the power plants to ensure that they are being managed correctly

Steven Dawson
Emporia, Kansas 66801
Sent from Windows Mail

101396

Gerrie Lippert

From: gene marsh <gemmarsh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 4:42 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS

On Wednesday, July 22, 2015 4:25 PM, Niki Christopher <n.christopher@curb.kansas.gov> wrote:

Dear Dr. Marsh,

We appreciate you taking the time to attend the hearing and forward your comments to CURB. However, since the Kansas Corporation Commission is the ultimate decision maker on these issues, the Commission should hear what you have to say. The Commission considers written comments along with those made in person at the public hearings.

To submit these comments to the Commission, you can email them to the Public Affairs and Consumer Protection Office of the KCC at: public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov

Put "Westar Energy Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS" in the subject line to ensure they know you are commenting on the Westar rate case

Kindest regards,

Niki Christopher
Staff Attorney
Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB)
1500 SW Arrowhead RD
Topeka KS 66604
785-271-3200

From: gene marsh [<mailto:gemmarsh@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 4:15 PM
To: ecurb@curb.kansas.gov
Subject: rate changes for Westar

To whom it may concern,

I attended the Topeka hearings yesterday, July 21. As a result I have these thoughts. I have a solar electric system, which is quite an investment. One of the reasons is that I have great concern about the waste products of such companies as Westar causing further global warming, or "climate change", as is now the popular term. I feel that more customers should be encouraged to "go solar" for this reason. Westar is taking a rather adversarial position to such an idea in proposing to charge solar customers higher rates. This is counterproductive to containing the problem of climate change. Instead of being hostile to the development of solar, Westar needs to reward the move because Westar's contribution to global climate change is lessened with every new solar system put up. In fact it makes more sense to me that Westar might provide some degree of financing for such systems. After all, their charge is to provide power to the public. And whether they like it or not, their is a moral responsibility that has grown up with the recognition of the role of burning fossil fuel in climate change. Perhaps Westar could even own some of the solar systems, instead of some bank as is now possible.

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In addition, I support the regulatory commission's idea that rates in general should not be allowed to go nearly as high as Westar has proposed. In the current environment, aiming for a 10% return on investment is maybe great for investors, but out of the range of a normal rate of return, with bank savings accounts virtually reduced to nearly zero returns.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gene E Marsh M.D.

Halstead KS

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Gerrie Lippert

From: rhspecial@cox.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 2:45 PM
To: public.affairs
Cc: Mark.Ruelle@WestarEnergy.com
Subject: Re: Docket# 15-WSEE-115-RTS

My name is Richard Huggins in Wichita. I am a small Westar investor and a residential rate payer. I am also in favor of renewable sources of energy including solar. As I understand the issue, Westar claims those with solar panels do not pay their fair share of operating and maintaining the distribution grid. The solar side claims a rate increase will make solar less attractive. I do not know how much the claims of either side is true, not true, or exaggerations. But I think a good share of the problem is including the cost of the grid in the rate structure. I think a fair and equitable solution is to remove the grid cost from the usage rate and assess a monthly fee for each meter connected to the grid. The fee would apply whether or not the user consumes any electrical energy and there could also be some minimum usage charge applied to the production of electricity. The meter connection fee should be per meter connected. Most residential users have a single meter connected. But there are some who are heavier users who have multiple meters connected and should pay more of the cost. Anyway that is my idea for how the grid cost could be shared equitably for all users.

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Stephanie Oakes <so@stephanieoakesappr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 2:41 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: FW: Do Not Allow Westar to Raise Rates

The letter below is in regard to Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

From: Stephanie Oakes [<mailto:so@stephanieoakesappr.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 2:36 PM
To: 'public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov'
Subject: Do Not Allow Westar to Raise Rates

Please Do Not Allow Westar to Raise Rates. This will set solar back 30 years. It will fund dirty energy and give Westar an excuse to rely on coal.

Please don't let them hurt poor people. Let Kansas take advantage of all the innovation that has happened over the past five years.

Please don't make billionaires richer.

Thank you!

Stephanie Oakes, SRA

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Narrative

07/31/2015 * MR. WEATHERED IS 76 YEARS OLD. HE IS TIRED OF WESTAR CONTIUALY RAISING RATES AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE KCC JUST SAY NO THIS TIME.
* THE AMOUNT REQUESTED IS EXTREME, AND THE RAISE IN THE CUSTOMER CHARGE IS UNREASONABLE.
* PLEASE DENY WESTAR'S REQUEST.

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Narrative

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- * MS. WRIGHT IS VERY, VERY UNHAPPY ABOUT WESTAR'S RATE REQUEST. THE RATES ARE TOO HIGH ALREADY AND WESTAR SHOULD BE MORE RESPONSIBLE ABOUT ITS SPENDING, INCLUDING EXECUTIVE SALARIES, AND THEN IT MIGHT NOT NEED AN INCREASE EVERY OTHER YEAR.
- * MS. WRIGHT HATES THE NEW SMART METERS. SHE DIDN'T WANT SOMETHING THAT MIGHT CAUSE HEALTH ISSUES, AND NOW SHE AND OTHER RATE PAYERS ARE BEING ASKED TO PAY FOR SOMETHING THAT WON'T HELP MOST PEOPLE BUT WILL BENEFIT WESTAR. WESTAR SHOULD PAY FOR ITS OWN METERS.
- * MS WRIGHT SAYS THAT GERMANY IS GETTING 80% OF ITS ENERGY FROM ALTERNATIVE SOURCES. THE U.S. AND KANSAS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGING SOLAR INSTALLATIONS NOT DISCOURAGING WITH HIGHER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS WITH SOLAR PANELS. SOLAR SHOULD PAY THE SAME RATES AS NORMAL CUSTOMERS NOT A PREMIUM CHARGE THAT ONLY LINES WESTAR'S POCKETS.
- * PLEASE DENY WESTAR'S RATE REQUEST.
- *

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Investigator **GLIPPERT**

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Narrative

08/03/2015 AGAINST IT. ALL WESTAR HAS HAD IS RATE HIKE AFTER RATE HIKE AND THIS IS THE LARGEST ONE SO FAR. WAS SUPPOSE TO GET BENEFITS FROM A SUBSTATION AS THE COMPANY GOT A TAX BREAK FOR PUTTING IT IN. KEEP HAVING POWER OUTAGES. ALL OF THEM WERE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. THERE ARE TIMES IT IS OUT 30 MINUTES AND UP TO OVER 2 HOURS.

TOTALLY OPPOSED.

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Narrative

08/03/2015 PRESIDENT OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IN TOWN. EVERYONE IS VERY MUCH APOSED TO IT.
STATED SHE IS GETTING A PETITION GOING FOR THE ELDERLY TO SIGN IN THE COMMUNITY.

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Narrative

08/03/2015 NO WAY THE ELDERLY PEOPLE CAN ACCEPT ANOTHER INCREASE. JUST OUT OF MY LEAGUE RIGHT NOW. HUSBAND ON DISABILITY AND CANNOT HANDLE ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES. DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE THE RATES.

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City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code		

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Narrative

08/03/2015 NO WAY DO I WANT PRICES TO GO UP AGAIN ON OUR UTILITIES - ALREADY EXPENSIVE.

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Narrative

08/03/2015 DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS A FAIR INCREASE. NOT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION, FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE A GARAGE WITH A SEPARATE METER. NOW GOING TO RAISE THE MINIMUM FEE AND DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

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State KS Zip Code 66610		

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

08/03/2015 I AM OPPOSED TO THE WESTAR RATE HIKE.

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Narrative

08/03/2015 SHE CALLED TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED RATE HIKE FOR WESTAR. SHE SAID SHE IS ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND HER INCOME IS SPREAD AS THIN AS IT CAN GET. SHE THINKS IT'S CRAZY THAT THEY WANT ALL THIS MONEY BEFORE WE CAN EVEN USE THE SERVICE.

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Narrative

08/03/2015 WESTAR AMAZES ME AT HOW BRAZEN THEY ARE. SEVERAL YEARS AGO THEY MADE A DEAL TO BE MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT AND SPENT IT ON LAWYERS. THEY LOST AND NOW ARE ASKING FOR AN INCREASE TO PAY FOR THE LAWYERS. I FIND THE REQUEST TO BE BRAZEN. SOLAR OWNERS WOULD BE PENALIZED. THIS IS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE- AND NOT WHAT WE SHOULD BE THINKING FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS. SOLAR POWER IS IMPORTANT AND SHOULD NOT BE PENALIZED FOR DOING IT.

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Narrative

08/03/2015 VOICE OPPOSITON OF THE RATE INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT THAT WESTAR IS REQUESTING. DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE IDEA OF GUARANTEEING 10% ON THE IVNESTMENT ON THEIR RETURN. I AM INVOLVED IN THE STOCKS AND I DO NOT HAVE THAT KIND OF GUARANTEE. HOPE THE KCC REJECTS THIS INCREASE AT THIS TIME AND NEOGIATE THE TERMS TO COME DOWN TO A MORE REASONABLE RATE.

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State KS Zip Code 67401		

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Narrative

08/03/2015 I AM AGAINST THE WESTAR HIKE. I AM ON A FIXED INCOME AND EVERYTHING IS GOING UP EXCEPT MY CHECK. THIS IS HARD ON PEOPLE WHETHER THEY ARE WORKING OR NOT. FOOD AND GAS KEEP GOING UP. GAS IS HIGH IN THE WINTER AND ELECTRICITY IN THE SUMMER.

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Narrative

08/03/2015

WE ARE ON A FIXED INCOME AND RETIRED. WE WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD THE ELECTRICITY WITH THE RATE HIKE. THE FUEL CHARGE IS COSTING MORE THAN THE ELECTRICITY. I THINK THIS IS STUPID AND SHOULD BE STOPPED. THOSE ON FIXED INCOME CAN'T KEEP UP WITH WESTAR.

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08/03/2015 I WOULD LIKE IF WESTAR'S REQUEST TO RAISE RATES IS DENIED.

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Narrative

08/03/2015 I HAVE AN ALL ELECTRIC HOME. I WOULD LIKE FOR KCC TO KEEP PRICES UNDER CONTROL. WITH AN ALL ELECTIC HOME, WHAT CAN YOU DO TO KEEP PRICES DOWN WITH THAT KIND OF INCREASE IN THE BILLS FROM WESTAR?

Gerrie Lippert

From: Leifer William <williamleifer@usa.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 12:53 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-rt5

I attended the public meeting at Farley Elementary School last night but did not get a chance to speak, so I am submitting this comment:

Westar is a monopoly, and citizens have no choice but to use their services in order to survive. Westar does a great job providing this essential service, and their infrastructure upgrade needs will always be huge. A modern grid will always be needed, whether or not the electricity that is distributed to customers is produced by fossil fuels, nuclear fission, wind, solar, or hamsters running in cages. Westar MUST be able to pay for continual upgrades to the grid and the smart systems that run the grid. But the job of KCC, your job, is to protect the public from monopolies, so that they cannot unilaterally set prices to satisfy and attract stockholders. Westar's current rate proposal is anti-competitive, structured in a way that squashes competition from the emerging solar industry under the guise that regular users will be paying for Westar's loss of usage revenue from home solar customers. This is a transparent argument which is preposterous considering that there are currently only 300 residential solar customers in all of Kansas. It is a dishonest argument, probably for the next decade at least.

More importantly, the proposal as currently structured will affect all customers across the board and will be burdensome for ordinary households and disastrous for the poor, disabled, aged, and people with tiny pensions. KCC knows that larger companies and more affluent people will feel little or no pain from this, whereas the most vulnerable Kansans are squeezed further into near poverty or outright poverty. This increase should be structured differently to eliminate the burden on the vulnerable. At the hearing last night, mention was made by Westar officials about the many agencies who aid vulnerable people with their electrical bills, but their promise to help customers find help from these agencies is just that...a promise, not a guarantee. Furthermore, the people who need this aid are hardly in a position to be appealing to dozens of agencies by letters and visits.

A rate increase should NOT be applied evenly, which disregards both morality and the need for competition, all for the "convenience" of corporate officers whose annual salaries are often measured in the millions of dollars.

In summary, this particular proposal from a monopoly whose services are required by all people for their very survival, is (1) anti-competitive - purposely squashing the solar industry, and (2) places an undue burden of the rate increase on citizens who have no choice of electrical providers, including people who simply cannot afford it. For these two reasons, I urge in the strongest possible way that the Kansas Corporation Commission do its duty by rejecting this proposal and asking Westar for a new proposal that eliminates these harmful aspects that hurt solar developers and the poor. Your job is to protect capitalism by allowing competition to flourish. And every one of us has the same moral duty to protect vulnerable citizens.

Thank you,

William N. Leifer, M.D.

Gerrie Lippert

From: Eric A. Sader <graduatemail.sader@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 12:30 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Energy Rate Increase

My understanding is that there is an energy cost proposal on the table that will increase fixed costs for consumers to be a larger part of the equation. Unless there are components of this proposal I do not understand, this will disproportionately affect smaller families and low-income households living in smaller units, having a single person or even multi-person family living in a small apartment sharing the same fixed cost as a wealthy family living in a detached home? Do not further burden those who are already struggling.

Just as important, this will decrease the incentive to conserve energy, harming the environment as well as ultimately driving energy costs up in the future by failing to slow demand.

This proposal makes no sense any which way you turn it.

Encourage conservation, and ensure those who use the most energy are the ones paying for it. If increases need to happen, tie the increases to consumption.

Thank you,
Eric Sader, LMSW, Esq.

101421

Gerrie Lippert

From: Stanley Unruh <sunruh95@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 10:32 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am a Westar customer and I wish to make a comment about the proposed fixed rate increase.

I can understand the need for need higher service charged to maintain the grid. But I think this should be done in such a way as to not penalize those who conserve on power, or use private installations of solar or wind. Coal burning power plants are responsible for millions of tons of CO2 output, and CO2 is affecting our planet in a negative way. It is time to provide incentives to move away from coal. This plan would instead provide a disincentive.

A better way to generate more income for grid maintenance would be to charge more per unit of power instead of a higher fixed rate. Also, power companies such as Westar should also be encouraged to move away from coal and implement wind and solar generation.

I do not have solar or wind at my house, but want to install some in the future. I want guilt free air conditioning! I have a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering and I believe the science behind human caused climate change is sound.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this important decision.

Dr. Stan Unruh
1826 E. 900 Rd
Lawrence, KS 66049

101422

Gerrie Lippert

From: Sue B Huckle <shucke@terraworld.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 9:36 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Increase

Here we go again. Another round of rate increases. This is really getting to be a habit and very annoying. Raise our base customer charge \$15 over the next five years?
Charge solar customers \$50/mo. whether they use any electricity or not? This pretty much negates people wanting to save energy costs. Isn't this something our government is advocating? Saving energy costs? They have spend millions and passed dozens of EPA regulations, costing the taxpayers a ton of money to save energy. My latest new washer looks like it doesn't put enough water in the machine to get the clothes clean. Now they're kicking around the idea of limiting dishwashers to only 3.5 gal. of water to do a load, even though the appliance manufacturers have told them the dishes do not get clean. How many rate increases does Westar get before people will not be able to afford their electricity? When they have to shut off their air conditioners, people will start dying in the summer heat. Of course, I know my objections fall on deaf ears. You, KCC, give them every rate increase they request, albeit maybe not quite as much as they request, but then they start the paperwork immediately for the next rate increase. And, I'm sure they ask for way more than what they really want, so they end up getting exactly what they want. And don't even get me started on the fact they want their shareholders to have a ROI of 11%. Wow, I would love to get that much on my IRAs. Then I could afford Westar's rate increase.

Sincerely,
Charles and Sue Huckle
Cherryvale, KS

101423

Gerrie Lippert

From: Mueting, Helen <hmueting@mountosb.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 8:49 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am writing concerning the public hearing last evening on the Westar Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS.

I agree with many people who spoke out last night against the rate of increase that Westar is proposing as well as its proposal to charge an increased fixed fee to solar customers. I strongly support the changes proposed by CURB. The increase needs to be at a much lower rate, and solar energy should not be part of it. I appreciate Westar's use of wind power; however, solar energy is just as important, and in many ways is less intrusive to the environment. Solar users should not be penalized for trying to be more sustainable. In fact, solar usage can help the load on the grid at peak hours. I would ask that you not accept Westar's proposal as it is currently stated.

Sincerely, Helen Mueting

Helen Mueting
801 South 8th
Atchison, KS 66002



Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

101424

Gerrie Lippert

From: Dee Parrish <parrish_dee@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 8:45 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: WestStar rate increase

Enough already! I would like a 8% increase on my social security, but it is not going to happen! What justifies this increase? This monopoly has us in a strangle hold. Electricity and gas are a necessity of life. Kansan's already pay more in sales tax than most other states. The lower and fixed income consumers cannot afford more. Please consider this when time to vote on this rate increase.

101425

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joe Hartoebben
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 8:57 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 21, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Westar's current service charges are 70% of the bill and 30% is actual usage. This too much.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Joe Hartoebben
15635 Q Rd
Mayetta, KS 66509
(785) 305-1029

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Date Filed **08/03/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

08/03/2015 I DISAPPROVE OF THE WESTAR RATE INCREASE AND HOPE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN.

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gloria Hannon
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 7:26 PM
To: public.affairs
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I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Ms. Gloria Hannon
1349 N Hwy 99
Emporia, KS 66801

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of James Thompson
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 4:56 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. James Thompson
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Gerrie Lippert

From: Kelli Flanner <kelliflanner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 10:02 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Proposed Westar punitive fee for solar customers

Good morning,

I'm a Westar customer and solar energy user. My leased solar-panels provide not only all the heating, cooling, and electricity for my home - they produce surplus energy that goes back into the grid for others, requiring Westar to burn less coal to produce the electricity that my neighbors enjoy.

Please do not accept Westar's proposal to create a punitive fee for solar customers. I pay the same user fee as everyone else for using the electric grid Westar provides. There is no reason that I as a solar user and generator should pay MORE than my neighbors for using the same grid, especially when I am providing Westar with free, extra energy they can use to distribute to others without burning coal or incurring any cost to create that energy!

Thank you,
Kelli Flanner
Lecompton, KS

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Hope Manderino
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 9:40 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 21, 2015

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Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

Dear Commissions:

No increase for Westar!!!

All Kansan's living expense are increasing and everyone's paycheck can't afford yet another Westar increase. I already do everything I can in my power to keep my electric bill low and affordable to my budget.

There are several business that have to deal with a budget and don't get the privilege to request increases that affect every Kansan. We all rely on having electricity and Westar should be held to a budget and work within in it. Why don't they raise the prices on the wind turbine energy that they sell to out of state users since Kansan's don't really get the full use of that power increase either. There are other ways that Westar can get the money for projects they are just taking the easy way out because you at the commissioners always give them what they want regardless of what the Kansan's NEED!!

Most individuals in the State of Kansas don't get regular pay increases the way Westar gets regular increases to supposedly support projects they are working on. What happen to the funds from all the past increase they've gotten over the past six years. Make them use the funds from those previous increases! The projects should have been completed by now if that is what they actually used the money for. If they aren't completed make them wait to start the next project until they can afford it within their budget.

I'm one state employee that hasn't seen a cost of living increase in my check for over 10 years and there are over 60,000 of us with the same issue. Not to mention the fact that the state government has consistently reduced all state employees checks on a regular basis because of them raising how much the employees cover of their health insurance and retirement so the government can pay less to cover the state budget issues. With the sales tax increases, school expenses increasing at all levels of education, water bills increasing and waste management bills increasing that now affect every Kansan which we all have to deal with for the next several year's adding yet another increase to everyone at this time is not good business measures!

Do the right thing this time and tell them NO!!!

Sincerely,
Hope Manderino
4531 SE 27th St
Topeka, KS 66605

Sincerely,

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Investigator **SBOYD**

Narrative

08/03/2015

* MS. POPAVICH IS TRYING TO CONSERVE ENERGY, BUT EVEN IF SHE REDUCES USAGE WESTAR IS ALWAYS COMING IN ASKING FOR A RATE INCREASE.

* MS POPAVICH THINKS THAT IT IS TIME FOR WESTAR TO COSERVE AND TO STOP TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ITS CUSTOMERS. SHE JUST CAN'T PAY ANY MORE THAN SHE IS PAYING NOW AND WOULD LIKE FOR THE COMMISSION TO REJECT WESTAR'S PROPOSAL .

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

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Narrative

08/03/2015 WE ARE VOTING AGAINST THE RATE INCREASE.

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City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code 67401		

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Narrative

08/03/2015 THIS RATE INCREASE WOULD DISCOURAGE RESIDENTIAL GROWTH OF WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY. SINCE 2009, WESTAR HAS WON 20 RATE INCREASES. THAT IS TOO MANY.

101438

Gerrie Lippert

From: rsonnedecker@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 9:39 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Energy Rate Increase

The current and continuous efforts by Westar to increase rates to the Kansas Consumer are excessive and unacceptable. The current economic situation in Kansas cannot support these large and frequent increases. The evidence of Westars lack of priority for the maintenance of the infrastructure in order to provide dividends and executive bonuses is evident in the condition of the electrical grid. Westar is a monopoly and must be controlled as such. Dividends, bonuses and executive pay must be controlled and minimized. NO RATE INCREASE IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITIZENS OF KANSAS!

Ray Sonnedecker
104 W. 20th Ave
Hutchinson, Kansas 67502

rsonnedecker@sbcglobal.net

101439

Gerrie Lippert

From: Mary Kerle <lib.kerle@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 9:18 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar's proposed charge to energy efficient customers

Kansas Corporation Commission

We all praise efforts to invest in energy efficiency. Westar now seeks to penalize customers who are succeeding in doing so. It can't be allowed to happen! Westar, thank these customers for lowering their energy use. If you are allowed to raise rates, get your increase from the customers who have not made an effort to do so.

Mary Kerle
1614 SW Sieben
Topeka, KS 66611

Gerrie Lippert

From: Kurt Look <look@ku.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 8:35 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Increase

Westar is couching their proposal to increase the fixed monthly charge in terms of "fairness". Consumer advocates are arguing it is not fair at all. Isn't "fairness" the domain of the KCC commissioners? Westar should limit their concerns to raising revenue and let the KCC and consumers decide how to provide the revenue to Westar.

You are well are of the arguments against raising the fixed monthly charge. I just hope you see through Westar's sudden cynical concern about fairness.

Kurt Look
626 North 1000 Road
Lawrence, KS 66047

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Date Filed **08/04/2015**

Investigator **GLIPPERT**

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Narrative

08/04/2015 CUSTOMER WANTS TO EXPRESS HER OBJECTION TO THE RATE INCREASE. ANY INCREASE WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR HER AT THIS STAGE IN LIFE. RETIRED VET AND ONLY ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND WATCHES HER USE ON UTILITIES.

Gerrie Lippert

161442

From: Teresa Wilke <teresawilke@sunflower.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 8:24 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS

Westar rate hike is regressive. Perhaps pend the hike on the amount of energy used by each consumer. Include commercial and residential consumers if determination is made to charge the fee/rate increase. This is a corporation with a very bad record of financial ethics. Westar is a monopoly and their profits should allow their growth without sapping each poor sonsumer. Don't we pay enough for electricity as it is? Thank you, Teresa Wilke

Gerrie Lippert

101443

From: Jamie Hofling <jkhofling@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 8:15 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: rate increases

KCC,

I attended a session by CEP to learn about the rate increases proposed by Westar. While I understand the need to recover costs for facility upgrades I fully disagree with a plan that penalizes people who strive to conserve energy. By imposing flat rate increases to everyone, Westar is negating the important message that we must be more conservative with energy usage. The current proposal particularly hurts people with solar panels which is the most upsetting. Investment in solar panels should be made easier not more difficult for people. I also find the rate plans to be too complicated.

The message that we must be more conservative with our energy usage will be more appropriately conveyed if a higher usage charge were imposed.

As an alternative solution, the strategy of revenue decoupling which shifts the focus to selling energy more efficiently, appears to be a fair strategy.

Thank you,
Jamie Hofling

July 29, 2015

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It is our opinion that Westar does not need a rate increase. Westar has requested a rate increase to KCC. Our monthly fixed customer charge will raise from \$12 a month to \$27 a month by 2019 making it harder to control our energy bills with efficiency conservation or using alternative energy like solar or wind. According to the news article in the Emporia Gazette of Wednesday, July 22, 2015, Westar had either committed or had been asked to commit \$150,000 to a campaign debt owed to our "famous" Governor Sam Brownback who either can't or doesn't know how to balance the state's check book.

We are retired and trying to live within our means. We suggest that Westar and Mr. Brownback do the same.

If Mr. Brownback wants to spend that kind of money, we suggest that he use his own resources.

Do you think that a member of KCC would feel obligated to vote favorably on any issue that came to them that would affect the company's bottom line?

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Dorlene Hees
Terese Hees



Comment Form

Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

The Kansas Corporation Commission is accepting comments through August 11, 2015, in Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS. By completing this form you will be providing comment that will be entered into the record. Comments are reviewed and considered by the Commission prior to a final order being issued in the case.

Name (please print): Raymond G. Osborn

Address: 113 Froese Dr. Inman, KS 67546

Phone: 620-585-6611 Email: _____

Preferred method of contact: _____

Comment: We have have tried to save on our electric bill by
by having our thermostat set at 78° during the summer & 67° during
the winter & replaced our incandescent lights w/LED's but every year
Western ask for & get a rate increase that wipes out any saving.
In the past they have advertised on TV telling us to reduce
our electric bill by lowering the thermostat 2° or raising it 2° in
summer months. then in 3 to 4 months they are asking for a
rate increase. They should use that money more wisely.
My wife & I are in our 80's & we have to watch our expenses
& cut back on spending. I suggest the power company
do the same

In the last 5 years they have had a 50% rate
increase.

Signature: Raymond G. Osborn Date: 7-27-15

Please note: By submitting comments to the Commission, you are authorizing the Commission to make your comments and any included information publicly available.

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Date Filed **08/04/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
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Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City SALINA		
State KS Zip Code		

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Narrative

08/04/2015 OPPOSED TO RATE INCREASE FOR WESTAR. SAID HE IS ON FIXED INCOME OF \$12,000 PER YEAR AND BARELY GETS BY. THEY NEED TO LOOK AT THE SALARIES OF TOP EXECUTIVES AND CUT THOSE.

Gerrie Lippert

101448

From: Lindsey Brown <lindsey.brown@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2015 10:07 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Please consider correlating rates charged to the amount of energy used - those who use more should pay more. Raising service fees equally without considering energy use will penalize customers who do not have high consumption rates and eliminate incentive to conserve energy. Additionally, it will disproportionately affect those on limited incomes who typically live in apartments or smaller homes, making this seems like yet another move designed to support big businesses at the expense of individual tax payers.

Lindsey Stewart

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Date Filed **08/04/2015**
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
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Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City MANHATTAN		
State KS Zip Code		

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Investigator **GLIPPERT**

Narrative

08/04/2015 CAN'T AFFORD ALL OF THE EXTRAS ADDED TO ALL OF THE BILLS. CANNOT AFFORD THE \$27 A MONTH EXTRA BEFORE ANY ELECTRIC USED.

From: David B. <nyackgrad@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 11:50 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Hike Request

To Whom It May Concern,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE any increase in the rates charged by Westar Energy. They have raised their cost to consumers 50% since 2009. This last requested increase is 12% to residential consumers. Over that same period of time wages have hardly kept up with inflation. Fortunately my wife and I have been able to stay employed. But my wages over the same period have only increased 4% and my wife, a public school teacher, has seen an average pay increase of only 1%, well UNDER the rate of inflation. In addition I have elderly parents and in-laws who are retired and living on fixed incomes already having trouble keeping pace with the rising cost of food, energy and other necessities.

For Westar to continue to request increases when they have kept paying out and paying out ever increasing dividends to their stock holders is absurd. It is no wonder that the Westar stock prices have increased 73% since 12/31/2008. (\$20.51 12/31/08 to \$35.51 7/23/15) They can keep increasing their revenues to pass it along continuous dividends to shareholders and leave their captive customers unable to do anything about it but keep paying ever increasing fees and energy prices.

According to Westar they paid a \$0.36 per share dividend on July 1, 2015. Their outstanding shares were approximately 132,240,000. that calculates out to \$47,606,400 in payments to shareholders just for THAT QUARTER. They made that same \$0.36 dividend payment on 4/1/15. This can be extrapolated to an annual dividend payment of approximately \$190,425,600, that's over one hundred and ninety MILLION DOLLARS in excess profits they CHOSE to charge their customers and pay to their shareholders. I'm all for investors getting returns. In fact I have been saving for my own retirement in mutual funds and stocks. But these amounts were paid out before this current requested rate increase by Westar is even in effect. To grant this rate increase when it is obvious Westar and their shareholders seem to be doing quite nicely under their current rates is clearly not in the public interest. All this increase would do is allow Westar to continue to become a pass through entity for the investors to continue to reap gains at the expense of customers who have no option but pay Westar if they want electricity. Rather than a rate increase, perhaps Westar should look at paring down the dividends going out the door and reinvest that back into the company.

I plead with you to DO NOT ALLOW ANOTHER INCREASE BY WESTAR!

David Bloom
Concerned Citizen and Westar Customer (because I have no choice in regards to my electricity provider)

Gerrie Lippert

101451

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Elizabeth Boswell
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 11:43 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 24, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth Boswell
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Topeka, KS 66608
(785) 383-8180
ejcboswell@gmail.com

Gerrie Lippert

From: Nicole Sabatini <Nicole-Sab@Sunflower.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 11:18 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar

Good morning,

I am writing in regards to the Westar rate application. I am a Westar customer and shareholder for more than 20 years, and while I agree that everyone who uses the grid should be charged for its use, I also believe that solar panel users should not be penalized for doing their part to contribute to cleaner energy production.

Westar recently sent a letter to shareholders urging us to contact you, noting that they are looking out for the best interests of their shareholders. This statement told me that they are proposing this rate application for the wrong reasons. Westar is clearly concerned more about profit than doing the right thing for cleaner energy. In my opinion, having solar panels is no different than reducing your energy consumption by using led lightbulbs or energy star appliances.

Only a small fraction of Westar customers have solar panels, and of those only a small fraction have enough capacity to cover their energy needs. This reduces the load on Westar without removing a customer from their base. To me, this concern of Westar's is just a solution for a problem that isn't there.

As a Westar shareholder, I do not support this rate application. Energy producers need to be ahead of the curve – the innovators – not the ones keeping it from happening.

Sincerely,

Dan Sabatini

From: LAURA OTTLEY <hotsalsa66@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 10:12 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: RATE HIKES

To whom it may concern,
In the past 6 years you have raised your rates 23 times and only have decreased them 4 times!
It would be great if we as a working citizen would get as many raises .
But we all know the only people that get that are your shareholders.
Its pretty much like Extortion ! Enough is enough!
I can't even imagine our seniors that are on a fixed income or have worked all there lives and depend solely on social security Which by the way is yet another joke.
But non the less there are others that can't afford it .

I'm sure if your shareholders would have to go without air in the summer or any other need for electricity they might be a little less greedy.I am aware of the hard working crews that have to be paid but I'm sure there is Already plenty of money to go around.

Its kind of like when they try to justify raising our rates on our water use. if it is a rainy season they say they loose money. So they have to raise our rates.
But i have never seen a refund when we as consumers have to over water when there is drought ! Everything goes up except for peoples pay rates.
and of course there are no other choices . But I'm sure if there were more competitors then we would all choose the less expensive choice.
we all know about the new upgrades and equipment so shouldn't that be making it more cost effective?
any other companies pay for upgrades out of there own pocket. REALLY WHAT THIS ALL BOILS DOWN TO IS GREED!!!
I SAY NO TO ANY MORE RATE HIKES!!

Gerrie Lippert

101454

From: Chuck Ross <chrossjr@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 9:59 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Rate hike

They don't need a rate hike if they have money to give to Sam Brownback or any other politician.

Chuck Ross
Cell: 770-815-9077

From: Israel Elder <israel.elder@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 9:50 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Note: I sent this same comment last night but did not include the docket number in the subject line. To ensure it makes it to the public records portion of this hearing phase I am re-submitting it with the docket number enclosed.

During the public hearing in Topeka, Westar officials stated they were truly concerned about wise energy usage by its customers. To this end, they said they have proposed a new rate plan that tracks and calculates fees based on peak usage. However, if Westar is truly interested in reducing energy consumption and reducing power output, a two-pronged approach should be used. First, instead of simply penalizing households for using large amounts of energy at one time, as opposed to spread out, the formula should be based on time of day and city-wide peak demand usage. If a family uses the majority of its energy in the early morning or late evening, when city-wide demand is lower, that family should not be required to pay the same penalty as a family that uses the majority of its energy during peak hours.

Second, in order to prevent the costs of producing more energy, as well as forego the costs of additional substations, transmission lines and distribution lines, Westar needs to take a new stance on solar energy. Because of net-metering, the times when the electric grid is traditionally stressed the most is a time when homes that have photovoltaic (solar electric) [PV] are capturing peak amounts of solar energy. Solar panels are then either fully powering the homes they are connected to or are actually providing all the electricity necessary for a home to run as well as feed excess electricity onto the grid, allowing neighbors to draw electricity from a local source. The more PV homes and businesses that Kansas can attract, the fewer substations Westar will need to build because they will not be needing to transmit high voltages across long distances. Local homes can help maintain reliable energy to neighboring homes and businesses. PV homes help reduce peak energy spikes by not only providing energy for themselves but by allowing surrounding community members to take advantage of excess electricity generated.

Because PV is a positive net gain for communities, the KCC should reject the proposed fee for solar customers. PV users do, in fact, pay their fair share. Being connected to the electric grid requires a fee, which Westar is requesting to increase for all customers. Additionally, in the evenings or on cloudy days when PV customers require more energy than can be provided by their panels, they buy electricity from Westar at retail. However, when Westar receives the excess energy from PV users, it only pays wholesale. Then, Westar turns around and sells that electricity to the PV user's neighbor at retail price. Westar did not have to generate the electricity, transmit it, send it through a substation or miles of distribution lines. All Westar had to do was collect additional profit from something someone else paid for, our Sun provided and they sent through a few feet or perhaps a few meters worth of distribution lines.

Using the same logic, perhaps petroleum companies should request fees from all corn growers whose corn is sold to an ethanol plant.

Finally, the newly proposed fee increase, from \$12 to \$27 is too high for the costs Westar has incurred. They may be entitled to an increase of \$2 but a \$15 increase should be summarily rejected. Westar and other power companies have not failed to produce profits for their shareholders. Further profits should be based on merit and stewardship, not simply on the KCC allowing them to increase their fees by more than twofold. What other

business model in the world is there where a for-profit entity can increase its fees/prices so dramatically and the consumer has virtually no recourse, alternative or option?

Thank you for taking the time to consider my suggestions.

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Peace,

Israel Elder

The important things in life are rarely pressing and the pressing things in life are rarely important. ~
Joe Focht

101456

Gerrie Lippert

From: Jay York <yorkjay@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 9:43 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Please deny Westar's proposed rate hike

Please deny Westar's proposed rate hike. People on fixed incomes who have no alternative provider should not be made to guarantee shareholder returns.

Sincerely,
Jay York
Wichita

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

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City SILVER LAKE		
State KS Zip Code 6 6539		

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

08/04/2015 I AM AGAINST THE RATE INCREASE FOR WESTAR.

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City JUNCTION CITY		
State KS Zip Code 6 6441		

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Date Filed **08/04/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

Narrative

08/04/2015 I THINK WESTAR SHOULD FIND OUT HOW TO GET THE JOB DONE LIKE OTHER STATES DO. THERE IS NO INCENTIVE TO LOOK FOR EFFICIENCY WHEN WE ARE STUCK WITH HIGH RATES FOR A SERVICE CHARGE NO MATTER WHAT WE USE.

Ray Venning
Allen KS
724 Rd 840
8-29-2015

#101459

Public Affairs
Consumer Protection
1300 SW Arrowhead Road
Lapeere KS 66604 4027
Dear Sirs

Started out with KPL in 1951
Rates were 203 Dollars then,
Westar has several raises
Some people electric bills arent much more
than 25 or 30 Dollars
Some poor cannot afford increase,
If westar can give Governor Brownback
4.1 mil Governor \$300.000 They are making plenty
getting carried away
Poor working public cannot afford it.
People on Social Security don't make much.
Too many place want raises
Just keep things moderate.
They are on the up hill profit
Gets held them down
Poor People cannot afford their raise
Yours
Ray Venning

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July 31, 2015

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION
OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION

1500 S W Arrowhead Road

TOPEKA, KS 66604-4027

DEAR CORPORATION COMMISSION,

I AM 78 AND CAN NOT TOLERATE
THE HEAT. PLEASE KEEP WESTAR ENERGY
STRONG BY APPROVING THE REQUEST BY
WESTAR TO INCREASE ELECTRIC RATES.

THE MONTHLY BILL ON MY 2000 SQUARE FEET
HOME IN ABILENE IS ONLY \$86.00/MONTH. I
DON'T WANT ANY BROWN-OUTS & ELECTRICAL
FAILURES IN ABILENE. I WANT A STRONG,
UP-TO-DATE, EFFICIENT, STATE OF THE
ART ELECTRIC COMPANY IN WESTAR
PROVIDING DEPENDABLE ELECTRICITY.

I ALSO HAVE A FEW SHARES OF WESTAR ON THE
STOCK MARKET & I WANT THE SHARES
TO PRODUCE A GOOD QUARTERLY DIVIDEND
& THE STOCK TO HAVE A GOOD PRICE

Sincerely yours
Lawrence D. Riatt

COPY TO WESTAR
CONSUMER PROTECTION

LAWRENCE D. RIATT

PH 785-263-3254

1704 BECKMAN PL.

ABILENE KS 67416

101461

1513 Hillcrest Drive
Manhattan, KS 66502

July 29, 2015

Ref. Doc#t: No 15 WSEE-115-RTS

I (as a senior) would like to oppose any
increase. There is no place to move to in
Manhattan, Kansas.

I rent - am alone with little income. I've
had to use alternate heat (this past year) or
leave my home daily. One of the utilities that
I'm responsible for is Western Energy

I also have a schizophrenic son & have to stay
close to Pawnee Regional Mental Health.

Mary Caudle-Kidd
#8060 747228 (WE)

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Mandaton, Ka
July 29, 1915
Kansas Corporation Commission
1570 S W Arrowhead Road
Topeka, Kansas
66604-4027

Dear Sirs:

I oppose the Nestor
raise of electricity being
an older person on a
fixed income. What
ever do we need the
electricity to serve
for heat, for cooling,
for cooking, were would
we ~~cut~~ cut. We need
the electricity, we need
food but I can live a
while without some
of my medicine. This
is a death wish for
many older people on
fixed income

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They say they need
this raise to pay
for improvement
they have done. If
they couldn't afford
it why didn't they
do like we do, not
do it.

Thank you
Ray DiBella
8725 2nd Circl
Manhattan, Ks
66502

JOHN R. BROWN, JR.
M.D.

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JOHN R. BROWN, JR.
PHYSICIAN
R.M.E.

#101463 July 30 - 15

Dear Folks:

We are very much against Westar's proposed fee hike. They are always asking for a raise in our monthly bills.

We cannot afford a hike from \$12.00 to \$27.00. We live on a fixed income. Let the big shots who ask for a hike to take it out of their pay checks. They all make too much money.

please don't let Westar take a hike in pay for us who cannot afford for them to do so.

please do something about this.

Sincerely,

Larry & Ardis Beil

2440 Highland Ave.

Salina, Kansas 67401

101464

7-31-15

Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To Whom It May Concern,

Wake up! Listen to the people in Kansas who are saying "No." Please do not let Westar raise rates to this ridiculous level. While Westar has provided good service you have allowed them to raise rates too many times already,

I am retired and living on a fixed income. Generally, when prices raise as often as Westars have I quit buying a product or buy it once in awhile, I can not choose to not use Westar as it is a necessity. How many people will be hurt by you allowing this increase? Or... don't you care?

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PUBLIC UTILITIES
AND
ENERGY

Sincerely,

STATE
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PUBLIC UTILITIES
AND
ENERGY

Mary Eibeleberry

935 Windsor Dr.

Salina, KS 67401

785 827-9557

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

Division of Public Affairs
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027
(785) 271-3100

Complaint ID **101465**
Date Filed **08/04/2015**
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

Account Information

Account No	Notified KCC by P	Consumer Class R
Name DEBRA SIMMONS	Home Phone	Cell Phone
Business	Work Phone	Ext Fax #
Street Address 205 N. MURPHY	Email Address	
Mailing Address	Special Instructions	
City ELMDALE		
State KS Zip Code 6 6850		

Contacts

No Contacts Exist

Complaint Coding

Not Applicable Company ID	Complaint Code	Complaint Type	Company Resolution	Complaint Closed	Violation/ Concern	Dispute Issue Explanation	Disputed Dollars	Dollars KCC Saved Consumer
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Docket Opinion

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Narrative

08/04/2015 AGAINST WESTAR RATE INCREASE. IT WILL PUSH PEOPLE TO MOVE OUT OF KANSAS. SHE GETS \$588 PER MONTH AND ON DISABILITY.

Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Richard Newby
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2015 9:30 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

#101467

Jul 27, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Newby
1704 N Hunter Dr
Olathe, KS 66061
rnewby10@att.net

Gerrie Lippert

#101468

From: Niki Christopher
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2015 9:19 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: FW: Westar Rate Hike - re Docket 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Forwarding a comment directed to the Commission but received at CURB, re Docket 15-WSEE-115-RTS.

Niki Christopher
Staff Attorney
Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB)
1500 SW Arrowhead RD
Topeka KS 66604
785-271-3200

From: Della Smith
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2015 8:01 AM
To: David Springe; Niki Christopher
Subject: FW: Westar Rate Hike

From: Patricia Robbins [<mailto:nanaplus22@att.net>]
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 9:43 PM
To: ecurb@curb.kansas.gov
Subject: Westar Rate Hike

Please do not allow Westar to hike our rates once again. Allow us citizens of Kansas be heard that we are unable to withstand any more monies to be taken from us who are the "poorer" people who are on limited incomes. All my life I have worked very hard and now at 80+ years of age would hope to be in a position to actually enjoy these Golden Years without constantly be at the mercy of those money hungry utility companies filling their pockets while we struggle each day to live a more comfortable existence. We wish to be heard.

Please help us and deny these rate hikes.

Gerrie Lippert

#101469

From: Pat Hansen <ninnypat@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2015 6:48 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Rate hike

KG & E has proposed a rate hike of at least 8% which would put an additional burden on the American working class along with the retired people and businesses. I am opposing the new rate increase that KG&E is proposing.

Thank you,

Mrs. Pst Hansen

Gerrie Lippert

#101471

From: Nate Birkhead <birkhead@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 8:06 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Energy Proposal

Hello,

I am writing to convey my strong opposition to Westar's new energy proposals to a) increase the fixed rate charged to consumers irrespective of energy consumption and b) the move against renewable energy.

Both these programs are regressive, short sighted, and poorly developed. It is my sincere hope that KCC moves against these proposals.

Thank you,
Nate Birkhead
Manhattan, KS

Gerrie Lippert

101472

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Raymond Bolton
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 7:29 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 26, 2015

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1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Sincerely,

Mr. Raymond Bolton
PO Box 793
Rossville, KS 66533
ksilot28@excite.com

Gerrie Lippert

#101473

From: Darwin, David <daved@ku.edu>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 6:42 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in opposition to the rate proposal by Westar Energy under Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS.

The proposal increases the fixed portion of the monthly bill and reduces the incremental charge for electricity used. Not only is the overall increase very high, but it works to eliminate the incentive to conserve power, such as by using thermostat settings that are higher in the summer and lower in the winter, turning off lights that are not needed, or by using the minimum size light bulb that will serve the purpose. In addition to eliminating the incentive to conserve, the proposal also reduces the attractiveness of using renewable energy by consumers, such as produced by small wind turbines and solar collectors. None of this makes sense for either the consumer or the planet.

I strongly urge you to reject both the size of the increase and the overall approach. Rather, any modification to electrical rates should encourage energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Darwin
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Lawrence, KS 66047-1717

785 841-2888

Gerrie Lippert

101474

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of jeanette pratt
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 6:29 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. jeanette pratt
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manhattan, KS 66503
prattjeanette72@gmail.com

Gerrie Lippert

101475

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Richard Seaton, Jr
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 4:28 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 26, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Seaton, Jr
PO Box 1582
Manhattan, KS 66505
(785) 313-2789
seaton@kansas.net

Gerrie Lippert

101476

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carey Zeak
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 3:58 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 26, 2015

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Sincerely,

Ms. Carey Zeak
11214 Lakeside Drive
Manhattan, KS 66503
(785) 293-5606
czeak@twivvalley.net

Gerrie Lippert

#101477

From: Bruce Plenk <solarlawyeraz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 3:24 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar proposed increased solar fees

Dear Commissioners:

I am a former resident of Lawrence and a homeowner with solar, although I no longer live in the Westar area. I strongly oppose Westar's proposal to charge a higher demand fee or basic fee for solar customers. Instead, Westar should appreciate the boost that solar customers give the company during hot sunny afternoons that helps Westar avoid purchasing power at peak prices. Westar should be supporting more not less solar in Kansas!

I hope you will reject their proposal and require them to adopt more solar friendly tariffs. This helps the company.....and Kansas!

Thanks for your consideration.

--

Bruce Plenk
Solar Possibilities Consulting
Tucson, AZ
520 909-1389

Gerrie Lippert

#101478

From: Laura Dodge <laotawin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 3:00 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate increase

These comments are in regards to Westar supposed need for a rate increase. Over the past half a dozen years Westar has asked for a rate increase, all but one of these request have been granted. Each time the same explanation was the same. My question is, how with a modicum of decency, could you ask for more money, when there are seniors out there on fixed incomes of 10, 15, or 20 thousand a year. As if a \$220 increase a year would not be a problem, along with the other increases of food, medicine, insurance. I myself am on a fixed income. Now, since when is green energy a bad thing, unless your into the pockets of oil, gas or coal. Considering the influence the Koch Bros. have on the energy industry, and it's well known how they feel about green energy, why not just ask them for the money that Westar supposedly needs. It would be just a drop in a bucket for them. OR, How about if the top five executives for Westar, give back to the company, HALF of their yearly salary. Surly half of \$7,499,195. would go a long way towards elevating this great need. So making Solar the scape goat, what's next, adding insulation to one's house, will that increase my rates? Believe me if I had the opportunity, I would go completely solar & wind. So much for fighting Climate Change... KCC Board, please do not grant their request.

Laura Dodge
2616 240th Rd.
Emporia, Kans. 66801

Gerrie Lippert

101479

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jack Kirchhofer
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 2:58 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 26, 2015

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The 10% shareholders increase is entirely unreasonable. As mentioned, Social Security recipients only received 1.7% COLA for 2015. Other agencies provided no COLA or at most 2.5% to their recipients. WESTAR has been on an annual rate increase since the days of the Doug Witteig fiasco. They seem to be trying to recoup their losses incurred by paying him off by sticking it to their customers. It's time the KCC said no to this annual event.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Jack Kirchhofer
10826 SW Burlingame Rd
Wakarusa, KS 66546

Sincerely,

Mr. Jack Kirchhofer
10826 SW Burlingame Rd

Wakarusa, KS 66546
(785) 231-7377
jkirch@aol.com

#101479

#101480

Gerrie Lippert

From: Kelly Wegner <kellywegner@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 2:42 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Hike

I'm angry that Westar overcharged in the past and had to be forced to return money to customers and then only those who kept bills, as if they had no records of their own.

I'm angry that after their program to help homeowners (at a cost to the homeowners which I couldn't afford) they hiked their rates to cover the loss in usage. Customers thought they would save. They were never told they would be paying for improvements only to spend more on utilities, and that even those with consistent usage as before would have to pay for customers using less.

If it were 13 or 12 dollars a year, that's still a total that could do something. But we're talking about a monthly charge on top of other monthly charges. It's greed in keeping with Westar's history. They have proven that they don't care about honesty or their customers.

I can't afford it. Others can't afford it. Please say no.

Thank you.

Kelly Wegner

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass....It's about learning to dance in the rain."

Gerrie Lippert

101481

From: Mary Ann Fleming <maryafle@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 12:14 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No 15 -WSEE-115-RTS

I wish to state my opposition to this proposed Westar increase. The increase is exorbitant, not in line with charges by other companies. This fee increase discourages conservation and prudent use of resources. Because it is not usage based, it takes away the customer's ability to control electric costs. It is particularly hard on low-income persons for the same reason. The provisions regarding solar energy penalize customers and companies that use and provide renewable energy.

Please reject this high-handed attempt to victimize us consumers; we are a captive market. Until Westar is forced to do so, they will never undertake measures to rein in their costs and conserve vital resources. I am sure there is a better, fairer way.

Mary Ann Fleming, 215 S 8th, Manhattan, KS 66502 785-537-2647

Gerrie Lippert

#101482

From: Everett Rickabaugh <flinthillsgrown@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 10:43 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: NO RATE INCREASE FOR WESTAR

I am an elderly man on a fixed income and I noticed I am not the only one with a fixed income and many young family are having trouble keeping there lights on during these troubling times. I am writing to put a stop to big business taking every penny we have, they are the ones whom just years back got there selfs in money problems with the people they elected to run there company. there stock has went from &11 to now middle \$35. and the corporation commision has played into everything they have asked for. if they want a \$1.00 raise they ask for \$3.00 so if they only get \$1.00 they got what they want. it is time to slow the profits of big business down. they are like our federal gov. the more they get the more they want and give many reason for needing raises. where and how do I raise my income when I am not able to work, or many familys are caught in an ever ending trap of just being able to keep our heads above water. as soon as I get my bill on line I pay it the same day by click and pay. so why and how do they need to raise my custermer charge from \$12 to \$27. this is not right. SO I SAY HELL NOT TO THERE INCEREASE. THEY SHOULD SERVE THE PEOPLE / NOT THE PEOPLE SERVE THEM. 620-481-1435

Everett Rickabaugh
flinthillsgrown@aol.com

Gerrie Lippert

101483

From: Tom Wayne <tomwayne66441@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 8:59 AM
To: public.affairs

I realize that this increase request is due to the Obama machinations and climate nonsense but how can our governor ask for political contributions from Westar at the same time as they are requesting a major rate increase. Something "stinks here".

Also, I live on Social Security and the idiots in D.C. who claim there is no inflation are dead wrong. How do I pay for this? Go on welfare?

Perhaps it is time for Kansas to seriously consider changing power providers.....

Westar is wasting money running after squirrels cutting off power, how about fixing that first, then ask for a rate increase, a reasonable one.....

Advertise why you are asking for this increase, put the blame where it belongs.....Obama and Company.

Thank you.

tomwayne66441@gmail.com

Gerrie Lippert

#101484

From: Larry Erickson <leandlerickson@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2015 7:50 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket# 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am writing to express my opinions related to the new rates proposed by Westar. I am a Westar customer and a Westar stockholder. I do not have solar panels on my home.

There is a great need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. All proposed new rates should encourage further solar installations because all citizens benefit from reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Fixed monthly charges should be kept at \$12.00 per month. Customers that install solar panels should be allowed to select any approved rate plan. I recommend an independent study by the Kansas Corporation Commission on fair rates for those who install solar panels and on alternatives on how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050.

Westar should be encouraged to submit a time of use rate plan that encourages customers to use electricity at times when demand is low such as late at night and in the early morning. The baking of bread, drying of clothes, and charging of plug-in vehicles can often be scheduled to avoid peak power use. The proposed \$10/month demand charge for summer months should be limited to the time of day when demand is high such as noon to 9:00 p.m.

I like the idea of multiple rate plans. These plans should reflect actual costs of providing electricity. At least one of the plans should have time of use rates and be structured to encourage customers to use electricity at times when demand is low, and not use as much when demand is high.

Time of use prices are beneficial for solar energy generation because solar powered electricity is generated at times when demand is strong.

Any new rate plan should consider the electrification of transportation, and there should be a rate plan that encourages customers to own a plug-in vehicle. The KCC and Westar should provide leadership and action to develop an infrastructure of charge stations for plug-in vehicles including solar powered charging stations.

Thank you for reading this message and for considering sustainable development issues as you make decisions.

Larry E. Erickson
408 Wickham Road
Manhattan, KS 66502
Phone: 785-539-4424

Gerrie Lippert

#101485

From: Carolyn Rose <csrose1@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2015 6:43 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: reference Docket no. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Regarding your request for a new rate increase I want you to know that you can't just keep raising our rates. People like me on fixed incomes just can't afford any more expense. I live on my Social Security and have no other means of support. Maybe you should find another way to finance the money for the projects you need to do. Or else reduce the amount of money the shareholders receive and adjust some other areas.

When we go over our budgets we have to cut some corners to make it balance. I know it is only \$13.00 but, that means groceries would be reduced because of the fixed income. Thank you for allowing me to have my say and I will be watching to see what you decide to do.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Rose

From: lg clement <lg-clement@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2015 6:14 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: RE: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Explain to a person on low-fixed income how Westar can make a profit of millions and then turn around and want to increase customer's residential standard service to cover their upkeep? The cost of living received and not guaranteed from social security is taken by increased Part D, Part B supplemental coverage, prescription co-pay increases, fuel for our vehicle, increased taxes on items purchased, the up-rising costs of groceries, and increased cable, telephone, internet, newspaper, Kansas Gas Service, and water/trash. I show that I make more each year, but I am actually poorer, being drained by every business increasing their rates. Westar is making a profit which is far better than those struggling to break-even businesses. If Westar failed to budget upgrading for the future; that isn't my fault. They are a big conglomerate with CEO's being paid more each year than I will see in a lifetime, thus, it is hard for me to believe Westar is so poorly managed that they didn't charge their customers already to cover future upgrades. I feel we have paid Westar enough with the last increase and if they need more money to cover future upgrades, maybe, they should look at reducing the management positions to cover those costs.

Gerrie Lippert

#101487

From: Adam Angelini <angelini.adam@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2015 3:35 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate hike

More than doubling manditory fees? That is rediculous. Please do not allow them to do this. Outrageous.

Gerrie Lippert

101488

From: G Stadley <cherokee_waize@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2015 3:31 PM
To: public.affairs
Cc: G Stadley
Subject: Westar's proposed mandatory fee hike

To Whom It May Concern

I am a single woman living on a fixed income. I cannot afford to pay increasing charges for my utilities, along with all the other cost of living increases and program cuts, from the Capitol. I have children who are raising families and working long hours, whose costs of living are rising faster than they can keep up. Please, in light of all the increases Westar has already recieved in the past, do not let them keep draining us.

Sincerely,

Glenda Stadley
Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas

And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 1 John 5:6

Gerrie Lippert

101489

From: stacia.razook@cox.net
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2015 3:13 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Proposed Westar Rate Hike

Westar has requested, and been granted over 22 rate hikes in recent years, and they still don't seem to be able to increase their rate of return. Why? Because they hold their shareholders in higher regard than they do the citizens of this state. It's about profits and stock ratings and shareholders. How much excess energy generated by Wolf Creek or any of the coal fired plants in Kansas is wheeled to other cities and states for the going rate of the day? Probably enough to meet new EPA guidelines or extend an operating license is my guess.

I also believe Westar has a hidden agenda behind this rate hike and that is to shut down the solar and wind power options for Kansans. Westar doesn't want to buy back the excess power that is generated, period. Kansans have no other option when it comes to electric power, and they should be able to utilize solar and wind energy when they choose and if more efficient than Westar, Westar can buy it back and wheel it off if they want.

The second portion of the rate hike request is to provide new rate options for residential customers. This is absolutely insane. We don't need new rate options. Status quo is working. Income and salaries for most Kansans are stagnant, with prices going up for everything from food to medical care. Those on fixed incomes won't be able to afford a \$27.00 per month increase by 2017 before turning on the lights, and neither will I.

As a Commission, you have granted all Westar's past rate hike requests in whole or in part, however this time, you need to say NO. Make Westar figure out how to pay for improvements and licenses some other way, not forced on the backs of Kansans. The citizens of this State are tired and broke thanks to our Legislature and Governor. Westar won't be going broke any time soon. Do what is right for the citizens this time-deny their rate hike request in full.

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Gerrie Lippert

101490

From: Judy A Adkins <judyadkins90@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2015 2:21 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Rate increase

I don't know how I would be able to pay double what I pay now....living on fixed income is a challenge as it is...this is ridiculous.....

Gerrie Lippert

#101491

From: Andrew Long <aglong@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2015 8:45 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Reference Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to oppose Westar Energy's plan to increase fixed charges on utilities to \$27 by 2019.

The Residential Standard plan will decrease the incentives for energy users to adopt more energy efficient technologies. Considering the dwindling supplies of fossil fuels and the environmental costs to burning them, it seems incredibly irresponsible to design an electrical rate system in this way.

My preferred rate system to allow Westar to recover their costs would be described as revenue decoupling. The Climate and Energy Project supports revenue decoupling and I support their position.

I urge the Commission to reject greater fixed charges being proposed by Westar Energy.

Thank you,

Andrew G. Long
Manhattan, KS

Gerrie Lippert

#101492

From: Terry Baker < tcbaker2@cox.net >
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 11:53 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS"

If this department is truly for the people then you will NOT allow Westar to continue ripping us off. I was laid off for most of last year. I was having trouble making my electric payments and was late a few times. They then wanted a \$400 deposit. How can someone who is barely making the payments but still making them late but never more than month, afford \$400. Now they want to raise them even higher. I am now working but for much less. Yet this company wants to raise rates? With Black Hills as my gas provider my heating bill go up in the winter but not near to the tune of Westar bills. They are ripping us off and we have had enough. I would almost be better off buying several generators and just pay the gas to keep them going.

Terry Baker



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My name is Robert J. Roberts.

I live at 2704 S. Taylor Street, Pittsburg, Kansas.

I am a retired Professor Emeritus from Pittsburg State University.

I am an active volunteer with AARP and with Habitat for Humanity of Crawford County, Kansas.

In regard to AARP, I know many people who are living on fixed incomes. In practical terms, that means they don't get raises when the cost of living increases. The new sales tax increase in Kansas, for example, takes money from their basic budgets. The proposed increases in their utility bills would be a huge hit on their basic living expenses.

I'd also like to tell about my experiences with Habitat for Humanity. When I retired I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I puttered in the yard and developed a beautiful fescue lawn. It was so nice people walking by stopped to comment. That turned out to take up my time but wasn't very fulfilling.

When I learned Habitat for Humanity was organizing a local chapter I was intrigued, and joined up. Since then I have been a very involved volunteer, often working full weeks and Saturdays. We have completed fifteen new houses in Crawford County and started on the sixteenth.

The people who live in our Habitat houses are low income folks. They have a mortgage that Habitat finances. Many are single mothers. It gives me great personal satisfaction to know that I have contributed to giving "simple, decent, affordable" housing, the mantra of Habitat, to deserving people. These families live from paycheck to paycheck. They struggle with finances. A car repair can be devastating.

You see, I have a personal interest here.

Habitat families, and families like them, are very common throughout the state, especially in Southeast Kansas. A major utility rate hike could be devastating.

Westar Energy has filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission for another rate hike. That's right, ANOTHER rate hike. It seems only yesterday that a rate hike was granted. This time Westar is requesting a \$152 million electric rate increase. That's nearly an 8 percent increase. Westar wants to increase the monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even go as high as \$50. The rate proposals before the Kansas Corporation Commission would be a serious blow to Habitat families and to the working poor.

My wife and I live on a modest budget, even managing to save a little occasionally. I could afford the increases if necessary, but our Habitat families would find them

difficult to cope with.

As to the proposed Rate Options, I find them difficult to understand. I know I am not as intellectually keen as I used to be, but I would be challenged to select one of them. They are too confusing. If they are too confusing, then I expect a devious purpose.

Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high. I have a few shares of Westar stock, but I don't demand an unreasonable rate of return. A 10% return is certainly higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. I recently renewed a Certificate of Deposit and didn't get nearly a 10% rate--or a 5% rate--or even a 1% rate. The pittance is a less than a half percent rate. A far cry from 10%.

Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

There is a philosophical principle at play here, too. I would remind you that Westar is granted a monopoly in order to serve the citizens of Kansas. Let me repeat that--to SERVE the citizens of Kansas. The monopoly does not give Westar the right to coerce unneeded funds from the poor just to satisfy their share holders.

As a Westar customer and stockholder, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS.

Thank you for listening.

July 22, 2015

Gerrie Lippert

101494

From: David G. Johnstone <basscapes@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 6:58 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS - Westar Energy proposed rate increase

To the KCC:

I write regarding Westar Energy's proposed rate hike to comply with U.S. EPA's requirements. I also comment on the KCC's letter to the U.S. EPA dated October 29, 2014.

It appears that the main concern over increasing energy costs is that customers will pay more as well. So be it. That is the price for cleaner energy and cleaner air. The health and safety of everyone is weighed against money. Power plants are the biggest contributor to the degradation of air quality in the U.S. (source - IJC Air Quality Agreement Progress Report for 2014). Ontario, Canada uses no coal in the production of energy; cleaner sources can and are utilized. The technology exists to produce jobs to produce cleaner energy. We must pay for cleaner ways to produce energy and not consider health and human lives an appropriate sacrifice in making money.

Pay the extra few dollars for Westar Energy to comply with the U.S. EPA and produce cleaner energy. Stop complaining and do what's right.

Regards,
Victoria Johnstone

Gerrie Lippert

101495

From: Tom Wepler <TWepler@USD264.org>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 6:54 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate increase request

Please deny the current, and latest, of a continuous ridiculous rate increase!

It seems like 3 to 4 months Westar seeks a rate increase and we the consumers are getting hit with increase after increase. Our incomes are not going up, yet we manage our household budgets. Budgets are getting slashed across the state by the legislature and all the way down to local government. What is Westar doing that warrants another rate increase? Westar can reduce the dividends it pays out, they can make cuts, or simply absorb some of the costs that they keep pushing down on us. We do not have the option of shipping around for an electric company.

Also, please do not allow Westar to make the solar industry a non-viable option in Kansas through their attempt to charge people that want to go solar, or already have solar. Tell Westar "No", please.

Thank you,
Tom Wepler

Sent from Samsung tablet

Gerrie Lippert

#101496

From: Robert Roberts <rroberts91@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 3:23 PM
To: publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us
Subject: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I attended, and spoke at, the public hearing concerning the Westar Corporation rate increase proposal last night. I was at the Pittsburg location. The quality of sound was so bad that I could not understand much of what was said at the other locations. I am hard of hearing and wear hearing aids, but my wife, who has excellent hearing, agreed with me that the audio was very poor--as did the people sitting around me. Just thought you should know about this if you have further hearings.

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Gerrie Lippert

101497

From: Niki Christopher
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 2:02 PM
To: juanitacarlson@hotmail.com
Cc: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate case Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Ms. Carson,

It appears that your comments were intended to be directed to the Kansas Corporation Commission, which takes comments and makes the decisions on Westar's rate case. I am forwarding your comments to their Public Affairs and Consumer Protection Office so that your comments can be included in the files of the case and considered by the Commission.

Thank you for providing your views.

Niki Christopher
Staff Attorney
Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB)
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Topeka KS 66604
785-271-3200

-----Original Message-----

From: Juanita Carlson [<mailto:juanitacarlson@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 9:15 AM
To: ecurb@curb.kansas.gov
Subject: Public comment on Westar proposed rate increase

This is in regards to the proposed rate increase.

I am a poor people's lawyer and therefore earn very little compared to my fellow lawyers. About 6 years ago the state of Kansas cut payments for felony legal work by 20% "temporarily". It has been a hardship for those of us who do court appointed work. I had student loans to pay (I will be 66 in a month) which were paid off just this month. I grew up poor and therefore know how to live poor with these cuts. This meant deferring indefinitely a typical middle class lifestyle such as no vacations for 6 years, driving a 20 year old car, and not being able to participate in typical lawyer social activities due to the costs and of course, laying off parttime staff. I bake my own bread, rarely eat out, and my entertainment budget is about 10 dollars per month for Redbox movies. I try to get by on 1 tank of gas a month, shop at Walmart, and shop the reduced price bins at the grocery. Before turning 65, I was a lucky beneficiary of the Affordable Care act insurance options which has helped me survive the last 6 years.

I oppose the increases. Until Westar CEO's make voluntary cuts (I dare them to make a 20% cut in their home budget) in their own lifestyles like the rest of us have had to make due to the draconian financial cuts made by our punitive, uneducated, unenlightened and selfish legislators and policies of our sociopathic governor, they do not deserve to maintain their lifestyle. Mandated requirements from the Feds should not be passed on to us, they should be budgeted into the ongoing profits of Westar, like the rest of us have to budget when income is less.

Many, many others in Kansas are a lot worse off than me, and I fear for them!

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No increase until the financial health of this state improves. They should bite the bullet like the rest of us.

Juanita Carlson
Lawrence, Kansas

Gerrie Lippert

101498

From: Niki Christopher
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 1:57 PM
To: 1janetcarlson@gmail.com
Cc: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate increase Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Ms. Carlson,

It appears that you intended your comments for the Kansas Corporation Commission, which makes the decisions in rate cases. I have forwarded your comment to the Public Affairs and Consumer Protection Office of the KCC.

Thank you for taking the time to offer your views.

Niki Christopher
Staff Attorney
Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB)
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From: janet carlson [<mailto:1janetcarlson@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 5:36 PM
To: ecurb@kcc.state.ks.us
Subject: No rate increase!

Please do not allow a rate hike. Kansas families are already hurting, we will be bowed over by this massive tax increase on the back of the poor and middle class. Consider solar to help the bottom line. But we are tapped out.

From: Eugene Kaufman <eckaufman37@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 1:13 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS

I have three concerns in regard to the above referenced Westar rate increase.

1. I believe small wind and solar power are a public good and should be encouraged. Small power systems create jobs. They create choices for consumers. They reduce reliance on expensive, polluting fossil fuel power plants and could reduce the need to build new plants. This would positively affect air quality and climate change. In the long run small power with a lot of small contributions and investments could produce a more efficient power system and reduce Westar's need for more money.
2. All energy use has obvious and hidden costs. Public policy and rate structures should encourage the reduction of electricity use. A rate structure where less energy used results in more money for Westar, could keep Westar viable and at the same time reduce the amount of energy needed and the related environmental and fiscal costs.
3. Societal rules have continued to shift to favor those with power and money. The shift in policies and rules and ways of analyzing costs have placed a larger burden for paying the cost of our infrastructure on those less able to pay. This rate increase seems to continue that trend with more of the cost increases relegated to those on fixed incomes and less able to pay.

Rate plans should encourage conservation and small production systems. It should not transfer more costs to small consumers less able to pay. Thank you for considering these issues. I believe they are important to the long term quality of life in Kansas.

Eugene Kaufman, Valley Center, Kansas

Gerrie Lippert

#101500

From: Doug Bennett <Doug1.Bennett@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 1:05 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: NO to Westar

Hello,

As a Kansas resident, I am appalled at how many times Westar wants to raise their rates.

In the past 6 years, they have raised their rates 23 times, and only decreased them 4. I wish I got 23 raises in the past 6 years. Fortunately, I have a pretty nice job, but in time, I will be on Social Security. We must stop the extortion now!! People that are already on fixed income can't afford more increases.

Some people don't even get raises. Others on Social Security got a minimal raise this year. My wife, who is retired, got a whopping \$14 increase this year. With the price of everything else going up (gasoline, eggs, beef, taxes, etc), how can anyone even afford to live in Kansas?

So Westar wants to update their equipment or processes to meet the Environmental regulations? Hmmm... every company that I have worked for has to spend their profits to upgrade/update equipment. If they up their price, then people have a choice of going somewhere else to get cheaper service. What choices do we have? None!! They are a monopoly. Heaven knows that if they had competition, they wouldn't be gouging us so badly.

You would figure that with all the upgrades, updates, and new equipment that we have paid for with the 23 raises, that power would be cheaper to produce, but we don't see any decrease out of it. Like I said, any other company pays for these upgrades out of their pocket. Westar should too. But they are too busy trying to make their shareholders happy.

I Say NO!!!

Jul 30, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

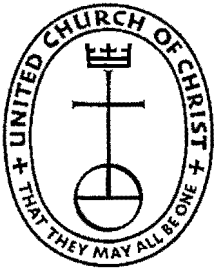
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RE: Docket # 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Church Council of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Onaga, Kansas, to oppose the proposed Westar Energy rate changes.

As a congregation, our purpose includes making God's will "dominant in the lives of all people, individual and collectively, especially as that will is set forth in the life, teaching, death, and living presence of Jesus Christ." God cares especially for those most vulnerable among us. Jesus has revealed that God wills for all people have access to abundant life (John 10:10). Westar's proposed rate changes will make it much more difficult for many people to access electricity, which is a basic necessity for life in our society.

In addition, the changes to rates and policies for those with solar panels seems designed to prevent people from investing in solar power. It is clear that renewable energy sources will be increasingly necessary to sustain life. As Christians, we are called by God to be good stewards of the Earth, and these policies simply do not promote faithful stewardship.

Our Christian faith compels us to oppose these changes. Yet it is also clear that these rate changes run counter to the interests of the Kansas Corporation Commission which is charged to protect the public interest. These rate changes, the burden of which will be borne largely by those least able to do so, are clearly not in the public interest.

Many alternative rate structures have been proposed that distribute costs much more equitably. We urge you to deny the current proposal to ensure that all Kansans are able to access the basic necessities of life.

Grace & Peace,

Sean Weston
Pastor

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Ms. Carol Schenk
8913 W. Chartwell St.
Wichita, KS 67205

Jul 30, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say NO!! to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills. I have replaced every light bulb with a CFL, and set my thermostat to 83°, but I still can't afford my electric bill.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO"! to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,



Carol Schenk
8913 W. Chartwell St.
Wichita, KS 67205

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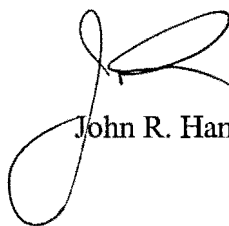
RE: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS
Westar Rate Increase

Dear Sir or Madam:

I want to oppose the Westar increase as it applies to the charge on solar panel users.

The Federal government gives tax incentives to electric users who install solar panels to encourage such use. Westar's charge against solar panel users will have the affect of discouraging people from installing solar panels. Whether a general rate increase is warranted is questionable. However, punishing people who try to improve the environment by using solar panels is not necessary or good policy.

Sincerely,



John R. Hamilton

JRH:mmg

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Niki Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 4:39 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: FW: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS Please deny this request AND allow customers to report outages with street address
Attachments: Letter_to_Editor_Westar_Rates_G_dot_Brenner.docx

The email below was sent to CURB but is addressed to the Commission.

Niki Christopher
Staff Attorney
Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB)
1500 SW Arrowhead RD
Topeka KS 66604
785-271-3200

From: Della Smith
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 3:44 PM
To: David Springe; Niki Christopher
Subject: FW: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS Please deny this request AND allow customers to report outages with street address

From: Dunlap, Mary Jane [<mailto:mjdunlap@ku.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 3:43 PM
To: public.affairs
Cc: ecurb@curb.kansas.gov
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS Please deny this request AND allow customers to report outages with street address

Dear KCC Commissioners — I am asking you to please deny Westar Energy's request to increase consumer rates.

I am retired and living on fixed income. An estimated increase of \$13 a month would be more than \$150 a year increase. My utility bills now average about \$50 each for electricity, gas and water — that is allowing for heavier use during peak seasonal demands. I certainly try to be frugal with use of the utilities and have tried to install windows, storm doors and insulation to help keep fuel bills in check. My home was constructed in 1950s and it is costly to retrofit it to be as energy efficient as I would like, that is to say: solar energy does not seem to be an option on my budget.

Even if I were not on a fixed income, but had a job, I would be asking you to deny Westar's proposed rate increase. We are now paying more for everything in Kansas that is taxed due to a sales tax increase. Kansas and Kansans are not in position to bear more increases in daily living costs.

Westar certainly provides service but couldn't their executives tighten their belts along with the rest of us and hold off another year or two with rate increases? (The attached Letter to the Editor from George Brenner is better researched and certainly expresses my opinion too.)

Do you know that you can no longer report a power outage without giving your Social Security number over the only phone? I learned this earlier this spring when trying to report a power outage. I no longer have a land line and know the cell phone transmissions are not secure. The Westar representatives wouldn't report my call without my Social Security number! I gave up trying to report the outage and hoped it would be reported by others who had land lines (or who have total disregard for protecting the use of their Social Security number). I hope the city fire or police departments don't require a Social Security number to report a fire or crime.

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I am requesting that you also to allow customers to report outages without using their Social Security numbers. The card clearly states that it is unlawful to use the Social Security number as an identification for business transactions, but apparently Westar and Black Hills Energy have exemptions. (I also tried to use a coupon from Black Hills Energy this spring to have the air conditioning unit checked, but needed to give the clerk my Social Security number before she could schedule an appointment. I could not do that.)

Your consideration is appreciated.

Mary J. Dunlap
1648 Pennsylvania St.
Lawrence KS 66044

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Gerrie Lippert

From: Elizabeth Boswell <ejcboswell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 3:49 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Say NO to Westar

Please don't let them punish us for their failure to plan. As a multi million dollar company, their business plan should have been built to predict and prepare for the future. Maybe they need to start from the beginning and look at where they are putting the money they are already bleeding from the customers. A six figure salary does not prepare for the suture.

PLEASE don't punish us for their mistake.

Elizabeth Boswell

Gerrie Lippert

101507

From: margo7@cox.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 2:55 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar rate increase proposal

Dear Sirs,

For over 50 years I was required to contribute a portion of my paycheck to Social Security, state and federal taxes. Then, as a public school teacher, my salary was frozen for the final few years that I worked due to the poor economy of the state of Kansas. That is the rate at which I am disabled and retired.

My benefits are adjusted from 1.5% per year to 2% per year, as per social security. This, in theory, is to keep up with inflation so that I can maintain the same level of financial stability and comfort. Do I get to ask for more? If my medical bills, food and utilities go up, do I have any recourse? No, I do not.

On the other hand, Westar has successfully raised rates 28 times in the last few years. 28 times! 28 TIMES! At a mere 1% rate increase each time, Westar has singlehandedly put my finances and the capability to budget in the toilet. And that is just considering ONE utility. ONE utility!

I do not have the capability to increase my finances. They are forever frozen, except for the 1-2 % yearly adjustment. With the increases of health, home and car insurance; food, and utilities there will soon be no one over the age of 60 in the state of Kansas, that can afford to be without food stamps and public assistance. One can easily conclude that I am not alone in this financial crisis.

I am trying to sustain my financial independence so as not burden the younger generation-my family and my former students. I feel I have earned this portion of dignity after 23 years of service in the public schools. Please help me in this endeavor and deny Westar yet another rate increase.

Sincerely,
Margo Miller
707 Loch Lommond
Hutchinson, KS 67502
Retired teacher

Gerrie Lippert

101508

From: ronnie moss <rhmos7855562365@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 2:29 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Rate hikes

This is in regards to the proposed rate hike by westar energy. I am opposed to any hikes at this time. Our economy is in bad enough shape now so why make it impossible for people like myself who is on a fixed income to survive. The big companies are trying their hardest to drive us from our homes. I am quite sure westar is not selling us energy at cost so why can't they use some of their profits to make these updates.

101509

Gerrie Lippert

From: daniel leonard <dcleonard@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 2:20 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar Rate Increase

Dear Sirs

I am against the suggested Westar Rate Increases. Living on a fixed income is getting more and more difficult.

Thank You

Dan Leonard
785-838-4191

Gerrie Lippert

101510

From: AARP Kansas <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dorothy Zarda
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 2:03 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Kansas Corporation Commission

Jul 28, 2015

Chariperson Shari Fiest Albrecht
1500 SW Arrowhead Rd
Topeka, KS 66604

Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler Chariperson Fiest Albrecht,

As a KCP&L Customer, I ask you to say "NO" to KCP&L Docket No. 15-KCPE-116-RTS!

As a utility consumer, I diligently try to conserve my home energy usage in an effort to keep my energy bills more affordable.

KCP&L has filed for a \$67.3 million base rate increase. They are asking to nearly double fixed electrical charges on monthly utility bills - the fee consumers pay before using any electricity at all.
KCP&L proposed increasing residential customer charges from \$10.71 to \$19.00.

Thank you for considering my request in reference to Kansas Corporation commission Docket No. 15-KCPE-116-RTS.

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for environmental purposes, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home and community.

Under the recent KCP&L request we as consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on -- if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, KCP&L's request for a 10.2% on equity for its shareholders is unfair and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions and higher than the rates granted utilities in other states. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Please keep utility consumers in mind when you hold hearings on this request.

I urge you to reject KCP&L's proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Dorothy Zarda
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SHAWNEE, KS 66216-1256
daz931949@yahoo.com

Jul 30, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

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In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I can't afford all of the rate increases and I work full time! I don't get raises every year to pay for cable increase, water, house payment higher because of property tax!

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Jones
6907 Woodbury Ct.
Wichita, KS 67226
(316) 648-5911 s_jones@cox.net

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Gerrie Lippert

From: AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Faye EIDSON
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 1:32 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 28, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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I am a Sedgwick County Electric Co-op member/user. BUT I know that they buy some of their electric from Westar. Four (4) raises in their prices in one year IS STUPID! NOBODY gets four raises in one year. Why should they???

Sincerely,

Mrs. Faye EIDSON
7325 W 77th ST N
Valley Center, KS 67147
(316) 841-4217
ksgbfan@yahoo.com

Gerrie Lippert

From: James butler <tassie_jim@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 8:56 AM
To: public.affairs
Subject: Westar is a joke (but I'm not laughing)

If a grocery store tried to add a 50 dollar surcharge to your bill because you have been growing your own tomatoes in your own garden you would laugh in their face. You, the KCC, should do the same to Westar. Laugh in their face.

Westar's latest proposal to add a 50 dollar a month surcharge to residential users who have the temerity to install solar panels to produce their own electrical power is ludicrous beyond belief. I can't imagine a more egregious proposal.

Westar, and the KCC, should embrace the future. A good business model would include leasing solar panel installations to residential customers and pumping the surplus power back into the grid. Instead of building coal fired dinosaurs Westar would be producing good clean solar energy for the existing distribution grid. If Westar doesn't embrace the future it will find itself on the road to extinction.

James Butler
Wichita, KS

Sent from Windows Mail

#101514

Gerrie Lippert

From: Richard and Mary Hahn <krauts7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 1:30 PM
To: public.affairs
Subject: --Docket number--15-WSEE-115-RTS"

I am writing concerning Docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS". My concern is that the average family is not going to be able to afford energy costs if Westar is allowed to keep raising them. As soon as one rate hike is approved, there is another one right behind it. Somewhere these are going to have to stop, and Westar, like us average customers, will have to utilize what they already have. I am against any rate hike at this time.

Thank you,
Richard Hahn

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Cell # 785 493 2591--Mary
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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Brian Kirkland <briankirkland51@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2015 8:22 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** rate increase

Do not approve a rate increase for Westar Energy ..they have cooked the books for years demanding increases. The public has actually had to pay for their mistakes of mismanaging their company. I could list many reasons to deny them this increase but you are getting a real list from other customers and all of them are valid. do what is right . thank you . Brian Kirkland

Gerrie Lippert

# 101516

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Janie Wolf  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 1:02 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 28, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Ms. Janie Wolf  
2212 SW Alameda Ct  
Topeka, KS 66614  
[princessdolphin@cox.net](mailto:princessdolphin@cox.net)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Scot Hays <scotphays@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2015 7:33 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** So NO to Westar

Hello,

As a Kansas resident, I am appalled at how many times Westar wants to raise their rates. In the past 6 years, they have raised their rates 23 times, and only decreased them 4. I wish I got 23 raises in the past 6 years. Fortunately, I have a pretty nice job, but in time, I will be on Social Security. We must stop the extortion now!! People that are already on fixed income can't afford more increases.

Some people don't even get raises. Others on Social Security got a minimal raise this year. My wife, who is retired, got a whopping \$14 increase this year. With the price of everything else going up (gasoline, eggs, beef, taxes, etc), how can anyone even afford to live in Kansas?

So Westar wants to update their equipment or processes to meet the Environmental regulations? Hmmm... every company that I have worked for has to spend their profits to upgrade/update equipment. If they up their price, then people have a choice of going somewhere else to get cheaper service. What choices do we have? None!! They are a monopoly. Heaven knows that if they had competition, they wouldn't be gouging us so badly.

You would figure that with all the upgrades, updates, and new equipment that we have paid for with the 23 raises, that power would be cheaper to produce, but we don't see any decrease out of it. Like I said, any other company pays for these upgrades out of their pocket. Westar should too. But they are too busy trying to make their shareholders happy.

Say NO!!!



Gerrie Lippert

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From: joejanbaker@cox.net  
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 2:23 AM  
To: public.affairs  
Subject: Westar Rate Hikes

Dear Sirs:

I feel the electric bills are already a burden on families. Any rate hikes would make it even worse. Please reconsider.

Janet Baker



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[www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

Gerrie Lippert

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# 101 519

**From:** samdee63@cox.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 11:59 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** "Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTSS"

Replying to increase to westar energy bill. I am one of those people on a limited income that every dollar counts. 13 dollars buys one of my many prescriptions a month. I try to keep my air conditioner on 80 degrees as it is. I'm 72 years old and everything we have to have to exist prices keep rising. Utilities, groceries, clothes you name prices increase some one needs to pay attention to some of the salaries in Topeka and Wichita town council. Have them cut back to help. We seem to give large companies a break, What about raising the increase on larger companies. If this passes you may hear of more elderly people having heat strokes because they have to cut back on electricity.

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** JerryD <dag33@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2015 12:44 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Rate increase

Dear KCC,

Please turn down Westar's request to increase electricity rates.

Being retired I am on a fixed income and every dollar counts. Their raising rates, again, would certainly be a hardship, not only for me, but most KANSAS residents.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gerald A Dickson  
1210 W Vilm Dr  
Wichita, KS, 67217

# 101521

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Bill & Mary <mbschr@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 11:15 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS Westar rate increase

Gentlemen:

I protest the proposed rate increase by Westar for the following reasons:

1. It is unfair to solar users.

For years Westar has (and continues to) urged customers to reduce peak usage so they won't have to build another generating facility for multi-millions of dollars, just to accommodate peak usage demands. Home solar installations will reduce peak usage, saving Westar millions of dollars for new facilities. Yet Westar proposes to raise rates for solar users.

Westar says that solar users should pay more because it adds to their expense for transmission lines and facilities. However, it actually reduces their cost by keeping electrical transmission local and reducing stress on the transmission grid.

2. It is unfair to residential customers by placing a higher proportion of the increase on those who can least afford it.

Increasing the customer charge will most affect the poor as it will represent a much larger proportion of their financial resources.

3. It will discourage conservation of electricity.

By making the increase as a customer charge rather than a energy charge increase, there is no incentive for customers to conserve energy.

4. It will discourage development of non fossil fuel energy sources.

I am in the process of installing solar panels on my roof. I have been assured that if this is done before 1 October, I will be grandfathered for net metering rather than the rates proposed by Westar. If it were not for the grandfathering, I would not have purchased solar as it would not make sense economically. I don't think I am alone in this reasoning and that this kind of rate structure will kill the development of individual solar and wind energy in Kansas.

Westar has made assertions that solar users are a burden on other ratepayers by increasing expenses in several ways. They do not support these assertions and I understand that in several states which have done research on this, solar has actually been shown to decrease expenses for the whole system.

It would make sense for Kansas to do similar research before destroying the solar industry here.

William L Schroeder  
1225 SE Quincy Street  
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1121  
785-232-3829

# 101522

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Faye Bright  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 11:02 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 28, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Faye Bright  
2230 Country Hills Rd  
Salina, KS 67401  
[fwbright@cox.net](mailto:fwbright@cox.net)

# 101523

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Thad Holcombe <tjholcombe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 10:11 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Comments Regarding Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To: Kansas Corporation Commission

From: Lawrence Ecology Teams United in Sustainability (Contact - Rev. Thad Holcombe at [tjholcombe@gmail.com](mailto:tjholcombe@gmail.com))

Address: 1817 Larnard Avenue, Lawrence,

KS 66044

Telephone: 785-843-2574

Re: Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS

As an interfaith network of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish faith communities (Lawrence Ecology Teams United in Sustainability {LET-US}), we consider an important aspect of our mission to not only educate regarding earth care, but also to advocate eco-justice concerns. We align ourselves with the UN Earth Charter, which states, "We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future...Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to the future generations." We are therefore asking Westar to acknowledge this reality and nurture a transition to a more sustainable energy usage and practices. For the Kansas Corporation Commission to take seriously our concern, we are therefore asking that the increase in rates, as suggested by Westar, be considered exorbitant. Such rate increases reflect more of an emphasis on increasing profit than increasing sustainability in energy usage.

Submitted by Rev. Thad Holcombe, Moderator of LET-US

July 27, 2015

Gerrie Lippert

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# 101524

**From:** michael dodson <dodsonm@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 10:00 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Request for Rate Increase - (Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS)

Reference: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I do not support Westar's request for a rate increase.

Westar has provided no justification for an increase.

Establishing a Base Rate is not sound public policy. The consumer should be motivated to save power. A Base Rate at the level proposed does not provide motivation for many consumers.

Michael L Dodson  
785-320-0057 (mobile)  
281-632-5341 (office)

# 101525

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Brendan M. Lynch <kidlynch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 9:02 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Say NO to Westar!

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Kansas resident and Westar customer, I urge the commission to reject large, unjustified fee and rate increases on Kansans from the for-profit Westar corporation — increases you are currently considering.

Kansans on fixed incomes and working families should not be forced to subsidize for instance the \$9,303,257 salary of Westar's executive team, which went up 24 percent over last year. This company generated a \$313 million profit last year and \$293 the year before.

To allow a highly profitable power monopoly to extract millions more from low and middle-income residents of this state would make the KCC complicit in class warfare against the vast majority of people in Kansas who must scrimp and scrape to pay bills every month, unlike the multi-millionaires who run Westar.

Please reject this greed and protect the citizens of this state.

Thank you,

Brendan Lynch

1128 Delaware Street

Lawrence KS 66044

Tel: 785.312.0207



# 101526

Gerrie Lippert

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From: John Poertner <jpoertner@sunflower.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 8:31 AM  
To: public.affairs  
Subject: Westar Proposal 15-wsee-115rts

Kansas Corporation Commission  
Topeka, KS  
via email

Re: Docket No 15-WSEE-115RTS

To Kansas Corporation Commission Members,

I oppose Westar Energy's proposed plan to increase the monthly rate for customers with solar panels.

First, I want to compliment Westar on being the "largest provider of renewable energy in Kansas." Westar states that by the end of 2016 more than 20% of the electricity used by customers will come from renewable sources. This is a great step forward. Further increases in renewable energy will help replace outdated, inefficient and dirty sources of non-renewable energy such as coal and nuclear.

I oppose the increased rate for customers with solar panels for three reasons.

- A higher rate for customers with solar will be a huge disincentive to increased solar energy production. Sources of renewable energy are growing, becoming more efficient and more reliable. The industry needs incentives to continue to innovate not disincentives. In addition, we need increased renewable energy including solar to replace non-renewable energy.
- While Westar argues that "solar panel owners use the electrical grid without paying their fair share of the cost" it is not clear that that is true. The Rocky Mountain Institute (Hansen, Lacy & Glick, September, 2013) examined studies of the costs and benefits of distributed solar energy production. They identified many potential benefits and little evidence of increased costs. At this point there is insufficient evidence to establish increased grid costs of distributed solar energy production. It is likely that as distributed solar electricity production increases and technology improves the benefits will greatly outweigh the costs. This issue needs additional research and analysis.
- Westar's current monthly charge of \$12 is at the high end of such charges. According to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE), the average monthly customer service fees charged by other utilities nationwide averages between \$5 and \$10. High monthly charges are a disincentive to customers investing in energy efficiencies. While they are able to decrease their energy costs, their efforts have no impact on the monthly charge.

Finally, I recommend that the Kansas Corporation study decoupling Westar's fixed and variable costs. Decoupling mechanisms use modest, regular rate reconciliations every year to compensate for under- or over-collection of fixed costs during the previous year.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

John Poertner  
1646 Hillcrest Rd  
Lawrence, KS 66044  
785-749-2599

# 101 527

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Kirk Walker <kw61@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 7:22 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar proposed Fixed Customer Service Increase

Dear Commissioners,

We are highly opposed to any proposed and future increase in the fixed customer service fee or any other fees by Westar Energy. The current \$12/month fee is already higher than the national average, and they propose it being raised 225% over the next 4 years. That is unethical. In a time when we are experiencing great economic problems, our costs are increasing in everything we require to sustain minimal daily lives, however our pay is fixed and unlikely to increase. If Westar is not operating at the efficiency they should be to avoid increasing their fees to customers they should live within their means and trim the fat. Like the government, they are not practicing effective containment costs and hurting the public. Our electric cost is already disproportionate to our income and as I understand it has doubled over the last five years. Please do not support any increase, and let Westar know that if they are to offset their costs they need to better manage what they are responsible for and not pass on mismanaged practices to their customers. We have to work smarter within our daily budgets and cut back...so should they be expected to do the same.

**Kirk Walker**  
**512 Country Club RD.**  
**Salina, KS 67401**

Gerrie Lippert

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# 101528

**From:** nathan pettengill <nathanpettengill@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 12:10 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar rate increase proposal

Thank you for opening consideration of Westar's rate increase to the public and to customers of Westar.

I strongly oppose the current rate increase submitted by Westar.

I believe Westar should continue its goal of being the state's "largest provider of renewable energy" rather than penalize customers with solar panels. Considerable studies exist that solar panel users do not increase costs for utilities, but there is no compelling evidence or independent studies to the contrary.

We need to encourage solar energy production for our future, so that coming generations of Kansans can continue to live, farm and work on this land.

Regards,  
Nathan Pettengill (via email)  
Westar customer / 4241 Briarwood Dr. C7, Lawrence, KS 66049

# 101529

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Brent Lewis <brentdlewisjr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 10:58 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Kansas Corporation Commission,

I urge you to reject the rate increase proposed by Westar Energy based on their targeting customers who use renewable energy with higher rates in order to maintain their monopoly on our consumer options for our energy needs.

Enough is enough! You all need to put the needs of Kansas residents on par with the shareholders of Westar Corp; I understand and agree with the needs to cover their costs of doing business, but targeting the renewal energy customers will hurt every Kansan and it is flat wrong.

I will be ashamed of you and our state if you target those who are taking steps to improve the Kansas environment for all of us.

This is an outrage!

Thank you for rejecting the Westar rate increase,

Brent Lewis  
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Wichita, KS 67217  
[brentdlewisjr@gmail.com](mailto:brentdlewisjr@gmail.com)

Gerrie Lippert

# 101530

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Toni Haukom  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 8:31 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 27, 2015

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Sincerely,

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Gerrie Lippert

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# 101531

**From:** Greg and Susan Bryant <bryants@rainbowtel.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 6:59 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Public comment on Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear KCC,

Please deny Westar's request for a higher base rate for solar cogenerating customers.

Although it is true that customers who install solar buy somewhat less from the grid, that is during the peak energy demand part of the day. Their purchases are at night when the supplier most needs to sell power, and they actually help supply the daytime peak, reducing the need for the utility to purchase peak power. Westar's claim does not take this into account.

Westar claims that it costs almost as much to supply solar cogenerators as regular customers, but that those solar owners buy less from them, making solar users a burden on their neighbors. That statement refers to transformers, lines, and other infrastructure. All customers pay a transformer fee -- this has never been an issue. But if it is a burden on Westar and our neighbors merely to use less energy from the grid, then thrift itself is an imposition. Do they ask for higher base rates for people who insulate their attics or purchase more efficient appliances?

No, there is another agenda here than reduced grid usage: it's the potential threat of solar cogeneration to the fossil fuel interests.

Westar warns of shifting burdens for grid expenses onto the largest users -- but why should this be a problem? The heaviest users are industrial, operating at peak cost times. Solar cogenerators, if anything, will alleviate some of that burden if they are allowed to grow in number and capacity without punitive counterincentives like this proposed elevated base rate. Solar cogeneration will not burden fellow ratepayers unless Westar fails to pass those savings to all its customers. Solar is not the enemy here, but part of the solution to peak energy costs. Westar has it exactly backward.

Westar's agenda, lacking a legislated renewable portfolio mandate, is coal and the quick profits of fossil fuels at the expense of the environment and consumer control over their energy supply.

Solar threatens coal. And it should. There are other considerations for the well-being and prosperity of Kansans than subsidizing coal utilities.

Greg Bryant  
Future solar cogenerating grid user and Westar customer indirectly through Brown-Atchison Electric Co-op

Greg Bryant  
2054 Raven Road  
Robinson, KS 66532

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Pamela Berry <pamela.berry@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 10:48 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** 13.00 westar increase

Please do not approve another increase in our monthly bill. It's impossible to sit by and watch this corporate greed take over our lives.

Gerrie Lippert

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# 101 533

**From:** Mary Duncan <waynedunc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 5:19 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Fee hike

Please do not let Westar increase our electric bills. For persons, like myself, who live on a fixed income, we do not have the funds for an increase in our utility bills. When we do get a raise in Social Security, that goes for the increase in Medicare D premiums and the increase in our supplemental insurance due to an increase in our age.

Mary E. Duncan  
2538 B West Ridge Dr.  
Emporia, KS 66801



# 101534

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Clif Thorburn <clif\_t2000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 4:54 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Proposed Rate Increase for Westar

Hello,

Though I would like to have come in person the scheduling and location doesn't make it possible but I would still like to make a comment on the upcoming proposed rate increase for Westar. I find it highly unfair and offensive to level a flat fee increase that is already higher than any like energy company around the United States, most of the rest are somewhere between \$5.00 to \$10.00 per month. As I understand part of Westar's request is based on revenue they feel they are not getting because of customers, at the urging of the Federal government, are investing in renewable energy sources such as solar energy panels. It makes absolutely no sense to support such request that penalizes customers for trying to control the high cost of energy by making substantial investments in alternatives such as solar or wind if they are going to be penalized. In this case Westar is even wanting to penalize even customers who haven't added that capability. I ask that you carefully consider that this is not a good decision for the people of Kansas. If Westar needs more revenue then it should be in their cost per kilowatt hour rate so that consumers can have the choice of cutting back on usage to keep their utility bills within the workable area of their budget. It stands to reason that the revenue they receive from selling their energy (electricity) should be the source of revenue for upkeep and expansion of their production facilities. It should not be from flat, penalizing fees that are unfairly charged against all customers. Thank you for allowing me to have a voiced opinion in this matter.

Clif Thorburn  
1220 Ady Drive  
Manhattan, KS 66503  
785-340-2729

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Monica Klassen <mmk121660@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 10:42 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Please say NO to Westar Energy's proposed rate hike. See Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS. If they want to make capital improvements, let them cut their expenses to fund them. Westar has already had too many rate hikes in the last few years. I believe most Kansans, like myself, have not had that many hikes in wages. Please support your fellow Kansans and just say NO! to Westar Energy.

Thank you,  
Monica Klassen  
1717 Ida  
Hutchinson, KS 67502

# 101536

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Janis McCall  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 4:31 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 27, 2015

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1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Sincerely,

Ms. Janis McCall  
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Bennington, KS 67422-9018  
[janismcal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janismcal@sbcglobal.net)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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# 101 537

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lloyd Haukom  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 4:01 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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# 101 538

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Lynn Wait <papa5\_1999@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 3:42 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** westar rate increase

It would seem to me that a 130 percent increase in four years, for standard service, is more than a little steep. I would love to see an increase in my kepers retirement but that is not about to happen.

Gerrie Lippert

101539

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**From:** Rob Symonds <shockerfan02@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 10:27 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** complaints about Westar Energy rate increase

My name is Robert Symonds, I live in Wichita, Ks, and I am outraged that Westar Energy wants to raise my electric rates. It's a rip-off, the only reason why they want to raise the rates is Cooperate Greed plain and simple. Everything keeps going up and up, Groceries, Medical insurance, fuel, water and natural gas rates. Does my paycheck go up to compensate. NO!! I am sick and tired of being sick and tired of companies like Westar Energy monopolizing our rates. They know they can get by with the crap because there is not competition in our area. If you allow Westar to raise electric rates you are going the people of Kansas a great injustice. What proof do they have they need to raise the rates, they can figure out how to get the money from somewhere else? Oh yeah how about cutting the big fat bonus checks the CEO and board of directors of Westar Energy get. Westar is a monopoly they know people have to have electricity in order to survive. Wonder what they would do if everyone in Kansas decided to have their electricity shut off? Unfortunately people cannot do that, and this is why Westar thinks they can get by with raising our rates. How are people on fixed incomes such as Social Security supposed to survive. This is just another case of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer and the middle class being squeezed out. All Westar is going to accomplish by raising rates is businesses are going to make excused to jack up prices because they will have to cover the extra costs. Enough is Enough tell Westar Energy to leave our rates alone. I don't get a big fat bonus check at my job and neither should the CEO of Westar

Sincerely  
Robert Symonds

Gerrie Lippert

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# 101540

**From:** Gwendolyn Ziegler <gjziegler@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 2:47 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar rate increase request

To Whom It May Concern,

I hope this concerns you all. I have read different articles regarding the rate increases Westar is requesting. There are many concerns I have, but the most pressing is that of the monthly charges to the customers who initiated solar panels, trying to utilize clean energy. These customers have taken on the extra expense of paying for the solar panels and the added costs to attach it to their home system and the Westar system. Now Westar wants to penalize these people for not using so much of Westar's costly, dirty energy. Another concern is the basic monthly charge increase, especially for those on a fixed income. I am a Social Worker, always trying to look at the big picture, and find the fairest way to disperse the increased cost to Westar of upgrading its system. As a business, were these increased costs really not foreseen and not included in their business plan? I believe Westar needs to readjust its request. I understand that the

stock holders of Westar need to make money, but does it need to be at the cost of more people signing up for Medicaid or going to the food bank. Are we truly proud of the fact that we have elderly who have to choose between food and medicine? I respectfully request you vote no to Westar's current request of rate increases.

Gwen Ziegler  
Wichita, KS

Gerrie Lippert

101541

**From:** Fred N Six <sixfredn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 9:55 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Waster solar rate case

To The Kansas Corporation Commission[KCC]

My name is Fred N Six. My wife Lilian and i live at 1180 East 1400 Road, Lawrence, KS, 66046. We installed solar panels on the roof of our house this year. The installation followed several months of study on our part. The cost and benefits were pondered and evaluated.

We urge the KCC to authorize a study, by a neutral third party, of the costs and benefits to the utility and to the grid. Kansas home owners who wish to install solar will wish to pay their "fair share" but what is it?

My understanding is that the costs Westar has assigned to solar were done without a neutral study. How can a "fair share " be determined without a 3rd party neutral study?

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred N Six  
[sixfredn@gmail.com](mailto:sixfredn@gmail.com)



Gerrie Lippert

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101543

**From:** sherry <jslittlebob@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 8:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** westar rate increase

Westar gets enough of my money every year, as a senior citizen, I am on a fixed income and cannot afford a rate increase! Please stop this money grab attempt, again!!!!!! Julie L. Pero

**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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**Account Information**

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| Account No              | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name SHARON ANDERSON    | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address          | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address         | Special Instructions |                  |
| City SALINA             |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code 67401 |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

**Complaint Coding**

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**Docket Opinion**

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## Narrative

08/05/2015 I AMON A FIXED INCOME. 12.00 IS OK BUT 27.00 SOUNDS REALLY HIGH. MY INCOME WON'T GO THAT HIGH.  
I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF THE RATE HIKE AT ALL. MAYBE THEY NEED TO PLAN LIKE THE REST OF US.

#101545

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Nancy Ogle  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 2:30 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

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Wichita, KS 67208  
[nancy@ogle-law.com](mailto:nancy@ogle-law.com)

Gerrie Lippert

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101546

**From:** Brad <dbradfordstarnes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 8:48 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Weststar

I am writing regarding Weststar's proposed electrical rate increase. I am interested in installing a solar system, but if I don't do it immediately I could, in my opinion, be unfairly treated for years to come.

I am not opposed to fairly paying for the electrical Weststar infrastructure. However, solar customers should not be unfairly treated. Furthermore, the small percentage of solar customers Weststar would be penalizing wouldn't result in any substantial money to their company.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Brad Starnes

Sent from Starnes iPad

Gerrie Lippert

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# 101 547

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carole DeWald  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 2:30 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Carole DeWald  
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# 101 548

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Sara Shivers <saranshivers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 1:42 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Rates

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing concerning the proposed increase in Westar rates for those may have or wish to have renewable energy sources. We are in the early stages of planning to build a house. In the long term plan, we eventually wanted to install a wind turbine to capture some of that powerful Kansas wind. With this increase we would seriously reconsider that plan and may change it completely. The change we may make though is instead of using Westar for energy we would buy home batteries and store the energy we capture for ourselves.

The part of this proposal that really perplexes me is why Westar isn't welcoming renewable energy producers. When we lived in Texas, energy companies competed for consumers and offered different rates to buy back the energy produced. While we would pay about 11 cents per kilowatt hour, the power company would buy energy we produced and didn't use at 8-9 cents per kilowatt hour. Westar has a monopoly in Kansas (which should also be addressed) and only offers to buy back at a rate of about 2 cents per kilowatt hour. **If Westar capitalized on the renewable energy it could buy at this cheap rate they would not have to keep building new and expensive power plants.** Instead of punishing those who are looking to help Kansas and its citizens, why not ask Westar to work with those it is trying to exploit.

Thank you,  
Sara Shivers

# 101549

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** cam061101@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 1:35 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** "Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS"

Please do not allow Westar to raise electricity rates. I believe they are already high enough and they should find other ways to cut costs.

Thank you,

Greg Hopkins



**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** JM <pastor.john.martin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 6:44 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS testimony  
**Attachments:** IPL\_testimony\_JM.docx

Testimony of Rev. John Martin  
 Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS  
 July 23, 2015

Good evening, commissioners. Thank you for allowing me to testify. My name is Rev. John Martin, I am the pastor of the Rose Hill United Methodist Church and I am the chairperson of Kansas Interfaith Power & Light. Kansas IPL is a statewide non-profit organization that works with communities of faith throughout the state to put environmental stewardship and sustainable practices into action, through the use of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. We believe the threat of global climate change calls us to action.

We oppose Westar's attempt to stifle both solar installation and energy efficiency through the use of the proposed fixed price mechanisms. The essence of our position is that raising fixed prices and lowering the cost per kWh of energy, as Westar is proposing to do, will discourage the use of solar by manipulating any cost advantage for consumers to investing in solar. We also believe that Westar is proposing these changes, not in the interest of fairness as they claim, but to delay or suppress a growing solar industry in order to protect its monopoly status.

For the past two years, in both the legislative and regulatory processes, Westar has claimed that the costs of distributed solar outweigh the benefits. In fact, Westar claims that there aren't any benefits. This is a claim that they have never been asked to prove. We think that there are benefits. Studies in other states show there are benefits. Yet Westar has never been asked to support its claims with actual numbers. We urge the KCC to commission a study to settle the question of costs and benefits of distributed solar before taking any drastic action that will damage solar and efficiency.

It is our contention that Westar is doing this, not to make pricing fairer, but to squash independent solar energy production in this state. Even though Westar is a monopoly provider, and even though their costs are passed on to consumers, and even though Westar's investors are guaranteed a rate of return far in excess of other investments, and even though solar customers make up a tiny percentage of Westar's customer base – still that tiny bit of competition is too much for Westar, and they are determined to stamp it out.

People install solar for lots of reasons: cost certainty against the ever-rising price of utility-provided power, because they want independence from the monopoly, because they don't want to use so much climate-changing coal power. They should have that right. Innovation should not be stifled because a monopoly energy provider sees 200 customers as a threat to its business model.

If Westar wants to keep its market share it should get in front of changes in the market, not try to stifle them. And it's not for the KCC to defend Westar from technological change.

Furthermore, if Westar's goal is to be a preferred energy provider, they will want to look at innovative ways to provide energy, as they say "inside and outside (their) service territory." One simple way for Westar to be a preferred energy provider is to seriously consider how they can both expand their electricity production and prevent major outages by encouraging solar installations. This could be accomplished by promoting rather than undermining roof top solar for homes and businesses. Encouraging roof top solar production above the capacity for each building, Westar would be able to purchase this excess capacity increasing the opportunity to be a preferred energy provider. In addition, by encouraging roof top solar Westar could have the sources of energy production much closer to the users which would give the opportunity to prevent major, wide spread electrical outages due to weather or other compromises to the power grid.

The proposed rate change is also a justice issue as the proposed pricing would very likely result in solar installation and distributed solar being available onto to people of means, rapidly relegating those who might be able to install solar if rates and incentives were available to continue depending on a utility that seems to return for a rate increase with exponential frequency. A solar inhibiting rate structure would also discourage landlords from either installing or allowing solar installations on their properties. We would benefit greatly from more solar, not less.

It is position of Kansas Interfaith Power & Light, and my position, that any form of power that doesn't use water or contribute to climate change is a good source of power. We want people to use solar and be efficient. Distributed generation and efficiency will be an increasingly important aspect of both prevention of, and resilience to, increasing weather extremes. The proposed rate re-formation would cause fewer people to use efficiency and distributed solar, and that's why we oppose it.

We urge the KCC to pull the fixed pricing piece out of this case and study it separately. Once we have a better idea of the true costs and benefits of distributed solar, we can then fairly assess how to price it.

Thank you for your attention.

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Peace and Grace to you,  
John Martin  
Rose Hill UMC

# 101551

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** yisrj@att.net  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 1:25 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Comment

I am sending this email concerning Westar Energy's rate increase request using my friends computer since I am low income and cannot afford one. I want to voice my dissatisfaction with the KCC because you people always seem to agree with Westar whenever they want a rate increase. It's not right that residential customers are being burdened with more than half of the requested increase. Big companies place more of a demand on the power grid, alot of them run 24/7. Another friend told me that after some investigation it was found out how much the employees and management are being paid. I guess that's okay given the fact that they seem to want to crush any competition and remain the only energy provider. Why can't Westar make some hard choices and freeze, if not cut the employees wages? I have to laugh and totally disagree when I hear how hard they work. I was told about two instances where some employees were setting in new trucks in two different park parking lots. Also a worker in Lawrence noticed a while back that the Westar employees would arrive on the job on the KU campus at 9:30AM and then leave by 3:00PM. This is not right!

Connie K

# 101552

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** MARK FRANCIS <francismark@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 12:37 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Kansas Corporation Commission: We are writing to express our opposition to Westar Energy's request for a rate increase referenced in Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS . We feel that this is an unreasonable and unfair request by Westar and ask that you would deny them this request. Thank you for your time.

Mark W. and Kimberly A Francis  
1005 Park Rd  
Rose Hill, Kansas 67133

"Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Haesel Stewart <haeselstewart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 6:32 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To whom it may concern,

I am sending this email in regards to the Westar proposed rate increase, reference "Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS. I do NOT think they should be approved for this whatsoever, the audacity for them to ask for 23 rate increases in that last few years is beyond ridiculous, it is udsurd. I've never dealt with an energy company ask for so many, and so much in increases before, and I've lived several places. Nor have I dealt with one that is so inconsistent in their serves. One would think after one, three, ten, or even twenty-three rate increases their equipment would be top of the line and fail proof, but it is not, and it's makes me and may other people question the true intent of these "increases." I believe that should be further investigated, where is their money really going?

I hope that you come to the decision not to approve this, and think about the coustumers, the ones truly affected by this.

Thank you,  
Haesel Stewart

#101554

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Elizabeth Dodd <elizabethdodd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 10:49 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Doc#15-wsee-115-rts

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not permit Westar Energy to proceed with its punitive, job-killing plans in their current proposal for rate hikes. The dual structure—including higher rates for customers with solar panels—is clearly a monopolistic effort to depress the development of alternative energy in Kansas. While this would be beneficial to Westar, it would NOT be in the best interests of the Kansas economy and Kansans at large.

Among our state's harvestable resources are diverse sources of energy, including wind and sunlight. While most individuals cannot (safely or legally) install a large wind turbine at their residence, many can include solar panels in their energy portfolio (along with natural gas and electricity). Further, the solar power industry is an easy way to diversity our state's economy with small, upstart businesses and job creation, activities that we desperately need.

But these differential rates would make solar panel installation far less affordable for most Kansans. And, in the race to the bottom, less use of solar energy would depress the very kind of economic growth and diversification we need for a flourishing economy.

Please, please, please identify this plan for the greedy, competition- and job-killing initiative that it is and reject Westar's proposal. This should be an easy way to benefit Kansas consumers, tax payers, residents, and citizens!

Best wishes,

Elizabeth Dodd

2818 Tatarax Drive

Manhattan KS 66502

Gerrie Lippert

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101555

**From:** Cindy Thompson <a440cct@fastmail.fm>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 6:19 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** solar ratepayers meeting

I'm unable to be at tonight's meeting since I work this evening, but wanted to express concern about some of the misleading information guiding the request to raise rates on those of us who have invested in solar panels for our homes.

Like many, my husband and I are middle class and made this decision as environmentally concerned citizens. We still pay a monthly fee to Westar to be connected to the grid, even if we generate enough power for our own use. If we use more, we pay retail price for the power. If we generate more than we need, we are only paid wholesale for it. Plus at the end of each calendar year, any credit we may have accumulated disappears without us being reimbursed.

Additional fees would be an undue burden on top of this.

Cindy Thompson  
1844 S. 123rd E.  
Wichita

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Cindy Thompson  
a440cct@fastmail.fm

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Leota Coats <lcoats@sktc.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 6:09 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** "Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS"

Please do not approve of Westar's request for a rate increase. As a retiree on a fixed income, I cannot keep seeing my bill go up.

Leota Coats  
Howard, Kansas



**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** janet carlson <1janetcarlson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 5:31 PM  
**To:** publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us  
**Subject:** No to rate increase!

Please do not raise rates on the people of Kansas. The suffering will ONLY increase with a rate hike. More solar would improve you bottom line. You see what's happening to the poor and middle class. Most struggle with just having food.

101558

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** foxy30045@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 5:20 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Re: Docket 15-W5EE-115-RTS

I have written to you many times and it hasn't done any good but I'll write again. Again Westar is requesting a rate increase. How many do they need I believe they have already had 22 or 23. I don't see how people can keep up with their astronomical increases. This one which would result in a \$13.00 per month increase. I think this ridiculous. I have watched my bill continue to go up up and up. I keep my thermostat at 82 degrees which is far from cool. I go around the house in the dark about half the time. I think its time the KCC gave the consumer a break. Im sure they are propering quite well already. No one else gets that kind of raise.

Sincerely,

Joy Walker

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** sheri smith <irehsmith@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 4:47 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Weststar Energy rate increase.

I don't feel that a local residential customer be forced to pay westar energies cost of doing business. They need to pay their own way instead of cashing out on customers. At some point the upgrades will be paid for and they will start making a profit. If I had to upgrade my house to use more electricity I would have to pay for those upgrades out of my own pocket, Westar would not help me pay for them. Small town local citizens can not afford an increased customer charge, or be punished for using solar energy by raising the customers rates for what they do have to buy from Westar.

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Margaret Conrow <mconrow@ksu.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 4:11 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar rate increase

I am writing this email for my husband and myself, Ken and Margaret Conrow, 2371 Grandview Terrace, Manhattan, KS.

I would like to register our concern about the Westar requested rate increase and especially the change in billing.

We are not opposed to all rate increases.

We are very much opposed to:

1. Having 3 different choices in billing. This is way too complicated and also unnecessary.

In addition it is completely unfair to lock solar customers out of one of the choices.

2. The way the choices are structured so as to effectively discourage any new solar systems. This is not only destructive to individual plans, but to solar BUSINESS in Kansas. Solar business is not a major threat to Westar and it should actually be encouraged, not only for business and jobs in Kansas, but for help at peak times in the summer for Westar.

3. The excessive increase over the years in the rate in one of the choices.

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I would ask the commission to take the issue of solar out of the rate increase question for now, and arrange for an INDEPENDENT trustworthy and complete study of the effect of growing solar energy use on Westar, on the environment, and on the individual user.

Thank you, Margaret and Ken Conrow

# 101561

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Roy Harris  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 8:19 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 30, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

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This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS! Tracy Harris

Sincerely,

Mrs. Roy Harris

67502  
[godsigns@yahoo.com](mailto:godsigns@yahoo.com)

# 101562

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Warren Parks <haybale69@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 8:11 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** rate hikes

No do not give westar a rate increase. As a consumer I get tired of giving more money and getting nothing in return. Since we already D.S.& O charged 25 dollars a month for having electricity to your meter. Never saw them lower your bill when electrical service wasn't available. Again paying for something you did not get. What a rip off time to think of the consumers since we are the ones in charge. This state is going to hell in a hand basket and utility company's just want to keep charging more when they don't even need and cover it up with supposed improvements in service. We are told to conserve and some of us do and in the end get it stuck with higher bills to make utility companys more profit. Not only is it unexcusable but a rip off for the consumer. So do not the rate increase. Make up there minds either conserve or don't quite raising our utility bills. A person tired of conserving and getting screwed in the end.

Warren parks

Gerrie Lippert

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# 101 563

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sondra Popp  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 7:48 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sondra Popp  
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Hutchinson, KS 67502  
[sondrapopp@gmail.com](mailto:sondrapopp@gmail.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Verl Cox <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 8:39 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Verl Cox  
3412 NW 39th Ter  
Topeka, KS 66618  
[vcgc15@cox.net](mailto:vcgc15@cox.net)



# 101565

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carol Schenk  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 7:39 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,  
Carol Schenk  
8913 W. Chartwell St.  
Wichita, KS 67205

Sincerely,

Ms. Carol Schenk  
8913 W. Chartwell St.  
Wichita, KS 67205  
[cschenk2@cox.net](mailto:cschenk2@cox.net)

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marian Johnson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 7:39 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Westar has raised rates frequently over the past years---waaaay more than any other company. It'd be nice to have some competition for Westar, but since they are the only company we can use for electric service, we're at their mercy. Enough is enough.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marian Johnson  
13 Charlotte St.  
Olpe, KS 66865  
[mzi13@wheatstate.com](mailto:mzi13@wheatstate.com)

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Nelson Kilmer  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 7:38 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Dr. Nelson Kilmer  
210 S Erb St  
Hesston, KS 67062  
[nkilmer@cox.net](mailto:nkilmer@cox.net)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dan Varner  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 6:39 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Dr. Dan Varner  
rr1  
grantville, KS 66429  
[r13z@yahoo.com](mailto:r13z@yahoo.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Danton <ddaannttoon@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 6:17 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar--TURN 'EM DOWN!!

I am asking, begging, pleading that the Kansas Corporation Commission show some responsibility to Kansans and turn down Westar's current request for ANOTHER rate hike. As a public utility, one that hundreds of thousands of Kansas must use, Westar should not be allowed to continually promise high returns for stockholders and should instead be responsibly run for its customers.

Again I ask you, please turn down the current Westar request.

Danton McDiffett  
Minneapolis, KS 67467

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Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Betty Stambaugh <iambettyiam@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 7:22 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Didn't Westar get a rate hike just a few years ago, and now are asking for another one? What an outrage!!!! I'm a Sr. Citizen living on Social Security which isn't much. Even a few dollars would impact my budget a lot. The medicine I have to take is expensive and food has gone sky high. Do I eat or do I take the medicine?? How many of you have to live under these circumstances? I bet not one of you. If I have to live on what I receive so should these big companies. I think it's a disgrace that Westar will put this on their consumers backs. Just think what it will do to young families struggling now, what will this do to them? Please give this serious consideration and deny their request. I wonder what their CEO makes a year?

Thank you,

Betty Stambaugh  
4337 SE Wisconsin Ave.  
Topeka, K 66609

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# 101571

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Robert Fisher  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 6:43 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Fisher  
6838 sw 21  
Topeka, KS 66615  
[kcfan49@mail.com](mailto:kcfan49@mail.com)

Gerrie Lippert

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# 101572

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dan Sanders  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 6:41 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Dan Sanders  
3717 SW 34th St.  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 249-7208  
[sandoz@cox.net](mailto:sandoz@cox.net)



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Gerrie Lippert

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From: Dave and Jane <jdjbm2004@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2015 5:36 AM  
To: public.affairs  
Subject: Westar Rate Hike

Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler Dear Commissioners:

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS! I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills. Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights! This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers? I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home. Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission. In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015. Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely, David Groff  
2424 SW Pepperwood Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
785-221-1634

Sent from my iPad

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

Gerrie Lippert

From: Ray Rhodes <raydrhodes@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 4:41 PM  
To: public.affairs  
Subject: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS"

To whom it may concern,

This has to stop now, Westar has been allow to raise rates multiple times yet, the Board hasn't had to make any cuts to salaries, their budgets etc..

When are you going to tell Westar No..

Guess we will need to get the media involved. Your suppose to be protecting consumers of Kansas Utilities yet this monopoly now has been allowed to raise rates again, and again an we the citizens have no other choice.

We install solar to save electricity they raise rates. you allow them to install controlled thermostats that they can turn down during peak rates. which should be saving them money, and they get to raise the consumers rates

This is got to stop.. They need to be force to may budget cuts, they need to be force to have to layoff etc.. if they are spending too much money..

but again, I know this will go on deaf ears, as some how. You the powers to be at the KCC continue to allow them rate increase after rate increase..

Guess they must be paying someone at the state level, Cause your sure not looking out for the consumers that have no other options for electricity in Kansas.

They have been allow to create a monopoly in this state.

Just a couple of months ago, they were suppose be giving refunds, and now they raise rates.. My bill has went for being around 120 a month 5 years ago.. to being over 200 month and using the same amount of electric has back then.

Stop these rate increases, Force them to make cuts, Force them to have to actually follow a budget.

they say its only 9 dollars here, 9 dollars there take that times 300,000 costumers. yet the CEO got a raise.

My raise 25 cents.. they give theirs few hundred thousand.. If not millions. yet we get are rates raise again.

|                                                                               | 2010 | 2011      | 2012      |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Key Executive Compensation                                                    |      | 6,924,530 | 5,440,857 | 6,711,630 |
| Mark A. Ruelle/President and Chief Executive Officer                          |      | 2,628,663 | 2,377,960 | 2,487,334 |
| Anthony D. Somma/Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer | -    | 701,659   | 913,735   |           |
| Douglas R. Sterbenz/Former Executive Vice President and Former                |      | 2,833,728 | 1,513,140 | 1,588,632 |

# 101574

Chief Operating Officer

Greg A. Greenwood/Senior Vice President, Strategy

- -

923,393

934,808

Larry D. Irick/Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

1,462,139

848,098

798,536

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Ray Rhodes

316-213-0033

[raydrhodes@gmail.com](mailto:raydrhodes@gmail.com)

# 101575

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Niki Christopher  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 2:54 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** FW: Westar Hearing

Forwarding comments on Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS. This was addressed to the Commission, but received here at CURB.

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**From:** Mike Keating [<mailto:golfcourse54@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:12 PM  
**To:** [ecurb@curb.kansas.gov](mailto:ecurb@curb.kansas.gov)  
**Subject:** Westar Hearing

Dear Commissioners:

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Sincerely:  
Mike Keating  
6461 N. Chisholm Pointe  
Park City, KS 67219

**Gerrie Lippert**

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# 101576

**From:** Alfred Lopez <alfred1790@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 7:56 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Rate Increase

I am opposed to the proposed rate increase by westar.  
Sent from my iPhone

**Gerrie Lippert**

# 101577

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of kyle belt <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 6:10 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 31, 2015

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Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Sincerely,

Mr. kyle belt  
2164 s elpyco  
Wichita, KS 67218  
[kshawks18@yahoo.com](mailto:kshawks18@yahoo.com)

Gerrie Lippert

#101578

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Roger belt <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 6:10 PM  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Roger belt  
900 n Kent rd  
Hutchinson, KS 67501  
[rrbelt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rrbelt@sbcglobal.net)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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# 101579

**From:** Dale Valenti <dvalentiks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 4:45 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Rate hike

At a time when oil is cheaper but electricity is at an all time high there is no reason to grant this or any rate hike.

Sent from my iPhone



# 101580

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Crystal Trojcak  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 2:05 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Crystal Trojcak  
3051 S. Elizabeth Ave.  
Wichita, KS 67217  
[bbtrolove@gmail.com](mailto:bbtrolove@gmail.com)

Gerrie Lippert

# 101581

**From:** Keith Penner <kpenner2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 4:37 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Proposed Westar Rate Increase Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Greetings,

I wish to comment on the proposed Westar rate restructuring.

It is not clear to me but I think the proposal allows for existing solar power generating customers like myself to remain on the Residential Standard Service rate plan. I feel that fairness requires that this structure remain an option. Solar power generators like myself have made a significant investment in our solar equipment based on a minimum expected production lifetime of 25 years. Westar is proposing a restructuring of how they charge for electricity that is over a hundred years old. Fairness demands that existing solar generators be allowed to remain on the rate structure on which they reasonably based their solar panel investment. Additionally, this rate structure should be able to remain with the property for 25 years in the event of the sale of the property with distributive generation equipment in place prior to the rate restructuring.

Westar makes the argument that their costs are primarily fixed, involved in transmission, and not related to the generation of electricity. Yet for over a hundred years they persisted in their current rate structure. Clearly Westar's proposed new rate structures will have a negative financial incentive on distributive generating customers compared to the current rate structure. I would argue that the Kansas Corporation Commission has a duty to protect the public interest by limiting this new clean energy disincentive. By limiting the extent to which the Customer Service fee is increased the KCC would be supporting the generation of pollution free energy production. This will become increasingly important and we should be looking for as many ways as possible to support these emerging technologies. Changing the rules or rate structures now would not be in the best interest of Kansans.

Respectfully,

Keith Penner

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Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Mike <m.fritz@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 1:55 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Proposed WestStar Rate Increase

I am outraged at this rate proposal. Kansas electrical rates are already higher than neighboring states and this rate increase would further exacerbate the disparity. There is no good reason for this rate increase. Westar is already a very profitable business. This rate increase rip-off of Kansas residents needs to stop and stop NOW! Further, this notion which has been popular with Westar and the Kansas Corporations Commission that the less electricity one uses the more it should cost is absurd. It only makes sense if you are a Westar executive or stockholder. Charging self-producers \$50 per month incents dependency on Westar and enhances its profitability unfairly. Kansas Corporations Commissions shouldn't be in the business of stymying Westar's competition (i.e. alternative energy) at the expense of average Kansans. The Kansas Corporations Commission shouldn't be a Westar rubber stamp as it has been in recent years.

Sincerely,

Michael Fritz  
10533 W Rita  
Wichita, KS 67209

#101583

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** John Harris <jharrisultramodern@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 2:30 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Electric rates

I can't afford my high electric bill as it is. Please don't let them raise their rates again.

Gerrie Lippert

# 101584

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ron Mueller  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 2:10 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 31, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ron Mueller  
13718 W. Hardtner Ct.  
Wichita, KS 67235  
[jlmrwm@cox.net](mailto:jlmrwm@cox.net)

Gerrie Lippert

# 101585

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**From:** Richard <rhdesktop@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 1:48 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Something to consider

KCC Members:

Having worked for Southwestern Bell for many years in a middle management position, I was around during many rate increase requests within the 5-state region. Although I wasn't directly involved with preparing any of the rate information or responding to requests from the various state commissions, I was somewhat familiar with some of the elements that were considered in evaluating the rate increases.

I was selected to work with AT&T in Basking Ridge N.J. and also in NY during divestiture of the Bell Operating Companies, which also gave me some insight into the various Bell Companies and their employee base.

If you were to go back in time and measure the employee base of Southwestern Bell prior to divestiture and then after the markets were opened to competition some 9 years later, you would find that their employee base was reduced dramatically. The employee base prior to competition was a very convenient and large expense that helped justify rate increases in all 5 states. It would be very interesting to measure Westar's employee base over the past 10-15 years in comparison to any additional services or service area growth.

Obviously, I'm not in a position to question Westar's rate increase, because I don't have the information necessary to evaluate their request. However, I hope that you on the commission won't merely roll over and give them what they ask for without justification.

Thanks for the tough work you are faced with in these cases.  
A Topeka resident.



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[www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

Gerrie Lippert

#1015Y6

From: Milton Eitel <milton.eitel@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 1:40 PM  
To: public.affairs  
Subject: Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Sirs,

I am asking that you deny the Westar Energy rate increase. Please note the exhibit below. I am speaking for persons like myself that are receiving Social Security Disability fixed incomes and submit that paying the corporate leadership of Westar Energy these kinds of wages is unconscionable and immoral when they are taking their outrageous income from people that have no choice. These persons have no need and no right to ask for additional income from the majority of Kansans that make much less than they do. This is an example of individual and corporate greed that the people of Kansas need to be protected from.

## WESTAR ENERGY INC

### Compensation by Company

For its 2014 fiscal year, WESTAR ENERGY INC, listed the following executives on its annual proxy statement to the SEC

#### Name and Title

Douglas R. Sterbenz  
Former Executive Vice President  
and Chief Operating Officer  
(retired)

\$1,512,846

Larry D. Irick  
Vice President, General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary

\$792,660

Mark A. Ruelle  
President and Chief Executive  
Officer

\$3,008,208

Anthony D. Somma  
Senior Vice President, Chief  
Financial Officer and Treasurer

\$1,079,619

# 101586

Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint and comments.

Milton Eitel  
8276 Shane Hunter Drive  
Assaria, KS 67416

[milton.eitel@gmail.com](mailto:milton.eitel@gmail.com)



**Gerrie Lippert**

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#101587

**From:** Ludwig, Glenn <GLudwig@wichita.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 1:09 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** westar rate increase

I would like the KCC to know I would not like this rate increase. I recently got a pay raise for the first time in 7 years and with the price of everything going up I am still behind the eight ball and am still trying to play catch up. The increase I think would be a burden on those of us over sixty especially those on the fixed income. Please do not grant this increase thank you.

**Gerrie Lippert**

#101588

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**From:** Kathleen M Sabutis <kmsabutis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 1:00 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar fee hike

I strongly oppose the rate hike Westar is proposing. I feel that I already pay enough in energy costs and that the hike from \$12 to \$27 a ridiculous amount to pay for a single fee for one month.

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Kathleen M. Sabutis  
[KMSabutis@gmail.com](mailto:KMSabutis@gmail.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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# 101589

**From:** Amaya, Eljia <Eljia.Amaya@thyssenkrupp.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 12:06 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Please fight the hike!

This rate hike is not value added as in there is no value provided to the customers for justify the rate increase....

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Ruth Cathcart-Rake <ruthmcrake@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 10:33 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar proposed rate increase

We are writing to ask you to oppose Westar's current request for a rate increase. Rather than being responsive to Westar and its shareholders, we ask that you be responsive to the voices of ratepayers, many of whom have difficulty making ends meet. We are very concerned about climate change, and urge you to reject proposals that do not encourage energy efficiency and alternative forms of energy such as solar and wind.

Thank you.

Ruth and Bill Cathcart-Rake

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Theresa Mitchell  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 4:40 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 30, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

I HAVE TO SAVE MONEY. I AM A STATE EMPLOYEE AND HAVE ONLY RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 2% INCREASE IN SALARY OVER THE PAST 7 YEARS. YES, A TOTAL OF 2%, ABOUT .25% A YEAR.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

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INVESTORS ARE GETTING 8%-10% RETURN, WHILE MOST OF THEIR CUSTOMERS ARE FORTUNATE TO GET 2% THROUGH THEIR SAVINGS, IF THEY HAVE ANY. A MAJORITY OF KANSANS ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR BILLS MONTH TO MONTH.

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

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SINCERELY,  
THERESA MITCHELL  
1522 WASHINGTON STREET  
EMPORIA, KS 66801

Sincerely,

**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**

Division of Public Affairs  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027  
(785) 271-3100

Complaint ID **101593**

Date Filed **08/05/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

|                   |                      |                  |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Account No        | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name DAISY DILLE  | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business          | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address    | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address   | Special Instructions |                  |
| City MANHATTAN    |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

**Complaint Coding**

| Company ID | Complaint Code | Complaint Type | Company Resolution | Complaint Closed | Violation/Concern | Dispute Issue Explanation | Disputed Dollars | Dollars KCC Saved Consumer |
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**Docket Opinion**

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# KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION



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Complaint ID **101593**  
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## Narrative

08/05/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE

**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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Complaint ID **101594**

Date Filed **08/05/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

|                              |                      |                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Account No                   | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name <b>RODNEY PARKHURST</b> | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                     | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address               | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address              | Special Instructions |                  |
| City <b>BUHLER</b>           |                      |                  |
| State <b>KS</b> Zip Code     |                      |                  |

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**Docket Opinion**

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# KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION



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Complaint ID **101594**

Date Filed **08/05/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

## Narrative

08/05/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE

# 101596

Gerrie Lippert

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From: Crystal Bbtrolove <bbtrolove@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 1:51 PM  
To: public.affairs

Mrs. Crystal Trojcak  
3051 S. Elizabeth Ave.  
Wichita, KS 67217

Jul 29, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission

1500 SW Arrowhead Road

Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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# 101596

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "No"; to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Crystal Trojcak

101597

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Charlotte <ccn60@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 12:13 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

RE: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

This is to inform you that I am **animately opposed** to allowing Westar Energy to again raise rates on residential customers! This company is continuously requesting rate hikes, and it seems that the KCC usually has approved those requests. Our energy bills are already too high in my opinion. This is an outlandish request. Most people cannot afford a MINIMUM of an additional \$12-\$15 a month on their energy bills.

It seems to me that Westar needs to absorb the cost of some of these infrastructure improvements themselves instead of always expecting to pass every cost of doing business on to their customers.

Please do not approve this Rate Hike.

Sincerely,

Charlotte C. Nelson

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sheila Hitz  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 12:05 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "NO" the requested rate increase by Westar - Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS. As a senior citizen, It is increasingly hard to cover expenses when everything continues to increase in price.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sheila Hitz  
767 North Illinois  
Wichita, KS 67203  
[s.hitz@cox.net](mailto:s.hitz@cox.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Fleming, Charles L <charles.l.fleming@spiritaero.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 11:25 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I think Westar asking for another rate hike is crazy! Everything goes up except for wages. They need to learn to operate within their budget like everyone else.  
Instead of asking for rate hikes all the time.

Charles (Larry) Fleming

777-9 / A350 Change Board Analyst  
(316)523-5964  
[Charles.l.fleming@spiritaero.com](mailto:Charles.l.fleming@spiritaero.com)

101600

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Olson, Cecilia <cecilia@mountosb.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 8:54 AM  
**To:** publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us  
**Subject:** objection

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to voice my total rejection of the proposal by the Kansas Corporation Commission to charge a higher rate for those with solar panels. The Docket # is 15WSEE-115-RTS.

Why would we punish persons who are concerned about ecology and good stewardship practices? Surely couldn't be all about money??!!

Cecilia Olson

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Bill Medina <billsmedina@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 8:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar rate increase

Hello, we along with thousands of others in this state are struggling. We are struggling just to survive with the mounting costs of just living. Utilities along with water, food, clothing and shelter are basic human needs that should not have to be prioritized as to which ones we are able to pay for this pay period. Why should Westar or Kansas Gas which are both for profit businesses be guaranteed a profit. No other businesses are guaranteed a permanent existence. By granting Westar this rate increase we take away all incentive for them to be competitive, lean and efficient. And they always ask for way more than they need knowing that they probably won't get everything they ask for. It's a game.

Please say NO to this increase and send them a message that it is a new era and that they will have to start looking at ways to be more efficient and start acting like other for profit businesses. Thank you, Bill Medina-Salina



101 602

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ron Rosine  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 8:33 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 28, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ron Rosine  
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Paxico, KS 66526  
(785) 260-4388  
[2ba1ab4rr@gmail.com](mailto:2ba1ab4rr@gmail.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kari Rosine  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 8:33 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Kari Rosine  
22222 James Street  
Paxico, KS 66526  
(785) 260-4388  
[2ba1ab4rr@gmail.com](mailto:2ba1ab4rr@gmail.com)

101 604

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Jack Davis <hjd18@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 6:02 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar's increase

I oppose the new Westar's rate increase . in the last 7 years they have received 22 rate increases, that averages about 3 a year. I have been retired 5 years and KPERS has yet to give me a raise. just like a small bureaucracy they have a lot of waste. they need to cut the waste before they ask for any more money . JACK DAVIS

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Selzer <selzerjg@embarqmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 6:02 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To whom it may concern,

I'm expressing concern about the proposed Westar rate increase for these reasons:

1. I don't see in any of the plans enough incentive for people to conserve electricity with the increased emphasis on flat rates rather than usage rates, just at a time when we need more encouragement for conservation.
2. I think every plan being proposed will harm the alternative energy sector, just at a time when we need more of it. If anything, Westar should be investing to the hilt in alternatives.
3. I'm all for Westar investors getting a decent return on their money.  
However, a return of something like 8% seems much more reasonable to me in the current market than 10%.
4. Westar argues that those with grid-tie solar systems (and I am one of those 300 customers) are being subsidized by those who don't have them.

I understand. And I'm quite happy to pay my share to have the grid available. But I trust Westar will not overlook the benefit that we producers (or savers, as the case may be) are providing to them and thus to all customers: free, non-polluting energy during their peak demand times. Also, the argument about fairness rings hollow when a sizable portion of the increase appears to be intended to satisfy investors - a classic case of a small number of people benefiting at the expense of the mass of customers.

Thanks for listening.

Gerry Selzer, Hesston, KS  
620-327-2430

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Randall Hardy <ks67401@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 5:22 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Please do not let Westar raise our fixed fee to \$27 over the next five years. That would put an unnecessary burden on all of us on fixed incomes. Please look at other ways to help Westar.

Thanks.

Randall Hardy  
816 Highland Ave  
Salina, KS

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jason Burgess  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 9:05 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Westar does not care about solar energy merely corporate dollar's !!!!

Sincerely,

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manhattan, KS 66503  
(785) 293-9957  
[jason.jab7798@gmail.com](mailto:jason.jab7798@gmail.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** 2traildays@tctelco.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 12:16 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar; Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my understanding that part of the Westar rate increase proposal is to increase the basic rate for residential standard service from \$12.00 per month now, to \$15.00 per month in 2015, and for each of the next four years to increase that rate by an additional \$3.00 per month, reaching the sum of \$27.00 per month in 2019.

To me, a basic charge is intended to cover the average cost of providing a line and a meter to a residence, reading the meter monthly, and sending statements. The customer would then, in addition, pay for whatever volume of electricity he or she received. If \$12.00 per month does presently cover that basic expense of the company, it is hard to see why that expense would more than double over the next four years.

If \$12.00 per month actually does not cover the company's expense for providing the service, I can see the rationale of trying to catch it up to whatever that amount is. However, consideration should be given to keeping the basic charge as low as possible, in order to be able to provide "universal" service to low-income households, with the shortage being made up by charging everyone a little higher rate for the amount of electricity consumed. I am not privy to the facts and figures for the actual cost of providing access to electric power, so I do not know the relationship between the amount proposed to be charged and the actual expense to the company in providing the service.

I see this matter as comparable to the U.S. Postal Service. The same rate is charged for a letter mailed across town as for a letter mailed across the country to an isolated rural home. A metropolitan customer is thus overcharged for the expense of mailing a letter across town, while the distant customer is undercharged. However, this allows everyone to have access to postal services. I think that principle should be applied to utilities as well.

Kenneth W. McClintock

Gerrie Lippert

#101610

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**From:** Krystal Knobloch <jkknobloch@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 10:08 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Rate Hike

To whom it may concern:

If I read the article in the Emporia Gazette correctly, Westar is wanting to raise its rates 12.1%... seriously? Ever since I moved to Kansas we have had a rate increase from Westar nearly every year! This is getting beyond ridiculous! How many people do you know that get a raise in the wages to the tune of 12.1%? And we don't have an option as a home owner to go with a different company for our utilities. We don't have a choice to switch companies. I believe this is very unfair to the consumers in Kansas. We ask that you do not grant them the rate hike! Thank you for your time.

Krystal Knobloch  
Greenwood County



**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** jsdavies <jsdavies@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 9:51 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

James Davies  
Atchison, Ks.

I am against Westar Energy's request for a rate increase and new rate options.

Gerrie Lippert

#101412

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of M A <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 9:40 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 31, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. M A

67226  
[senita9@gmail.com](mailto:senita9@gmail.com)

Gerrie Lippert

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# 101613

**From:** Linda Van Gundy <linvan66868@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 9:00 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar rate increase request

My comment is "NO". The changes will more than double the mandatory fees charged to residential customers. I am a widow trying to keep the family farm alive. Increase requests from huge corporations such as Westar are selfish and unwarranted. We have to 'tighten our belts' and cut back on needed updates here on our farm. Westar should have to do the same.

Linda Van Gundy  
2092 Road U  
Reading, KS 66868  
620 342 7063

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Terry & Deb Maxwell  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 8:39 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Terry & Deb Maxwell  
1003 Weaver St.  
Emporia, KS 66801  
[tdmaxwell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tdmaxwell@sbcglobal.net)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Brad Snyder <snyderbrad042@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 8:22 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Rate Hearings

Just a few of the problems with the never ending stream of proposed rate increases sought by Westar Energy are the facts that:

- 1) Clean air standards were mandated by EPA and the clean air act, but did not follow through with funding to pay for them. The answer is NOT to have these investments as a pure "pass through" costs to consumers. Has anyone analyzed the cost of not complying with the clean air act vs. the cost of complying?
- 2) So if consumers are expected to pay a majority of pass through rate increase costs based on percentage of service, why has the percentage of costs shared by investors not been increased at a proportional level? If consumer costs rise 8% then the present share of costs to investors should also rise by at least 8% in the rate case, if not more. As it is now, investors mostly pay a flat percentage of the proposed rate case without a proportional percentage increase to their rate case investment.
- 3) I've done about all of the energy improvements to my home that I can feasible make given limited means. My average monthly kWh consumption is under 650 kWhs, with summer month bills under 1,000 kWhs monthly. Yet my bills are rising faster than I can afford to pay. Presently, with taxes and fees I'm paying \$0.124 per kWh, and some off-peak month bills exceeded \$0.14 per kWh.
- 4) If rates continue to rise consumers will be forced to alternative forms of micro-generation power that initially may be more costly per kWh and less friendly to the environment (higher carbon footprint) and that produce an overall negative impact of the clean air objectives.
- 5) More percentage of the profits from Westar's off-system sales should be redirected back to consumers to off-set proposed rate increase cases. If consumers have to share in the operational cost increases they should also be attributed a greater share in the profits their investments help generate.

Brad Snyder, Silver Lake, KS

**Gerrie Lippert**

#101616

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sherrill Hazard  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 7:39 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Sherrill Hazard  
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Hutchinson, KS 67502  
(620) 314-0152  
[pulpdryergm@yahoo.com](mailto:pulpdryergm@yahoo.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Richard R. Zrubek Jr. <zurbo@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 6:34 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Cc:** news@kwch.com; news@kake.com; news@ksn.com  
**Subject:** My feedback and facts against Westar's rate hikes - Referencing Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS.

Hello,

Now is the time to give Westar a firm kick in the rear and message that we are tired of being RAPED when it comes to our electric rates.

Obviously they hold a MONOPOLY over the area therefore have been able to dictate without question or opposition from the KCC for years.

One rate increase after another after another...

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

So how does a publically traded company keep rolling in double digit growth year after year?  
By relentlessly upping the rates they charge their customers who have no other choice.

Now, for an example of an electric company that ACTUALLY cares about not overcharging its customers, I offer the following example:

<http://mcpbpu.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Electric-Rates-Combined.pdf>

I used to live in McPherson so imagine my disgust with the rates here in Wichita when I relocated.

Westar's current rates:

<https://www.westarenergy.com/Portals/0/Resources/Documents/PDFs/Residential%20Rates.pdf>

Using the above information you can easily see that Westar's rates are %60 HIGHER than McPherson's as shown below:  
Plus Westar is FRAUDULENTLY rounding up their subtotals causing rounding errors in their favor as evidenced by comparing the numbers in my spreadsheet which are not rounded with a snapshot of the sample calculations in their PDF below:

## Summer Period Rate

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### Energy Charge

For the months of June through September:

\$0.064313 per kWh for the first 500 kWh

\$0.064313 per kWh for the next 400 kWh

\$0.075589 per kWh for all additional kWh

**Plus applicable adjustments and surcharges.**

### Sample Bill Calculation

The following example of the Standard Service Rate is based on a customer using 1000 kWh during a summer month.

**Customer Charge ..... \$12.00**

### Energy Charge

500 kWh x \$0.064313..... \$32.16

400 kWh x \$0.064313 ..... \$25.73

100 kWh x \$0.075589 ..... \$7.56

**Total Energy Charge ..... \$65.45**

### Fuel Charge\*\*

1000 kWh x \$0.021836.....\$21.84

### Transmission Delivery Charge\*\*

1000 kWh x \$0.011165.....\$11.17

### Environmental Cost Recovery Rider\*\*

1000 kWh x \$0.003136.....\$3.14

### Energy Efficiency Rider\*\*

1000 kWh x \$0.000538.....\$0.54

### Property Tax Surcharge\*\*

1000 kWh x \$0.001106.....\$1.11

**SUBTOTAL ..... \$115.25**

### Franchise Fee\*

\$115.25 x 3%.....\$3.46

**SUBTOTAL ..... \$118.71**

### McPherson residential summer electric bill for 1000KWH.

| Description                   | amount  | quantity | total          |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|----------------|
| Service charge - \$/mo        | 10      | 1        | \$10.00        |
| Energy rate - \$/KWH          | 0.031   | 1000     | \$31.00        |
| Total Energy Charge           |         |          | \$31.00        |
| Capacity Charge - \$/KWH      | 0.01483 | 1000     | \$14.83        |
| Transmission Charge - \$/KWH  | 0.01402 | 1000     | \$14.02        |
| City Transfer Charge - \$/KWH | 0.00175 | 1000     | \$1.75         |
| Total Bill                    |         |          | <b>\$71.60</b> |



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**Westar residential summer electric bill for 1000KWH.**

| Description                                                                           | amount   | quantity | total    |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| Customer charge - \$/mo                                                               | 12       | 1        | \$12.00  |                     |
| Energy rate for the first 500 KWH<br>numbers up to the nearest penny                  | 0.064313 | 500      | \$32.16  | Westar rounds these |
| Energy rate for the next 400 KWH<br>numbers up to the nearest penny                   | 0.064313 | 400      | \$25.73  | Westar rounds these |
| Energy rate for all additional KWH<br>numbers up to the nearest penny                 | 0.075589 | 100      | \$7.56   | Westar rounds these |
| Total Energy Charge<br>rounding makes this number one cent higher in their PDF above. |          |          | \$65.44  | Westar's fraudulent |
| Fuel Charge<br>numbers up to the nearest penny                                        | 0.021836 | 1000     | \$21.84  | Westar rounds these |
| Transmission Delivery Charge<br>numbers up to the nearest penny                       | 0.011165 | 1000     | \$11.17  | Westar rounds these |
| Environmental Cost Recovery Rider<br>numbers up to the nearest penny                  | 0.003136 | 1000     | \$3.14   | Westar rounds these |
| Energy Efficiency Rider<br>numbers up to the nearest penny                            | 0.000538 | 1000     | \$0.54   | Westar rounds these |
| Property Tax Surcharge<br>numbers up to the nearest penny                             | 0.001106 | 1000     | \$1.11   | Westar rounds these |
| Subtotal<br>rounding makes this number THREE cents higher in their PDF above.         |          |          | \$115.22 | Westar's fraudulent |
| Franchise Fee                                                                         | 3%       | \$115.22 | \$3.46   |                     |
| Total Bill<br>rounding makes this number THREE cents higher in their PDF above.       |          |          | \$118.68 | Westar's fraudulent |

**Percent DIFFERENCE****60%**

If there was actual competition for electric providers, we would obviously see better rates.  
Westar keeps charging more and more as they sell more and more electricity OUT OF STATE but yet straddles us Kansans with all their extra costs.

**Time for the KCC to grow a pair and serve the PEOPLE of Kansas and not the corporation.**

And I sure hope nobody in the KCC office holds Westar stock as that would be a pure conflict of interest.

Thanks,  
Richard Zrubek

Gerrie Lippert

#101618

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Robert Grzesk  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 12:09 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert Grzesk  
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Topeka, KS 66605  
bobby\_bobo@hotmail.com

Gerrie Lippert

#101619

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jacque Grzesk  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 12:09 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emier

Jul 31, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
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jacz1@hotmail.com

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lonnie Mendenhall  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 9:38 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mr. Lonnie Mendenhall  
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ANDOVER, KS 67002  
lonnie.mendenhall@cox.net

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Edwin OBryant  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 9:08 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mr. Edwin OBryant  
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Topeka, KS 66617  
(785) 215-7466  
eddob1@aol.com

Gerrie Lippert

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#101622

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Leo palmer  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 8:39 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Leo palmer  
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strong city, KS 66869  
(620) 273-8110  
ljpalmer2001@yahoo.com

**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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(785) 271-3100

Complaint ID **101623**  
Date Filed **08/05/2015**  
Investigator **SBOYD**

**Account Information**

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| Account No           | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name LARRY KOHLMEIER | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business             | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address       | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address      | Special Instructions |                  |
| City PAXICO          |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code    |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

**Complaint Coding**

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Complaint ID **101623**

Date Filed **08/05/2015**

Investigator **SBOYD**

## Narrative

08/05/2015 \* MR. KOHLMEIER THINKS THAT WESTAR'S RATE REQUEST IS WAY OUT OF LINE. HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER UTILITY WITH SUCH A HIGH CUSTOMER (FIXED) CHARGE.  
\* THE PROPOSED INCREASE WILL HIT SENIORS AND OTHER ON A FIXED INCOME ESPECIALLY HARD, AND THEIR ABILITY TO PAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION.  
\* PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO CONSERVE BUT RAISING THE FIXED CHARGE WILL HURT THOSE EFFORTS. PLEASE REJECT WESTAR'S REQUEST.



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Complaint ID **101624**

Date Filed **08/05/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

**Account Information**

|                      |                      |                  |
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| Account No           | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name STEPHANIE REECK | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business             | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address       | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address      | Special Instructions |                  |
| City MANHATTAN       |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code    |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **101624**

Date Filed **08/05/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

## Narrative

08/05/2015 I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THE PRIVATE CITIZENS ESPECIALLY THOSE ON LIMITED INCOMES SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR THE WESTAR INCREASE. THE ACEEE SHOWS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE SERVICE FEE IS \$9.00 - \$10.00. THAT IS LOWER THAN WHAT WE WOULD PAY WITH THIS INCREASE. THE EXCESSIVE FIXED FEES HARM THE PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO ARE STRUGGLING. THE ENERGY GOBBLING NEED TO BURDEN MORE OF THE COSTS. THIS PROPOSAL BY WESTAR IS HUGELY UNFAVORABLE TO THE COMMON CITIZEN OF KANSAS.

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Complaint ID **101625**

Date Filed **08/05/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

|                         |                      |                  |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Account No              | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name BERT VOTH          | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address          | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address         | Special Instructions |                  |
| City MINNEAPOLIS        |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code 67467 |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **101625**

Date Filed **08/05/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

## Narrative

08/05/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INC REASE

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Complaint ID **101626**

Date Filed **08/05/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

|                   |                      |                  |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Account No        | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name CAROL FAGER  | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business          | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address    | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address   | Special Instructions |                  |
| City EMPORIA      |                      |                  |
| State ks Zip Code |                      |                  |

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No Contacts Exist

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Complaint ID **101626**

Date Filed **08/05/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

## Narrative

08/05/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE

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Complaint ID **101627**

Date Filed **08/05/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

**Account Information**

|                         |                      |                  |
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| Account No              | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name UNKNOWN UNKNOWN    | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address          | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address         | Special Instructions |                  |
| City EMPORIA            |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code 66801 |                      |                  |

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Complaint ID **101627**  
Date Filed **08/05/2015**  
Investigator **SGONZALE**

## Narrative

08/05/2015 I AM AGAINST IT. I CANNOT AFFORD THE DOUBLE DIGIT INCREASE.  
CALLER REFUSED TO PROVIDE NAME.



# 101628

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Joe King <joeking@coriolis-ae.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 5:15 PM  
**To:** public.affairs; William Dorsett; Alison King  
**Cc:** Griffith, Bill; Dorothy Barnett; Hartman, Bill ; Snead, Bruce; Nelson PhD, Richard ; David Martin; Nagengast, Daniel ; King, Cille ; Crist, Mike ; Craft, John; King, Zachary ; Wade, Herb; Francisco, Marci; Rep Boog Highberger; Wilson, John ; Ploger, Jim ; Pat Donahue; Holland, Tom; hutton, j ; Niki Christopher; 'Kimberly Svaty'; kevin@goodenergysolutions.com; John Selfridge; Ferrell, Pete ; 'Zack Pistoria'; Meyer, Gene  
**Subject:** Westar Rate Case Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS  
**Attachments:** Comments\_on\_Westar\_Rate\_Case\_Docket\_No\_dot\_15-WSEE-115-RTS.pdf

Dear KCC,

Comments attached.

Thank you,

Joe and Cille King



This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.  
[www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

**Joe and Cille King**  
1905 Countryside Lane  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

28 July 2015

Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, Kansas 66604

RE: Westar Rate Case - Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear KCC Commissioners:

Westar, which provides electrical service to our residence, is proposing a radical revision of their residential rate tariffs. We firmly oppose it. Westar seeks to transfer a large portion of what they will collect from us to the basic customer charge, increasing it from \$12/ month today to \$27/ month by 2019. They further seek to penalize users of equipment that will generate electricity with renewable energy. They have employed a high end consulting firm to fabricate an elaborate "utility speak" argument for why it makes perfect sense. Peer through the fog, take a look at the real world, and it makes no sense at all.

Westar argues that their customers, to whom they sell electrical energy, should pay for it whether they actually use any or not. They have plants and lines and must have their guaranteed rate of return regardless of what customers chose to do. As a monopoly they seek to insulate themselves from market forces, just like in a centrally planned economy. What other business model in a market based economy allows this? Can the local auto dealer send us a bill saying "our overhead has gone up and you have not been in for service, so here's a bill just for having us here when you may eventually need us"? Can the Kansas Turnpike send me a bill saying "we know you have a KTAG and have not driven our road for months but we had to repave down south where you seldom go so here is a bill – pay up or next time you cannot drive on our road"?

Only government gets away with billing you with property tax whether you use their services or not. Westar may unfortunately enjoy monopoly status but they are not the government. Customers should pay for what they use, not for the privilege of being a customer. The monthly minimum charge should only cover the cost of measuring consumption and generating the bill, which tends to suggest it is likely already very excessive.

- Westar seeks to take, yes take money from their customers unrelated to their purchasing a product (energy) from Westar.
- Westar seeks to thwart competition by guaranteeing they can collect a fee that cannot be avoided.
- Westar seeks to discourage investment in greater energy efficiency shifting their income from use related charges to a guaranteed "take".
- Westar seeks to discourage use of renewable energy. They assert, without presentation of any independent study by appropriate professionals, that the current system is a wealth transfer from those that do not install renewable energy equipment to those that do. Independent studies in other states consistently conclude the exact opposite is true. Are solid facts not essential for making such decisions in Kansas?

The planet badly needs to consume less fossil fuel to mitigate climate change and preserve resources for future generations and Westar's efforts to discourage energy efficiency and renewables with contrived arguments is not only not fair, it is highly irresponsible. The Pope might have a much harsher view. We trust the Commission to see through their sham arguments and protect the interests of Westar's Kansas electric customers held hostage in this state by their monopoly status.

A final observation; the cost of photovoltaic systems has declined dramatically in recent years and storage of electricity is poised to follow. While not cost effective yet, leaving the grid will likely soon be not only technically feasible but economically prudent, particularly in new highly efficient homes with high and or unfair electrical rates. When that option emerges will Westar then argue "if you want to use electricity in any way you have to be a customer of ours if you are in our monopoly territory". If you approve the current Westar proposal how would you address that argument in the future? Will you provide them even greater corporate welfare?

It should not be the government's role to make the individual a slave to a monopoly, a monopoly created because it is supposed to serve the public, not fleece it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe and Cille King". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "K".

Joe and Cille King

101629

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joanna Long  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 4:39 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Joanna Long  
PO Box 252  
Lecompton, KS 66050  
[yettiepepperred@yahoo.com](mailto:yettiepepperred@yahoo.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Collette Pryor  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Collette Pryor  
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Hutchinson, KS 67501  
[mrscpryor2@yahoo.com](mailto:mrscpryor2@yahoo.com)

101631

**Gerrie Lippert**

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Casey Stanley  
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Topeka, KS 66617  
408-1829  
[caseystanley99@yahoo.com](mailto:caseystanley99@yahoo.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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Jul 30, 2015

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Don Keagy  
1426 SW Topeka Blvd  
Topeka, KS 66612  
(785) 234-8138  
[shannonscheffler@yahoo.com](mailto:shannonscheffler@yahoo.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Fred Herman  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 12:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 1, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. Fred Herman  
1613 Kace Cr.  
Salina, KS 67401  
(785) 309-9147  
[joylred@cox.net](mailto:joylred@cox.net)



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Donna Arnold  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 12:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Thank you  
Donna Arnold

Sincerely,

Ms. Donna Arnold  
828 N. 12th  
Salina, KS 67401  
[dk\\_arnold@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dk_arnold@sbcglobal.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** John Carr <jandccarr@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 12:06 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Please say NO to Westar proposals

As only two of many retirees, we ask that you say NO to Westar Energy's rate hike requests.

Large numbers of Westar customers combine living on a fixed income with health dangers of trying to use less air conditioning.

A close look at our current bill from Westar shows six different categories that add at least 75% to our actual electricity used. A previous bill using less electricity had 100% additional for customer charge, fuel charge, property tax surcharge, transmission charge, environmental charge, and energy efficient charge combined.

This already has the appearance of customers being penalized for using less energy since Westar charges more in the other areas.

Westar's proposals are confusing with different rates, both considerably higher. We don't mind paying for what we use, but we do take exception to paying Westar's stockholders 7.99%, especially when no one else is earning decent interest on bank accounts and investments.

Westar has already padded our bills to the point that we pay double for actual usage. Enough is enough.

Please look at your own residential bills for some perspective.

Thank you for requiring Westar to live within their means as their customers do!

John & Cindy Carr

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kenneth Forrester  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 11:19 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems not only unreasonable, but also unfair. They aren't planning a similar hike for commercial users - who generally need some extra incentive to make environmentally sound decisions (like Westar itself).

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Kenneth Forrester  
2814 Highland Ave  
Salina, KS 67401  
[kforr@cox.net](mailto:kforr@cox.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Lea Schaub <leaschaub@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 11:08 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Rate hike

No, we can't afford a rate hike on electric or gas. Gracious, we are already struggling with the gas prices, food prices out of this world, taxes, how far will this go? Please, DO NOT let them raise rates, we will be further in the poor house than we already are. Thank you

Sent from my iPad

101639

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Meg Harden  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 10:48 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Meg Harden  
1202 sierra dr.  
salina, KS 67401  
[mdn.harden@yahoo.com](mailto:mdn.harden@yahoo.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Pam McIntyre <pam.mcintyre@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 10:17 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Rate Increase

I encourage you to deny Westar's request for the significant rate increase. I am a single woman living on a fixed income. This increase is oppressive and along with the sales tax increases imposed by Governor Brownback and the KS legislature is just one more attack on the poor and middle class.

Pam McIntyre  
360 Sunset Dr.  
Salina KS 67401  
[pam.mcintyre@gmail.com](mailto:pam.mcintyre@gmail.com)

101641

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Twila McCoy  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 9:48 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Twila McCoy  
2046 N Gow St.  
Wichita, KS 67203  
[twilamc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:twilamc@sbcglobal.net)

**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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Complaint ID **101642**  
Date Filed **08/06/2015**  
Investigator **SGONZALE**

**Account Information**

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| Account No                             | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name <b>JOAN MARTIN</b>                | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                               | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address                         | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address                        | Special Instructions |                  |
| City <b>JUNCTION CITY</b>              |                      |                  |
| State <b>KS</b> Zip Code <b>6 6441</b> |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

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**Docket Opinion**

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

## Narrative

08/06/2015 WE HAVE NO CHOICE OTHER THAN TO USE WESTAR AND I THINK THEY ARE GOING TO ROB US. THEY HAVE NO COMPETITION. I DON'T KNOW HOW I AM GOING TO DO IT IF THEY RAISE THE RATES. I AM NOT HAPPY.

101643

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Monica Monroe <chili\_pepper\_15@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 9:19 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar

To Whom It May Concern:

This is in reference to Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS. As a Kansas resident and Westar customer I strongly object to the approval of the rate increases proposed. This company is already operating on a monopoly and they are working to stifle solar and other renewable energy choices for Kansas residence. Increased rate hikes will also stifle the Kansas economy by reducing housing sales. It is clearly not what's best for Kansas.

Monica Monroe  
Haysville, KS

101644

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Greta lagerberg  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 9:17 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Greta lagerberg  
2100 Brookefield Dr.  
Salina, KS 67401  
[glagerberg@cox.net](mailto:glagerberg@cox.net)

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Nancy Presnal  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 9:17 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Nancy Presnal  
2100 Brookefield Dr.  
Salina, KS 67401  
[glagerberg@cox.net](mailto:glagerberg@cox.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** ronzwel11 <ronzwel11@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 8:55 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Rate Hikes

**I live in Salina,Kansas and would like the following delivered to all representatives from this area.**

**Say "NO" to any more rate hikes for Westar Electric.**

**Sincerely  
Ronald E. Zwelling**

101654

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mike Starr <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 8:48 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Mike Starr  
2028 Quincy St  
Salina, KS 67401  
[mstarr3@cox.net](mailto:mstarr3@cox.net)

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Complaint ID **101655**  
Date Filed **08/06/2015**  
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

**Account Information**

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| Account No         | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name RICHARD YOUNG | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business           | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address     | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address    | Special Instructions |                  |
| City SALINA        |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code  |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

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**Docket Opinion**

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Complaint ID 101655

Date Filed 08/06/2015

Investigator GLIPPERT

## Narrative

08/06/2015

I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE RATE INCREASE. SENIOR CITIZEN AND ON A FIXED INCOME. DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE NECCESSITY OF THE CONSTANT INCREASE THAT WESTAR ASKS FOR IN SERVICE FEES. IS IT POOR MANAGEMENT. SEEMS LIKE THEY ARE GOUGING SINCE THEY ARE A MONOPLY.



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Scott Dixon  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 8:47 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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I am tired of the continued rate increases. I am 57 years old and have recently been "displaced " due to a corporate reorganization.

I had to take a job earning almost 30 % less than my old salary. I look at your annual profits and think that Westar is just being plain and simply GREEDY. DO a examination of your upper management salaries.

ENOUGH is ENOUGH!!

Scott Dixon  
1330 E Ellsworth  
Salina, KS 67401

Sincerely,

Mr. Scott Dixon

101657

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ray & Millie Peterson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 8:17 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ray & Millie Peterson

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[rmpeterson3@cox.net](mailto:rmpeterson3@cox.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Karl <kserrien@twinvalley.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 8:00 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar

Kansas residents that are income challenged cant take a increase like this. Please stop this.  
Thanks  
Karl Serrien

101659

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Robert Dodson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 7:47 AM  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Dodson

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[redod@eaglecom.net](mailto:redod@eaglecom.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Shari Muths  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 7:47 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 1, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Shari Muths  
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Clay Center, KS 67432  
[diamond@eaglecom.net](mailto:diamond@eaglecom.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Bill Pitko <billpitko@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 7:09 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Commissioners,

This is once again another sad day for Kansas as Westar is fast racking their proposed rate increase that will be approved by you. I've yet to find where a rate increase has been turned down. The optics of these public hearings look good to those that show up but pulling the wool over the competent Kansan's has become redundant. Decreasing business expenses and transfer that cost to hardworking residential owners is a hit below the belt. If they want to reduce cost's for business's let them but raising rates should not be part of the package. Kansan's are sick and tired of being dumped on, especially by a multi-billion dollar company.

Enough is enough. This should be an easy and unanimous vote AGAINST this CRAP!!!

Bill Pitko

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** outlook\_45ba1662b159125d@outlook.com on behalf of Westar rate hikes <js1117@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 12:10 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Rate increase

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to your proposed rate increase of \$12.00 per month to a huge increase of \$27.00 per month! I am a single senior citizen who has worked all my life and live only on my Social Security. Trying to make "ends meet" is a real struggle each and every month! Rising prices everywhere abound and cannot keep up with the cost of living. To find out now that Westar wants to up our rates is devastating for not only us old citizens but all of us! Please take into account what most of us struggle with each day. I watch what I use in my A/C and keep a sharp eye on the thermostate but, I also want to be comfortable in my home against our "searing heat" in KS! In winter, I also am careful in my consumption of energy also. I would like your cooperation in remembering all your many customers and their needs as you consider your decision. Many people like me would have no way of making up that rate hike.

Thank you

Joy Soukup

1226 E. Kirwin C2

Salina, KS. 67401

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Michael Hollis  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 10:44 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 31, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Hollis  
1402 Gidley  
Wichita, KS 67216  
(316) 993-7293  
[hollmic@gmail.com](mailto:hollmic@gmail.com)



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Denise Calvert  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 8:14 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Denise Calvert  
2507 Lincoln  
Emporia, KS 66801  
(620) 704-5722  
[dacalvert2000@yahoo.com](mailto:dacalvert2000@yahoo.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Jerica Stebbins <jstebby1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 7:57 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar

I think the rate increase is complete BS. I already can't afford my bill as is.... Okay so they have what 600,000 customers with let's say average \$100 bill a month... Tell me they're hurting for money. Give me the break down of CEO salaries and bonuses and the quarterly profit margin and then we'll talk. Its just like everything else... Prices go up demand goes down. Too bad so many of these companies are too thick headed to realize that.

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Re: Docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Committee Members:

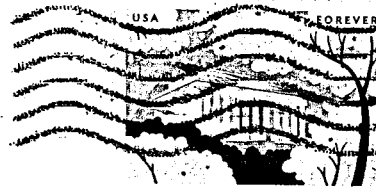
Please do not allow  
Westar to have yet another  
rate increase!

As a homeowner  
who is retired and on a  
fixed income, I cannot  
afford another utility  
increase.

Thank you for your  
consideration.

Sincerely,  
Joan Loquist

Loquist  
PO Box 275  
Council Grove, KS 66846



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Reference Docket No. 15 WSEE-115-RTS

Please do not make a rate  
increase as proposed by Wester..  
to \$27 a month.

Alice Copple  
519 Tottier Ave  
Miltonvale, KS  
67466

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AND  
CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Dear Sirs,

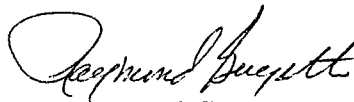
Regarding Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS:

For many years, we have allowed ourselves to be somewhat uncomfortable by keeping our thermostat set at 78 degrees whenever there was a need for air-conditioning, primarily because of the cost incurred at lower settings. While we recognize that Westar Energy may have a legitimate need for additional revenue, we are opposed to accomplishing that by increasing the fixed monthly "Customer Charge" because it significantly raises the total cost per kilowatt hour for lower consumption users (many of whom are lower income) while having little effect on the total cost per kilowatt hour for high energy users. Consequently it provides little incentive for high energy users to look for ways to conserve.

We also disagree with the proposed "rate of return" of 10+ percent. Based on limited research, the long term equity rate of return looks more like 8-9 percent. Given that Westar Energy's return is guaranteed, something measurably lower than 10 percent would seem more appropriate, especially in today's environment.

Appreciate your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Raymond Guyette  
1112 N. Dry Creek Dr.  
Derby, KS 67037

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Complaint ID **101669**

Date Filed **08/06/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

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|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Account No                 | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name KAREN UKENS           | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                   | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address             | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address P O BOX 98 | Special Instructions |                  |
| City WINDOM                |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code 67491    |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

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## Narrative

08/06/2015 AGAINST WESTAR RATE INCREASE AS ON FIXED INCOME

**August 3, 2015**

**Kansas Corp. Comm.**

**Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection**

**1500 SW Arrowhead Rd**

**Topeka, Ks 66604-4027**

**Ref: Docket #15-WSEE- 115-RTS**

**I am opposing Westar Energy high rate increase for a couple of reasons.**

**One, mywife and I are both 83 years old on a fixed income. As you well know insurance premiums are increasing every year, sales taxes are up, property taxes are up, along with everything else. I would like you to consider giving senior citizens (say 75 or 80 yrs. old) a break in our utilities.**

**Two, put an end to the billing demand charge. This is the biggest rip off in their billing and no one at Westar can explain it. I have been a total electric customer for over 50 years and I understand how it is suppose to work but it doesn't. Here is a couple of examples this year.**

**My bill for usage during service from Jan 13, 2015 to Feb 11, 2015 was as follows:**

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>KWH used</b>       | <b>1681</b>  |
| <b>Billing Demand</b> | <b>12</b>    |
| <b>Demand Charge</b>  | <b>21.60</b> |

**For service June 10, 2015 to July 10, 2015**



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| <i>KWH used</i> | <i>1915</i> |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Billing Demand  | 11          |
| Demand Charge   | 64.35       |

As you can see I used less KWH and yet my demand charge is 3 times higher.

I would be glad to furnish you a two year history and you could see how all over the board their charges are.

If you have the time I would appreciate a reply from you.

*Gilford Fritz*  
Gilford Fritz

1817 Hillcrest Lane

Salina, Kansas 67401

Ph. 785-823-2962

E-mail [gfritz3@cox.net](mailto:gfritz3@cox.net)



# Consumer Information

## Public Hearing

## Consumer Inquiry

Thank you for coming to the public meeting sponsored by the Kansas Corporation Commission. We regret that we were unable to address all questions during our session tonight, but we want to assure you that we will make every effort to direct your inquiry to Commission staff who will contact you in the near future to address your question.

Please turn in this form to the Commission staff at your location.

Location: Kansas Cosmosphere, Hutchinson Docket No: 15-WSEE-15-RTS Date: July 23, 2015

Name (please print): Ronald Puestow

Address: 1002 Barberry Dr.

Phone: 620 664 9665

Email: rdpuestow@hotmail.com

Preferred method of contact: above e-mail

Name of your energy provider: Westar

Question: A) Electricity in each of the four states surrounding Kansas is already 10-15% less than in Kansas. Why?  
B) Westar has made 22 rate increase requests since 2009. Nevada has made none. What are they doing better than Westar?  
C) Example of energy cost comparison over the last 10 years for a household in Kansas:

|                    |   |                         |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1) Westar Electric | — | 215% (more than double) |
| 2) Natural Gas     | — | 98%* (a net decrease)   |
| 3) Gasoline        | — | 178%                    |

\* 100% would be no change in 10 years

Please note: Questions submitted on this form will not be considered public comments and are not provided to the Commission for inclusion in the record. Please refer to the Consumer Information Sheet if you would prefer to submit a written comment to the Commission. Thank you.

**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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Complaint ID **101673**

Date Filed **08/06/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

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| Account No         | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name JERRY MAKOVEC | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business           | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address     | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address    | Special Instructions |                  |
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## Narrative

08/06/2015 OPPOSED TO INCREASE FOR WESTAR AS ON FIXED INCOME

## PUBLIC FORUM

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### Shift the burden

To the Editor:

Westar Energy has proposed increasing the fixed customer charge on our residential electric bills from \$12 to \$27 by 2020, as part of Westar's current rate increase proposal to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). Westar has also proposed a complicated set of three electricity rate charges. Our monthly bill is a sum of the fixed charge plus a charge for the electricity we use. Westar has proposed this increase to cover the \$1.2 billion upgrade to the La Cygne generation plant and the Wolf Creek nuclear power plant. I agree that these costs should be recovered, but I disagree with the method proposed to recover them. Increasing the monthly fixed customer charge disproportionately affects the poor, elderly, and others who use less electricity. It also discourages energy efficiency because it increases the fixed monthly charge rather than the charge for how much electricity we use. Finally, Westar's proposal would also strike a blow at residential solar energy installation.

I encourage you to voice your opinion to the KCC by Aug. 11 (email

public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov, or write to the KCC, Office of Public Affairs, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027). My personal opinion is that Westar's plant upgrade costs should be recovered by increasing the fixed monthly charge slightly, and by increasing the rate charged for electricity to cover the remaining costs. This would put most of the burden on those who use the most electricity and would encourage energy efficiency and conservation.

George Brenner,  
Lawrence

### Letters Policy

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Gentlemen,

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This Letter to the Editor says it very well. Shift this extra customer charge to Businesses & Farmers- Partnerships who go tax-free on income Taxes in Kansas.

Thank you for a vote for Seniors and low income electric users. Sincerely,  
Lorette Roth

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Sir/Madam:

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a short note concerning Westar  
hearing on increases in their  
customer service charge. This is  
too much money for privilege of  
being their customer, doesn't  
seem right. I am a widow and  
have lost my husband's income.  
I struggle everyday to stay  
with in my SS. I will not be  
the only elderly person or young  
family that this raise will  
hurt. In 2014 Westar earned  
over 313 million dollars, not  
doing this raise will not change  
their earnings. I feel a more  
comfortable raise, to 15.00 for  
5 yrs. and another 300-increase  
in 5 years will be more benefit  
to customers of Westar. Solar  
every question should be a  
separate hearing, now that the  
Government is pushing for smaller  
foot print from coal plants. Decision  
about solar needs to start. Thank you  
Mary Rogers

# Letters to the Editor

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respecting the code, protecting process and ensuring citizen rights to contribute.

Bob Strawn  
1551 Williamsburg Court

## Westar is overreacting to private solar efforts

To the Editor:

Westar Energy is attempting to punish you if you decide to install a solar panel for part of your electric usage. The company is asking the Kansas Corporation Commission, the board that regulates utility companies, to place a crushing rate on anyone who decides to install a solar panel.

This is wrong. As a buyer of electricity, I will still pay my base rate to the company every month. I also will pay my usage of those little kilowatts. My base rate will still cover all equipment the utility company uses to generate the majority of the power that I will continue to purchase from it.

As I understand it, if I install a solar panel at my house, Westar wants to charge me \$50 for my fixed (base) rate. If I do not have a solar panel, my base rate will go up to \$27 in two years. The company claims that if I install a solar panel, I will be using greater space on its grid. There is no logic in that because during peak demand, my tiny input will lessen the load on the grid.

Westar has overreacted. Electricity that is produced by my own investment and used at my home — or heavens, sold back — is immediately used or sold by Westar's energy brokers. If I could sell electricity to Westar, until last summer it bought the kilowatts back at the rate it sold them to me. No longer, the company got rulings last year that enable it to buy kilowatts generated by the little people at about 3 cents per kilowatt hour. Westar sells it to the little people for about 12 cents per kilowatt hour. So that argument that the solar people are freeloaders on Westar's infrastructure is not valid.

We want Westar to generate the base load we all need. We need the little people helping with the peak load generation. The electric cooperative in Hays just built a solar farm with 3,960 panels that individuals can pay for and then get credit each month for the energy production of their panel. Hairdressers, farmers, hardware sales people are paying the co-op for one panel (\$891) and get a credit on their bill (10.5 cents for each kilowatt hour) they use.

Westar does not need to punish folks for installing solar panels. Please phone the KCC (1-800-662-0027) and tell it that Westar should not have the power to kill private solar efforts.

Ellen W. Hargrave  
20825 Tannerville Road  
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# Opponents: Westar plan limits customer control

Lea Skene  
lskene@themercury.com

A Westar Energy proposal to change the utility's rate structure could leave residential customers with less control over their monthly electricity bills.

The fee hikes, if instituted, would raise each household's customer charge, a flat monthly fee, from \$12 to \$27 by 2020, with a \$3 increase per year. Westar has estimated the move would increase the average customer's monthly bill by about \$9, or 12 percent.

At a Thursday roundtable meeting, members of the Climate and Energy Project in Manhattan explained how a higher flat fee would discourage household electricity users from pursuing renewable energy and energy efficient options.

"The way our bills are configured now, with a low customer charge and a variable energy charge, really puts the customer

in the driver's seat," project director Dorothy Barnett said during her presentation. "If you're seeing that you're using too much energy, you can make adjustments in your home" to reduce your bill.

"With this higher customer charge that's being proposed, you lose a lot of that autonomy," she said. "Because more of your bill is going to fixed charges and less is variable."

Westar filed a request in March with the Kansas Corporation Commission for the rate increase to recover \$152 million the company recently spent on infrastructure upgrades. The costs were primarily associated with upgrading equipment at the La Cygne coal-fired plant and the Wolf Creek nuclear plant near Burlington.

The national average for the fixed-charge component of an

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# Opponents: Westar plan limits control

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electricity bill is between \$5 and \$10, according a study by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy.

If customers are going to have to pay a high fixed fee regardless of how much energy they use, Barnett said, they will be less inclined to invest in renewable energy sources or energy efficiency measures that would save them money in the long term.

"It's not going to matter that you invested in a high-efficiency heating and air conditioning unit," she said. "Because it's going to take you a lot longer to pay back that investment you made in energy efficient products."

Ian Spomer, senior project developer at Cromwell Solar, said payback times for residential solar panel installations would increase by five to 10 years if the Kansas Corporation Commission approves the proposed rate increases.

The increases would apply directly to the current residential plan, called the standard plan. If the proposal is approved, however, Westar also will introduce two additional plans, the stability plan, which would include a \$50 per month fixed charge and a lower variable charge, and the demand plan, which would include a demand charge in addi-

tion to a \$27 fixed charge and a standard variable charge.

In some cases, households producing 85 to 95 percent of their electricity through solar energy could see their monthly bills increase by more than 100 percent, Spomer said.

Most households with installed solar panels participate in a system called "net energy metering," which allows them to use the energy they produce and, in the case of a surplus, sell any extra back to the grid.

Spomer said one common misconception about solar power is that the process of selling surplus energy back to the grid results in energy loss during transmission. In fact, he said, the energy doesn't have to travel far. It generally goes to the closest users — usually neighboring homes.

Nonetheless, Spomer said, it's standard procedure for power companies to charge solar-powered households a demand charge in addition to their regular fees. He said Westar's rate hikes would only create an even larger burden for those households.

"This is supposedly about equality and fairness," said Bill Dorsett, president of the Flint Hills Renewable Energy and Efficiency Cooperative. "The reality is... this is not

about justice. This is really about monopoly control."

During her presentation, Barnett advocated a system of calculating electricity costs called "revenue recoupling," which involves obtaining a minimum revenue requirement from the power company and using that figure, rather than the total amount of electricity sold, to determine each user's yearly electricity bill.

Revenues above the estimate would result in a credit to customers, while revenues below the estimate would result in a charge at the end of the year.

State Sen. Tom Hawk, D-Manhattan, asked whether the proposed rate increases could indicate that Westar, and utility companies in general, are in the process of shifting costs more heavily onto their residential customers while easing up on fees for commercial electricity users. "To be clear, this is not a bash Westar party," Barnett said. "We have a long history working with Kansas utilities."

"But it's important for people to understand that intervening and making public comments in this case is the official way to get involved," she continued. "We want people to know that there are things they can do moving forward to influence the outcome."

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AUGUST 03, 2015

Raymond L. Wurtz  
P O Box 3093  
Hutchinson, KS 67504-3093

Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka KS 66604-4027

**RE: WESTAR ENERGY RATE INCREASE**  
**CONSUMER COMMENTARY**

**KCC COMMENT:**

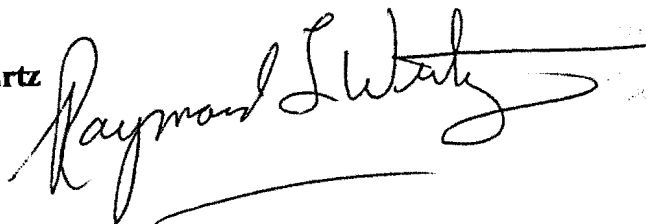
**Dear Commission Members:**

I am writing to express opposition to *any rate increase or change in energy charge structure* requested by Westar Energy for the following reasons.

1. Westar, and it appears, the Commission in the past six years has requested a **TEN PERCENT RETURN** for its shareholders. **THIS TEN PERCENT RETURN** over the past six years for shareholders is **MUCH HIGHER** than ten percent--which is above average return vis-à-vis the average utility stock. From 2009-2015, the dividend has increased by 24 cents per share, and the stock price has doubled, depending on market pressures. From 19.67 per share in July 2009, Westar stock closed July 31, 2015 at 37.65. According to my calculations, and as an investor who owns Westar Energy stock, the total return, on average, over the past six years approaches 18 plus percent. So, it seems to me that if Westar is capped at 10 percent return, then ratepayers should have zero rate increases for at least five years. Yes, I understand market conditions, competition for dollars and all that happy stuff. Nevertheless, Westar is now gouging ratepayers and the KCC appears to simply be in their back pocket.

2. **FIXED FEES IN ELECTRICITY CHARGES.** Ok folks. What is equitable with the fact that a person who rents a one bedroom apartment vs a 5000 ft home should pay fixed fees which are the same??? Lower income folks are getting soaked, and fixed fees bring in excess revenue streams. Over SIXTY FIVE PERCENT OF MY ELECTRIC BILL NOW ARE NON-ELECTRIC ENERGY CHARGES. Some, I recognize are not Westar's choice but regulation. Still, customer charges of 27 dollars a month in less than five years is corporate price gouging. What about conservation? Has this no reward? Where is the equity in this process????

Sincerely,  
Raymond L. Wurtz



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Investigator **GLIPPERT**

**Account Information**

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| Account No           | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name VINCENT HANCOCK | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business             | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address       | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address      | Special Instructions |                  |
| City WICHITA         |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code    |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

**Complaint Coding**

| Company ID | Complaint Code | Complaint Type | Company Resolution | Complaint Closed | Violation/Concern | Dispute Issue Explanation | Disputed Dollars | Dollars KCC Saved Consumer |
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**Docket Opinion**

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## Narrative

08/07/2015 KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION  
DOCKET NO. 15-WSEE-115-RTS  
PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING WESTAR REQUEST FOR A RATE INCREASE  
SUBMITTED BY VINCENT HANCOCK, WICHITA, KS

LAST MONTH, I RECEIVED A SO-CALLED "METER UPGRADE" WITHOUT WARNING OR MY PERMISSION. THE BROCHURE THAT WAS HUNG ON MY DOOR IS BEST DESCRIBED AS MARKETING PROPAGANDA, MISINFORMATION AND OUTRIGHT LIES.

WESTAR CLAIMS THIS SMART METER[1,2] WILL INCREASE RELIABILITY AND ALLOW THEM TO RESTORE POWER MORE QUICKLY AFTER AN OUTAGE. THE PROBLEM WITH THESE CLAIMS IS THAT I'VE HAD TWO OUTAGES SINCE THE NEW METER WAS INSTALLED.

ANOTHER PROMISED FEATURE IS THAT I CAN NOW "MONITOR [MY] ENERGY USE". MY HOUSE HAS HAD ONLY L.E.D. BULBS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. I DON'T NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH ELECTRICITY I USE EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES. I SURE DON'T WANT THAT USAGE DATA TO BE EXPOSED TO GOVERNMENT REQUESTS OR CYBER-CRIMINALS.

THESE NEW METERS ARE ACTUALLY SPECIALIZED COMPUTERS THAT ARE AT RISK OF SOFTWARE WEAKNESSES KNOWN AS VULNERABILITIES. JUST THIS WEEK WE LEARNED THAT CROOKS CAN DISABLE THE BRAKES OF A JEEP CHEROKEE OVER THE INTERNET.[3] THESE TYPES OF SECURITY HOLES,[4,5,6,7] WILL LIKELY BE FOUND IN THE WIRELESS NETWORK USED BY THE METERS, THE GATEKEEPER SOFTWARE THAT MANAGES DEMAND RESPONSE,[8,9] AND THE WESTAR WEBSITE.

08/07/2015 ONCE AN ATTACKER IS ABLE TO GUESS YOUR WESTAR ACCOUNT NUMBER, THEY ARE GIVEN FULL ACCESS TO YOUR BILLING HISTORY AND DETAILED ELECTRICAL USAGE, EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS INFORMATION TO BE PUT ON THE INTERNET!

IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT WESTAR HAS HIRED ANY EXTERNAL COMPANY TO CONDUCT SECURITY AUDITS OF THESE SYSTEMS.

I'M CONCERNED THAT THIS METER WILL HELP GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SNOOP ON MY FAMILY'S HABITS AND ALLOW CYBER-CRIMINALS TO REMOTELY DISCONNECT MY POWER.[10,11] WHEN I LOOKED ONLINE, I FOUND THAT WESTAR DOES NOT CONSIDER MY ENERGY USAGE TO BE PRIVATE. THE POLICY[12] PUBLISHED ON THEIR WEBSITE DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY DATA THEY OBTAIN FROM THESE SNOOP METERS.

WHEN I CALLED CUSTOMER SERVICE,[13] I WAS TOLD THE ONLY WAY TO OPT-OUT OF THE SNOOPING IS TO "DISCONTINUE [MY] SERVICE AND BUY SOLAR PANELS OR A GENERATOR".

I ENCOURAGE THE COMMISSION TO CREATE A "CUSTOMER BILL OF RIGHTS"[14] THAT WILL ALLOW US TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ENERGY USAGE PRIVACY. IF YOU TRULY WANT TO BALANCE THE NEEDS OF THE UTILITY AND THE CONSUMER, DENY THIS RATE INCREASE UNTIL THEY HONOR MY REQUEST THAT MY METER BE READ ONLY ONCE PER MONTH.

ENCROACHING INSIDE HOMES

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08/07/2015 THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP ASSIGNED TO STUDY THE CYBER-SECURITY RAMIFICATIONS OF THE SMART GRID CAUTIONS ENERGY COMPANIES AGAINST OVER-COLLECTING PRIVATE INFORMATION.

"UNDER THE SMART GRID IMPLEMENTATION, SMART METERS WILL BE ABLE TO COLLECT OTHER TYPES OF DATA. SOME OF THIS ADDITIONAL DATA MAY CONSTITUTE PERSONAL INFORMATION OR MAY BE USED TO DETERMINE PERSONAL ACTIVITIES. BECAUSE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRIVACY RISKS, ONLY THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF DATA NECESSARY FOR SERVICES, PROVISIONING, AND BILLING SHOULD BE COLLECTED."[15]

EVEN THOUGH WESTAR CLAIMS "THE UPGRADED DIGITAL METER ONLY MEASURES WHOLE-HOUSE ELECTRICAL USAGE", TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS ALLOW THEM TO MEASURE MUCH MORE. A DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REPORT NOTES MANY HOUSEHOLD DETAILS THAT CAN BE SOLD TO OTHER COMPANIES, GIVEN TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT, OR EXPOSED TO CYBER-CRIMINALS IN A DATA BREACH. "SUCH INFORMATION COULD REVEAL PERSONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE LIVES OF CONSUMERS, SUCH AS THEIR DAILY SCHEDULES (INCLUDING TIMES WHEN THEY ARE AT OR AWAY FROM HOME OR ASLEEP), WHETHER THEIR HOMES ARE EQUIPPED WITH ALARM SYSTEMS, WHETHER THEY OWN EXPENSIVE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SUCH AS PLASMA TVS, AND WHETHER THEY USE CERTAIN TYPES OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT."[16,17]

ONE KEY FINDING WAS THAT "ALL CLASSES OF ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMERS SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL ENERGY-USAGE DATA".[17]

WESTAR'S POLICIES AND BEHAVIOR DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY DON'T CARE TO IMPLEMENT AMI IN ADHERENCE TO THE RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES.

NUMBERED SOURCES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [HTTP://IS.GD/WESTARAMI](http://is.gd/westarami)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Priyank Yagnik  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 1:38 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Dr. Priyank Yagnik  
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Andover, KS 67002  
(214) 796-8340  
[drpriyank5969@gmail.com](mailto:drpriyank5969@gmail.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Donald Tuffley  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 1:12 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Donald Tuffley

KS 66610  
[tuffleyd@yahoo.com](mailto:tuffleyd@yahoo.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Carl Gilbert <cwg31869@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 12:57 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Solar and Wind Energy

It is disingenuous for you as an organization to exclude both solar and wind energy into the discussion on electrical usage and billing for Westar Energy. From an outside perspective it appears that you are favoring both the coal and oil and gas energies as the determine of me as a consumer and the environment. Politics are clearly alive and well at the Kansas Commission instead of doing the right thing and allowing all parties to sit at the table.

Carl Gilbert



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Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Sylvia Miller <samiller@wheatstate.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 12:08 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar's proposed rate increase

REFERENCE DOCKET # 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am writing to oppose the above Reference Docket. It will be a hardship on many Older Kansasans who live on a fixed income.

According to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy the average monthly customer service fees charged by other utilities nationwide averages between \$5 and \$10. Westar currently charges Residential customers \$12 per month fixed charge.

by 2015 the amount would be \$15 and with a \$3.00/mo increase each year by 2019 the charge would be a \$27 fixed charge.

Would this encourage customers to conserve energy knowing they will be paying the Fixed Service charge regardless of how much

energy they use? I think not, because with the monthly service charge always getting higher it makes no difference how much energy is saved!

Please do not let Westar pull another fast one on the energy consumers in Kansas by allowing this rate increase to take effect. It wasn't too many years ago that WESTAR officials were charged with corruption. Are they wanting us to trust them again? At the very least the service charge should be considerable less then what the company is proposing.

Sylvia A. Miller  
1261 RD 50  
Olpe, KS 66865

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Albert J. Becerra's  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 11:39 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Albert J. Becerra's  
2336 SW MAYFAIR PLACE  
Topeka, KS 66611  
78527255  
[shalb@att.net](mailto:shalb@att.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ervin Ray <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 2:46 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 3, 2015

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I also question the ethics of our Governors recent request for a Weststar donation for his past campaign financing, & what it will cost us ratepayers.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ervin Ray  
729 Max Ave  
Salina, KS 67401  
(785) 404-1597  
[eamaray1953@gmail.com](mailto:eamaray1953@gmail.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Donald Barrows  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 11:12 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

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Hutchinson, KS 67502  
[donb49@swbell.net](mailto:donb49@swbell.net)

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**From:** Erema Cooper <Erema@cheneydoor.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 12:21 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** docket no 13-WSEE-629-RTS

To the members of the KCC,

This is a request strongly urging the denial of the proposed rate hikes for Westar Customers. My husband is on Social Security and also has retirement, but I still work to make ends meet. We also have mothers on Social Security and children with children of their own trying to make ends meet. We have all learned that you have to prepare for future expenses and unexpected expenses alike. Why does a large corporation like Westar not have to follow the same rules? Prepare for the future!! Instead all they have to do is ask the KCC for a larger amount than needed and the KCC grants them a lesser amount which is probably all they needed in the first place.. This practice is becoming more and more the normal for Westar. It's time they learn to budget and maybe cut out some of their budget like we have to. Please remember some (most) of the elderly on Social Security are already on a budget and there is no more income to be had.

Sincerely, Erema Cooper

*Erema Cooper*

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Burl Dockum  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 10:45 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Burl Dockum  
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Hutchinson, KS 67502  
(620) 960-9196  
[bdock.1@netzero.net](mailto:bdock.1@netzero.net)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Cheryl Boyes  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 12:05 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Cheryl Boyes

Wichita, KS 67207  
[cherylabs001@gmail.com](mailto:cherylabs001@gmail.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Rani Rivas  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 10:38 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Rani Rivas  
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Wichita, KS 67207-1489  
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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Stan and Shelly Blasi <sdblasi@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 10:33 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I AM FED UP! Westar needs to STOP the rate increases and the KCC need to STOP approving every time they request money. You are literally making people choose between electricity and their basic living. So many are on a fixed income and CANNOT afford these increases. I know too many who will suffer in the heat and cold because they cannot cool or heat their homes. Oh sure, give them a free fan....would YOU want YOUR family to be cooled strictly with a fan?

ELIMINATE THE RATE INCREASES AND THE "TAXES AND FEES" THAT WE ARE FORCED TO PAY!

I am building a new home and will be all electric. HOWEVER, I will go totally off the grid if this continues. I know I am only one, BUT, there are enough of us who WILL stop using electricity and find alternate sources.

Shelly Blasi

Sent from Windows Mail

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lorelea Francis  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 10:18 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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I pay the overhead costs of customer charge, fuel charge property tax surcharge ( I have my own to pay!!!) transmission charge, environmental charge, eff charge and a franchise fee of 9.60. I really wish Westar did not have a franchise and that there would be competition for my energy needs from other businesses. Yet the stockholders get a higher rate of return on their investment than the stock market average at my expense. My bill of \$171.30 from an income of \$542/month really hurts.

With an energy charge of \$94.17 and 77.13 to pay Westar's operating costs, I think it is terribly unfair for this monopoly to keep piling on higher fees.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,  
Lorelea Francis  
1101 S Woodlawn Blvd  
Wichita, KS 67218

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Susan Jones  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 10:11 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 30, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

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I can't afford all of the rate increases and I work full time! I don't get raises every year to pay for cable increase, water, house payment higher because of property tax!

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Jones  
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Wichita, KS 67226  
(316) 648-5911  
[s\\_jones@cox.net](mailto:s_jones@cox.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Randy Brill  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 9:34 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 3, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Randy Brill  
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Pittsburg, KS 66763  
(620) 232-2362  
[kim640@hotmail.com](mailto:kim640@hotmail.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** January, Merry <Merry.January@netapp.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 8:41 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar has never been denied a rate increase??? Please say NO.

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase our monthly customer charges from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! A greater than 100% increase? Inflation has not been anywhere close to that.

This is unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

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Merry January  
847 S Stagecoach St  
Wichita, KS 67230

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dennis Wahlgren  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 10:30 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 2, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Sincerely,

Mr. Dennis Wahlgren

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[removed-3682410-2013-12-14t06-32-46z@aarp.org](mailto:removed-3682410-2013-12-14t06-32-46z@aarp.org)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Fred or Susan de Wit  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 10:08 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Jul 30, 2015

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Sincerely,

Dr. Fred or Susan de Wit  
1017 N. Yale Av.  
Wichita, KS 67208  
(316) 350-4228  
[fred.susan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fred.susan@sbcglobal.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of William January  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 10:00 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. William January  
847 S Stagecoach  
Wichita, KS 67230  
[thejanuarys@yahoo.com](mailto:thejanuarys@yahoo.com)



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** sharon girard <smgirard@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 9:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** WESTARS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

Do not allow this to take place. I am a senior citizen trying to survive on only my social security and find it almost impossible as it is. This increase would be an additional hardship to so many Kansans. Please stand up for us, we can use a break and it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

S.M.G.

Salina, KS

Sent from my iPad

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Twila McCoy  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 9:47 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Twila McCoy  
2046 N Gow St.  
Wichita, KS 67203  
[twilamc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:twilamc@sbcglobal.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joseph Mitchell  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 8:30 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Miss Joseph Mitchell  
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Pittsburg, KS 66762  
(620) 249-2733  
[joe0506@ymail.com](mailto:joe0506@ymail.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Robert Runion  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 9:42 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Runion  
5831 SE Lake Dr  
5826 SW Topeka Blvd., 19188  
Topeka, KS 66619  
(785) 408-0412  
[rrunion@cox.net](mailto:rrunion@cox.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Shayna Totman  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 8:30 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Miss Shayna Totman  
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Pittsburg, KS 66762  
(620) 249-2733  
[uue.been.beestung@yahoo.com](mailto:uue.been.beestung@yahoo.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gerry O'Connor  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 9:11 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Gerry O'Connor  
P. O. Box 466  
El Dorado, KS 67042  
[removed-12358245-2014-11-06t12-42-59z@aarp.org](mailto:removed-12358245-2014-11-06t12-42-59z@aarp.org)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Robinson <cpacis2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 8:28 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket # 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am writing to oppose Westar Energy's latest request for a rate increase. This attempt to guarantee an income to the company is absolutely against the interest of free enterprise and also the use of alternative energy. I don't know what other energy company in the whole country requests a rate increase more often than Westar Energy. In fact were you to examine the nationwide average of fixed customer charges you would find the range significantly lower than the \$27 figure requested by Westar. The more disturbing thing is that these requests consistently are approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) with almost blatant disregard to the needs and concerns of the consumers of the State of Kansas. It would almost appear that Westar Energy has a blank check to do as it pleases with regard to energy rates in this state without any fear of being denied by the KCC.

How do consumers such as myself get heard by the KCC and when is the commission going to become concerned with the consumers of Kansas? In your statement of "What We Do" you declare that you "regulate vendors" "requiring safe, adequate and reliable services at reasonable rates". It is my opinion that approving this Docket Item would not be consistent with this statement of your task. In fact it would be more appropriate to reduce their allowable fees and instruct them to not come back for at least a year to ask for anything further. Perhaps this would make the point that their rate increase request frequency has gone beyond the reasonable to the ridiculous.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my concerns.

Respectfully,  
Roma Robinson  
Manhattan, Kansas

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Hommertzheim, James <JHommertzheim@cobank.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 9:10 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Rate Increase

To Whom it May Concern:

I would to note right away that I am not in favor of the Westar rate increase. What always amazes me on the public utilities is that every time they need to make upgrades, or spend additional money, they need a rate increase to pay for it but yet they continue to pay the salaries and benefits to the people in their organizations along with bonus, etc.

I owned a business in 2005 and when I made improvement or was required to update or change something due to a regulation I had to make it and I figured that into my cost of doing business. So I either had to increase my prices, which could affect me competition wise or I had to stretch out the cost over time in order to pay for it and keep me competitive.

I also farm and with commodity prices fluctuating I do not have the ability to go to anyone else for additional funds when needed. I have to monitor and regulate my expenses in order to be able to fund unexpected repairs or the purchase of a new item.

I understand the additional cost that Westar is incurring due to regulatory requirements but the sad thing is they can increase their cost without concern of their customers moving to a competitor. They need to look internally and understand that in all the years they've been in business they've had these regulatory requirement pop up before and they need to lean their organization up and start saving money to have for the future when these requirements come up or when they need to run a new transmission line or whatever.

They should be no different than me as an individual and be able to live and function within their means. It's not up to me and the millions of other customer to continue to fund their wish list and requirements without them making any changes of sacrifices internally.

Thanks

Jim Hommertzheim  
800.322.3654 Ext 02055  
Direct: 316.290.2055  
Cell: 316.650.5265

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Karen Domer <kyd914@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 5:18 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Westar: I am a retired citizen of Topeka, Kansas. As I'm sure you know; many of us retirees are trying to cope with rising costs, while living on a fixed income.

I certainly appreciate the benefits of using Westar energy in my home, but I want to register my opposition to what seems like an excessive rate increase request by your company.

I would request that you consider lowering the increase you are asking for?

Karen Domer

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Jackie Carroll <jackie2ku@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 5:07 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Rate Hike

Hi-

I'm writing to express my concern about the potential fixed rate increase affecting Westar customers. As a Lawrence resident and Westar customer, a \$27 fixed fee would be a relatively large increase in my cost. I live in a small home and rely on my energy-saving habits to keep my bill low. When the national average for electricity fixed fees is \$5-10, I find the current proposal very inappropriate and I don't support it.

Please propose a different solution that does not penalize responsible Lawrence families living in small spaces, reducing their energy use, and/or supplementing with solar energy.

Thank you,  
Jackie Carroll  
2136 Ohio

Jackie

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Kathy Hund <kathyhund80@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 3:26 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear KCC

The requested rate increase by Wester is inflated and excessive. It is counter productive to energy conservation and efficiency and places the needs of shareholders above the needs of paying consumers. It will hit seniors and those on limited income very hard.

The ACEEE reports the national average monthly customer service fees charged by other utilities are between \$5 and \$10 per month. A fee of \$27 per month granted to Westar, a utility monopoly, is exorbitant.

Please stop this extortion. Customers cannot choose a better priced utility company and depend on you, the KCC, to hold price increases to a reasonable figure. This is not a fair request.

A Westar customer and a voter-

Kathy Hund  
785 341 8778

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Austin Wuthrich <wuthrich.austin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 3:11 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Vote No on this! The EPA regulations are increasingly damaging to our economy and our personal income! Those regulations that have the power of law are not voted on by the people and that agency needs to be reigned in!

Austin Wuthrich

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Julie Lahr <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 6:16 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 5, 2015

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Sincerely,

Dr. Julie Lahr  
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Andover, KS 67002  
(913) 235-7539  
[tasteelegance@aol.com](mailto:tasteelegance@aol.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kevin Mein  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 1:57 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 2, 2015

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Pittsburg, KS 66762  
(620) 687-3078  
[krdct@live.com](mailto:krdct@live.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Amy Salem  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 10:26 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Amy Salem  
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wichita, KS 67226  
(316) 573-2627  
[amysalem52@yahoo.com](mailto:amysalem52@yahoo.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Rob Reiman <rcreiman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:46 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Rate Proposal

To whom it concerns: It would appear that the proposed Westar rate structure will disincentivise homeowners from taking environmentally responsible steps to reduce their use of energy – placing increasing burden on the next generation to solve a problem that can be addressed today. The large 'fixed charge' reduces a homeowners responsibility for using less, penalizes homeowners who have already found ways to minimize their usage, and removes any incentive to encourage families and businesses to seek alternative energy!! This seems counter-intuitive, and socially irresponsible! Please do NOT allow this irresponsible proposed rate structure to pass!

**Rob Reiman**  
Mobile: +1 913 486 2340  
[rcreiman@gmail.com](mailto:rcreiman@gmail.com)

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<http://www.eset.com>



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Maria Lane <MLane@pmma.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 7:55 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Against the rate hike

I understand a moderate rate increase but triple is absolutely ridiculous! Not only does it affect the elderly. It affects students that are trying to get an education and pay rent. It also affects one parent families that are trying to make ends meet and struggle just paying the current rate.

Sent from my iPhone

101714

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sue Hill <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 6:51 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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What happened to the money owed the customers for Westars over charging? I think after having 22 hikes in cost of Electricity in the last 6 years is quite enough.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sue Hill  
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Mulvane, KS 67110  
(316) 777-4132  
[sizorhans@live.com](mailto:sizorhans@live.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Lary Robinson <larobins@tampabay.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 6:25 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Wind farms

Sirs:

I am a landowner in Allen County of 445 acres of farm land free of improvements, 1/2 of which is located at a higher elevation. I understand that the utilities are looking for land to lease for possible eastern Kansas wind farms. I would be interested in participating but need to know who to contact. Please let me know who to contact. Thanks.

Lary Robinson

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Steven or Janelle Riedy <sjriedy@tctelco.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 5:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** rate increase

I would like to encourage the KCC to not grant Westar another increase this year. Since 2009 they have had a 60% increase. I think that is enough for any business. I would like to have a 10% increase for my stocks and salary too. Yet I'm excited over a 1% for a CD or salary increase. If this is granted, it does make one think who is getting paid off to let this happen. I have followed their requests for many years and this one is totally over the line. This is a no-brainer for the KCC to reject. How much greed does one company need. Also, their quest to crush other forms of power is something that should not be tolerated.

-- Steven Riedy  
Hope, Ks.

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Janice Davidson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 4:50 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Janice Davidson  
603 N Main St  
Delphos, KS 67436  
[odieandjanice@yahoo.com](mailto:odieandjanice@yahoo.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Jim & Sally Agin <jeassa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 4:04 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar

We are asking the KCC not to approve another rate hike for Westar Energy. As senior citizens we are on a fixed income, have no pension, stocks, bonds, etc--only our meager Social Security to live on. We cannot work to supplement our income due to disability. I'm sure there are many others like us in the "same boat." It seems like every year Westar wants more money! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!! For once, think of the consumers instead of the big corporate mucky-mucks who can't seem to live on their lavish salaries and multi-million dollar bonuses.

Please, do not approve any increase!

Mr. & Mrs. James E. Agin  
Salina, KS

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Darlys Willer  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 3:19 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Darlys Willer  
1503 ROACH ST  
SALINA, KS 67401  
[removed-14744483-2014-05-14t12-11-07z@aarp.org](mailto:removed-14744483-2014-05-14t12-11-07z@aarp.org)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Doris Shane  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 2:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Doris Shane  
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Salina, KS 67401  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dwayne Meier  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 1:50 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Salina, KS 67401  
(785) 820-7918  
[w0ym@cox.net](mailto:w0ym@cox.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Chris Herron  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2015 1:19 PM  
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Salina, KS 67401  
[mickey.son@hotmail.com](mailto:mickey.son@hotmail.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Susan Etzel  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:23 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Ms. Susan Etzel  
2718 SW 13  
Topeka, KS 66604  
[susanetzel2003@yahoo.com](mailto:susanetzel2003@yahoo.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carma Wilson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:23 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Ms. Carma Wilson  
1021 n sycamore  
Eureka, KS 67945  
[carma\\_wilson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carma_wilson@sbcglobal.net)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of June Ewing  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:23 PM  
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Dr. June Ewing

KS 66606  
[junieebe@gmail.com](mailto:junieebe@gmail.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of James Marshall  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:23 PM  
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Mr. James Marshall  
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Hutchinson, KS 67501  
[jimmarshall591@gmail.com](mailto:jimmarshall591@gmail.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Judith Fellers  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:23 PM  
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Sincerely,

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#113  
Wichita, KS 67203  
[judi1115@gmail.com](mailto:judi1115@gmail.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Harlan benge  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:23 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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This is ridiculous

Sincerely,

Mr. Harlan benge

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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Sincerely,

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apt 904  
wichita, KS 67226  
(316) 213-8127  
[awap22@live.com](mailto:awap22@live.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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[pcomer49@gmail.com](mailto:pcomer49@gmail.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sherri Myers  
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**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:23 PM  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Sherri Myers  
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Andover, KS 67002  
[sherri.myers@hotmail.com](mailto:sherri.myers@hotmail.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Deborah Canter  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Deborah Canter  
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Manhattan, KS 66502-8833  
[debcanter@gmail.com](mailto:debcanter@gmail.com)

**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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Complaint ID **101736**  
Date Filed **08/07/2015**  
Investigator **GLIPPERT**

**Account Information**

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| Account No         | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name HELEN WOERNER | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business           | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address     | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address    | Special Instructions |                  |
| City LYNDON        |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code  |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

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## Narrative

- 08/07/2015 POINT #1 - SUPPORT EPA GOALS - STRONGLY SUPPORT THE NEW PROPOSALS FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA
- POINT #2 - WE THINK THE OLDER POWER PLANTS ARE NOT WORTH UPGRADING. TOO INEFFICIENT AND TOO POLLUTING. PREFER EPA GOALS BE MET BY IMPROVING EFFICIENCY. WE ARE CERTAIN 30% REDUCTION CAN BE MADE BY IMPROVING EFFICIENCY ALONE.
- POINT #3 - ONE GOOD WAY TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY WOULD BE TO FACILITATE THE ADOPTION OF RENEWAL ENERGY ESPECIALLY SOLAR POWER BY CONSUMERS. WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDITIONAL USE OF WIND ENERGY ON THE LARGER SCALE INSTEAD OF RELIANT ON COAL AND NATURAL GAS.
- POINT #4 - WE OPPOSE THE PUNATIVE AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FEES FOR SOLAR PEOPLE. JUST SPENT \$30,000 ON SOLAR PANELS. LEASE THE SOLAR PANELS
- POINT #5 - SOLAR POWER PRODUCES NON-POLLUTING ENERGY WITH ZERO MAINTENANCE COST AND OVERHEAD TO THE UTILITY.
- 08/07/2015 POINT #6 - ACCOUNTING METHODS. SUSPICIOUS OF THEM AND WOULD LIKE ANY METHOD USED TO CALCULATE RATES TO BE TOTALLY TRANSPARENT AND AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.. ANY DEBATE SHOULD BE MODERATED OR MANAGED BY A NEUTRAL THIRD PARTY.
- 08/07/2015 POINT #7 - WE CAN SAY FROM EXPERIENCE THAT THE AVERAGE TOPEKAN CANNOT AFFORD ANY MORE COST OF LIVING INCREASES. SO IF WESTAR NEEDS TO INCREASE THEIR RATES THEY NEED TO FIND SOME WAY TO LOWER COST FOR THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER AND INCREASE COSTS FOR HIGHER ENERGY USERS AND WE THINK THEY NEED TO REWARD EFFICIENCY WOULD ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO BE MORE EFFICIENT.
- 08/07/2015 POINT #8 - FOR RENTAL HOUSES - WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RAISE THEM FOR TWO YEARS EVEN THOUGH OUR EXPENSES HAVE GONE UP DUE TO THE REAL HARDSHIP THAT THE COST OF LIVING INCREASES THAT ARE FACING AVERAGE LOWER INCOME FAMILIES IN KANSAS AND IT IS ONLY GETTING WORSE AND WILL BE GETTING WORSE WITH THE SALES TAX INCREASES. THIS MONTH ALMOST HALF OF RENTERS - 4 OF THEM COULD NOT PAY THEIR RENT. WE ARE TRYING TO HELP THEM OUT. THEY ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS AND NOT GETTING RAISES AND PAYING MORE FOR THINGS THEY USE TO BUY. PROGRAMS BEING CUT AND BARELY MAKING IT AND WE ARE DOING OUR PART IN HELPING THEM. IF WE CAN FIND A WAY TO ABSORB THE COSTS, WESTAR CAN ALSO.
- 08/07/2015 POINT #9 - WESTAR HAS THE RESPONSIBLILTY NOT ONLY TO GAIN A PROFIT FOR THE COMPANY TO SERVE THE PUBLIC NEEDS AND THE WELFARE OF SOCIETY. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS CANNOT INCORPORATE ANY FURTHER RATE INCREASES AND FOCUS ON EFFICIENCY INSTEAD.

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Complaint ID **101737**  
Date Filed **08/07/2015**  
Investigator **SBOYD**

**Account Information**

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| Account No                | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name <b>MARINA VELLEX</b> | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                  | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address            | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address           | Special Instructions |                  |
| City <b>EMPORIA</b>       |                      |                  |
| State <b>KS</b> Zip Code  |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

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Complaint ID **101737**  
Date Filed **08/07/2015**  
Investigator **SBOYD**

## Narrative

08/07/2015 \* MS. VELLEX DOESN'T THINK THAT WESTAR DESERVES A RATE INCREASE. SHE STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY INCREASE IN ELECTRIC RATES.



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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

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| Account No                             | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name <b>ROBIN BADSKY</b>               | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                               | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address                         | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address <b>P O BOX 8762</b>    | Special Instructions |                  |
| City <b>TOPEKA</b>                     |                      |                  |
| State <b>KS</b> Zip Code <b>6 6608</b> |                      |                  |

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08/07/2015 OPPOSED TO RATE INCREASE

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

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| Account No                     | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name ELIZABETH MILLER          | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                       | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address 418 S. MECHANIC | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address                | Special Instructions |                  |
| City EMPORIA                   |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code 6 6801       |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

## Narrative

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Complaint ID **101740**  
Date Filed **08/07/2015**  
Investigator **SBOYD**

**Account Information**

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| Account No           | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name CELIA R SANCHEZ | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business             | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address       | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address      | Special Instructions |                  |
| City EMPORIA         |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code    |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

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Complaint ID **101740**  
Date Filed **08/07/2015**  
Investigator **SBOYD**

## Narrative

08/07/2015 \* MS. SANCHEZ IS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH WESTAR'S PROPOSAL. SHE STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY RATE INCREASE.

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Annette Wapelhorst  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Investigator **SBOYD**

**Account Information**

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| Account No        | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name LEILA JONES  | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business          | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address    | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address   | Special Instructions |                  |
| City SALINA       |                      |                  |
| State ks Zip Code |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

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Complaint ID **101742**

Date Filed **08/07/2015**

Investigator **SBOYD**

## Narrative

08/07/2015 \* MS. JONES THINKS THAT WESTAR IS CHARGING TOO MUCH RIGHT NOW AND DOESN'T NEED ANOTHER RATE INCREASE.  
\* MS. JONES SAYS THE "EXTRA CHARGES" HURT SENIORS AND EVERYONE ELSE WITH LIMITED INCOME. THOSE SHOULD BE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED, NOT INCREASED.  
\* SOMEONE (THE KCC) NEEDS TO STOP WESTAR'S CONSTANT INCREASES.  
  
\* NOTE: MS. JONES SAYS SHE WOULD HAVE ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING BUT HER NOTICE ARRIVED THREE DAYS AFTER THE HEARING. WESTAR AND THE KCC NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF INFORMING THE PUBLIC ABOUT HEARINGS.

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of reb white <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Sincerely,

Mr. reb white  
3309 lakeview road  
hutchinson, KS 67502  
[ber.white@yahoo.com](mailto:ber.white@yahoo.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Shelia Tubbs  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Adele Galloway  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mike Burghart  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** Kari Burks <burks.kari@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 6:31 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar increase /

Docket no. Wse-115-rts

I sent this message earlier but didn't add the reference number. So, sending again with the docket #.

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**From:** "Kari Burks" <burks.kari@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Aug 6, 2015 6:24 PM  
**Subject:** Westar increase  
**To:** <public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov>  
**Cc:**

I am absolutely opposed to an increase for Westar. They already charge higher rates than surrounding states. Their main goal is to continue to make money for their share holders. I don't believe we should have to pay into the pockets of those share holders. If Kansas would allow other companies to sell electricity in this state which would allow for healthy competition we may get better rates and stop the constant increases by Westar who has a monopoly. Please consider your state's residents this time and not bow to the big money corporation!  
Sincerely, Kari Burks

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**From:** nbolinger@cox.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 6:16 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Westar has had a number of rate increases in the past years. Others in the state of Kansas have been told to live within their means. Westar needs to do the same. Because Westar is asking for only half of the original amount shows that they really don't need what they are asking for. The news is reporting Westar has been granted many rate increases over the past few years. Please keep those of us on a fixed income in mind. We have an increase of sales tax, school tax on the local option budgets and city taxes, and a decrease of Sedgwick County services.

Doug and Nancy Bolinger  
Cheney, Kansas

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**From:** David Fields <pelicanccdavid@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 6:15 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket 15-WSEE-115-RTS Westar hearing

We are an average home owner. We moved out rented out my home. Our renter wasn't prefect, but neither are we. When we returned to our home, reinstated the electric, I was required to pay a \$1350 deposit. It was stretched out in 6 payments above our electric bill. About \$250 more each month. We're sure we're not the only homeowner that has been required to pay an outrageous deposit. Westar keeps this for a period of time. And uses that money. Maybe Westar shareholders need to receive less profit to put back into THEIR business. At this time no investment return receives 10%. We don't see where the Westar share holders are investing in their business. Most business owners have expected a much lower return of profit when they've had to reinvest into their investment.

Offering us help from an outside source is a band aid on an open wound. And many that will suffer, are not elligable for assistants and then what?

Concerning the solar issue. Now Westar is refusing to assist customers with solar solution. Since Westar has refused to be a part of the solution, they shouldn't be allowed to bennifit if a customer chooses to partake in a solution. If Westar chooses to bennifit from a customers choice, Westar should pay accordingly for kilowatt given to them.

Westar has sent out letters notifing customers, the exterior electric line coverage, reference code 1507SWSXEAKSZ-9S99, to pay an additional charge in the event of outside damage. This looks like a scare tactic to prey upon people. What are the chances of damage and what profit will Westar receive from money collect as an insurance policy? The only time I've heard of damage was from a tornado. High return for a low risk. Also, HomeServe USA uses Westar letterhead. Another piece of the pie for Westar.

No to Westar and the raping of their customers.

David and Brenda Fields  
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Haysville, KS. 67060

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**From:** Norma Oborg <noborg@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 6:02 PM  
**To:** publicaffairs@kcc.ks.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Westar Energy Rate Increase

I would like to comment on the proposed rate increase being sought by Westar Energy. For a retired person living on a fixed income, who keeps the thermostat higher than lots of people to keep our bill down, I protest not only the proposed increase but also the fact the company wants to charge us an additional \$4.99 per month (\$59.88 per year) EACH for protection for INTERIOR and EXTERIOR electrical wiring breakdowns!!!! That is an additional \$119.76 per year. Aren't we already paying for such service??

Respectively submitted,

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Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Gerald Gillespie <ggill\_tif22@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 6:00 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** westar rate increase

I just want to register my opposition to Westar's efforts at increasing rates. Primarily, I am completely opposed to efforts such as these that would decrease the state's move toward greater renewable energy. I have other concerns about their request, but this is an important one and would have the effect, in my opinion, of moving our state in a negative and backward direction.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jane Live <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:52 PM  
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**From:** William Wentz <william.wentz@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:32 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS (Westar Rate Proposal)

Date: 6 August 2015

To: Kansas Commerce Commission

e-mail: [public.affairs@kcc.gov](mailto:public.affairs@kcc.gov)

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Subject: Westar Proposed Rate Increases

Ref.: Docket No 115-WSEE-115-RTS

1. Increased Minimum Monthly Charge: The Westar proposal would escalate the minimum customer charge from \$12/month to \$27/month over a five-year period. This policy would unfairly burden those who can least afford to pay, and those who conserve resources by using less electricity. *The proposed escalating minimum charge should be rejected.*
2. New Solar "Distributed Generation" Surcharge: Westar proposes a new \$50 flat monthly charge for customers who purchase and operate their own solar arrays. Solar arrays reduce load and peak demand on the grid, and on other infrastructure including generating equipment. Reduced load means less fossil fuel burning. The Westar rationale for the surcharge is not based on analysis or experience. The surcharge proposal would be punitive to the emerging market and to new solar companies in Kansas. *If Kansas is really open to new businesses and clean energy, the Solar Surcharge should be rejected.*
3. Clean Power Plan and Need to Retire Obsolete Coal and Nuclear Generators: Westar requests tens of millions of dollars to add "band-aide" emission controls for aging, obsolete coal and to upgrade nuclear generating equipment. The plan makes no mention of the EPA Clean Power Plan, with requirements to reduce CO2 emissions, a major source of global climate change. *Westar should retire aging coal and nuclear generating equipment, and accelerate the transition to clean wind and solar.*
4. Westar Investors Do Not Deserve a 10%+ Return On Investment: The Westar request lacks true long-range planning. Investors should not be rewarded for policies that continue major CO2 pollution problems, promote continued dependence on fossil and nuclear fuels, and do not accelerate transition to a clean, sustainable energy future. *The commission should not approve rate increases to support unwarranted profit for Westar investors.*

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Robert Rosenberg <robrosnrg@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 1:13 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

KCC,

Thank you for accepting comments concerning the proposed Westar rate increase. I am especially concerned with the rate plan which forces solar generators into a blanket high basic fee not based on the size of their power generation. The new rates will adversely affect the poor but Westar reveals how out-of-touch they are when they use examples like "Electricity costs no more than a fancy cup of coffee per day" or "About half the price of a movie". (see Westar's "our request at a glance") Coffee and a movie are luxuries that most poor people can't afford.

Below are my thoughts.

1. Some of us find it morally objectionable to burn fossil fuels to generate electricity when the technology exists to generate electricity from the sun. We may have enough coal to last 100 years but my 93 year old mother would tell you that it goes by fast.
  2. 67% of people who Westar has polled are interested in solar for their home (probably only a small fraction have access to unobstructed sunlight). Forcing PV customers in an undesirable rate structure is going directly against the wishes of over 2/3 of Westar's ratepayers. Consumer advocacy group, CURB, believes that the \$50.00 fee Westar has proposed for PV generators was not based on any reliable study and hopes the KCC will delay their ruling until studies are completed. Although studies are needed to assess the costs and benefits of solar generators, I believe the \$50.00 fee was carefully calculated by Westar to negate any financial benefits to the average potential PV customer. One would think that Mark Ruelle could come up with a better plan to "manage through this reality" (Ruelle's words) of the inevitable coming of PV and the democratization of electricity. A possible solution is to have a base rate that is calculated by the size of the array. This all needs to be studied.
- (Included in my Westar monthly bill is a notice of the rate increase but there is not one mention of the proposal to exclude PV generators from the low base rate. Shouldn't Westar be forthright? Are they afraid of angering 67% of their customers? Did their rate increase announcement meet the legal criteria for letting customers know in advance?)
3. Most of the rate increase is to pay for cleanup of the mess they created or expect to create. See page 10 of Ruelle's testimony. PV customers offer electricity that will require no cleaning up afterwards. There will be no "hidden" environmental costs that will surface years later. Also the rate increase is to pay for upgrades of the transmission and distribution system. Home solar helps in these areas also.
  4. Westar's 2014 Annual report (see below) on Pg. 10 listed home solar as a "risk" to their business since "...through these technologies (PV can produce electricity that) is competitive with our current methods of generating electricity. There is also a perception that generating electricity through these technologies is more environmentally friendly than generating electricity with fossil fuels."

The power of this statement cannot be overstated. PV self generators can produce power cheaply, cleanly, and competitively. Westar has been making electricity for 100 years and have spent billions to do it. They hire the best and the brightest. But technology has made it possible for homeowners to make electricity cheaply and the price keeps going down compared to Westar's prices. Solar is not a passing fad that Westar thinks will go away on its own. Instead Westar apparently believes that it needs to be attacked. Any effort to thwart this technology is short sighted and does a disservice to humanity.)

Westar's report to their stockholders speaks the true motives behind Westar's rate change requests. They say they want solar customers to pay their "fair share" but they are only trying to eliminate the risk of competition. The KCC's job is to protect the rate payers and insure the existence of a necessary monopoly. I don't believe the KCC's job is to protect a monopoly when changes in power generation becomes a reality.

5. Westar claims that they are looking out for the rate payer and residential PV provides no benefit to the rate payer. The truth is PV immediately provides lots of benefits, if managed properly. Besides clean power, PV partially helps with peak loads (all but 22%) and the balance can be offset with wise energy consumption, programs like the Wattsaver Program, west facing solar arrays or tracking, and batteries (in the not-to-distant future). The current net metering structure provides Westar with free electricity when the solar generator produces more power in the month than they consume. THIS IS FREE ELECTRICITY FOR WESTAR TO SELL AT RETAIL WITHOUT THE HIGH COST OF LOSS DURING TRANSMISSION! Also, the rate payer will certainly benefit from Westar not having to build and maintain another energy

facility and update the infrastructure. If Westar was forced to accept PV generators, I'm certain they would come up with clever ways to utilize it.

6. Westar claims they are giving residential solar customers a choice in rate plans. In reality PV customers are forced into Plan B since Plan A is not available to PV customers and Plan C is convoluted. I don't understand how Plan C (based on demand) benefits anyone. Plan C provides nothing, since it doesn't address peak load problems. I believe it was a plan devised to give rate payers a "choice" that really isn't a choice.

7. Our objection to the proposed rate structure is based on logic, freedom, business, and morality. Logic - why burn coal when there is technology to harness the sunshine. Freedom- shouldn't we be allowed to harness this technology without paying an extra monthly fee? Business- some livelihoods would be directly impacted by the proposed rate plan. Morality- It is morally objectionable to some to burn non renewable fossil fuels when the technology is in place to harvest sunshine.

8. The Wattsaver program provides a potential simple solution to peak load issues yet it is almost not used. Why? Perhaps it is more profitable for Westar to sell costly power and then apply for a rate increase to cover those costs.

9. 3 Million dollars to the CEO, 10% to the stockholders- these are archaic models of corporations that need to be changed. This rate increase request alone cost hundreds of thousands of dollars that the rate payers have to bear. This frivolous rate increase should be denied and Westar should become like any other business and forced to budget. They could stop their advertising program against solar customers, for a start.

10. All traditional ratepayers would be adversely affected if Westar's hard nosed policies cause a percentage of us to go off the grid (when the technology is available). People don't like to be pushed around. Since advancements in technology have enabled competition in electricity generation, Westar should focus on how to act like a typical business in the free market- Provide the best product at the best price with the best service. We believe that if the utility companies act like a monopoly, they will be treated like one. Remember the AT&T breakup by the US Government?

Robert Rosenberg (Westar Customer with solar panels)

Manhattan, KS

101760

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Flo & Robie Peterson <rpeterson@ks-usa.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:59 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I do not support an increase in the fixed service fee for Westar. This is another economic hit on persons with middle and lower incomes. The controlling directors of Westar cannot be trusted, as we have witnessed in the past. What kind of raise did the CEO get this year?

The fixed service fee should not be over \$15.00 a month. Businesses and homeowners using more electricity can pay for it. We need a system that encourages efficiency and development of alternative energy like solar and wind. We need to encourage Westar to pursue more use of renewable sources of power.

So please review their request carefully and look at the long range impact of their policies.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Florence Peterson  
109 N. First St  
Lindsborg, KS 67456

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Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Steve R. <srdr@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:45 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Proposed Westar rate increase

Kansas Corporation Commission,

I am writing you concerning the proposed Westar rate increase and higher fixed rate charge. Over the last few years, Westar has asked for increase after increase. Rates have been climbing rapidly and a built in cushion for "fuel costs" has also gone into effect as well.

Many Kansas are trying to conserve energy but seem to get penalized for doing so. For example, we purchased a high efficiency heat pump in 2008 which reduced our overall consumption of electricity by over 40%. However, our monthly electric bill is higher today than in 2008 due to all the increases!!

These continual rate hikes have to stop. I am not sure how folks on fixed incomes can afford it. Many probably can't. Maybe it is time for Westar to look at how they can become more efficient in their operations instead of constantly increase rates and fees. Maybe their stock holders could be happy with a little less return since they don't seem to have any risk.

The mission of the Kansas Corporation Commission is to protect the public interest by impartially and efficiently regulating oil and gas production; rates, services, and safety of public utilities and commercial trucking, and promoting energy programs. I am asking that the KCC fulfill this mission and deny Westar any of the requested increases. Please don't just pare it back.

Respectfully,

Steve Romans  
Salina, KS

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** dkwhis@cox.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:57 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** proposed Westar Energy rate increase

To: Kansas Corporation Commission  
From: Dan Whisler  
RE: proposed Westar Energy rate increase

As an educator working hard to increase energy awareness, I understand and appreciate the benefits of building and improving our infrastructure and further developing our renewable energy sources. I am, however, opposed to the proposed Westar Energy rate increase (Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS) for a couple of reasons.

First, it is focused on fixed costs, so it completely takes away any incentive for consumers to work towards more energy efficiency. If approved, consumers could take steps to cut their energy use, yet see little meaningful difference in their utility bills. Secondly, I have seen numerous references to the 10% return for investors. In today's economy a 10% return on investment seems far above what is experienced in most situations. As a teacher, I can certainly tell you what is taking place in regards to school/personal budgets for teachers and trying to make ends meet. Our increases aren't even able to keep up with the rate of inflation, yet every year we are expected to do more with less. I know many other consumers, especially senior citizens, are on fixed incomes, too, so focusing increases on fixed costs has a significant impact on expenses and takes away from the focus on energy efficiency.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Whisler  
Hutchinson, KS

101764

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gloria Walker  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 9:20 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 5, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Ms. Gloria Walker  
10802 W 96 Pl  
Overland Park, KS 66214  
readwalker@everestkc.net

101765

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Judith Beran  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 6:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Judith Beran  
1527 Luther  
Emporia, KS 66801  
(620) 340-5980  
beran.judy@yahoo.com



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Complaint ID **101766**

Date Filed **08/07/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

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| Account No         | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name MICHAEL FRITZ | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business           | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address     | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address    | Special Instructions |                  |
| City WICHITA       |                      |                  |
| State ks Zip Code  |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

## Narrative

08/07/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE. RATES GONE UP 50% IN PAST 5 YEARS AND PAY MORE THAN ANY NEIGHBORING STATE.

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Complaint ID **101768**

Date Filed **08/07/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

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| Account No                    | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name PAT JONES                | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                      | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address 505 E. 1ST ST. | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address               | Special Instructions |                  |
| City GLASCO                   |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code             |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

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## Narrative

08/07/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE. SAID THEY NEED TO EXPLORE WIND AND SOLAR POWER AND NOT FAIR TO A PERSON ON ONE SALARY TO JUMP THAT MUCH.

**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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Complaint ID **101769**  
Date Filed **08/07/2015**  
Investigator **SBOYD**

**Account Information**

|                    |                      |                  |
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| Account No         | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name JANE MCKENZIE | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business           | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address     | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address    | Special Instructions |                  |
| City SALINA        |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code  |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

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## Narrative

08/07/2015

- \* MS. MCKENZIE IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE FOR WESTAR.
- \* SHE AND OTHER SENIORS ARE NOT GETTING RAISES AND SHE CAN'T KEEP TRYING TO BUDGET FOR CONSTANT INCREASES BY WESTAR.
- \* NOTE: MS MECKENZIE SAYS SHE DID NOT RECEIVE A NOTICE ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING UNTIL ABOUT THREE DAYS AFTER THE HEARING.

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Complaint ID **101770**  
Date Filed **08/10/2015**  
Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

|                   |                      |                  |
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| Account No        | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name EVELYN BRADY | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business          | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address    | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address   | Special Instructions |                  |
| City SALINA       |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

## Narrative

08/10/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR INCREASE. CONCERNED ABOUT INCREASE AND IS LOW INCOME



**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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Date Filed **08/10/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

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| Account No                    | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name <b>CLAUDINE ASHCRAFT</b> | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                      | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address                | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address               | Special Instructions |                  |
| City <b>SALINA</b>            |                      |                  |
| State <b>KS</b> Zip Code      |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

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## Narrative

08/10/2015 OPPOSED TO RATE INCREASE

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Jess <jbcrock@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:32 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Increases!

While I appreciate electricity coming to my home and the hard work of linemen when storms disrupt power. I believe Westar needs to be appreciative of its customers as well.

Please do everything in your power and in your conscience to not over charge the public. There are enough extra taxes and surcharges and non descript fees that inflate our bills. Many folks are on fixed incomes. Electricity is a necessity. I am sure you have to report to shareholders and investors as well. But scamming the public to line the pockets of the elite is not the way to run a business!

thank you!

Becky Crockford

Sent from my iPad

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** David Norlin <davidnor@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:06 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar rate request

Unfair.

That's only the first word that comes to mind with Westar's recent request. Requests have been regular as clockwork the last few years. They get a rate increase and then—voila!—that wasn't enough, so they are back asking, again. That approach is not working for most other Kansans. They would be laughed at if they asked for any assistance in just breaking even.

I know we live in complex times. Energy is essential, yet we are faced with dwindling resources. This fact alone cannot justify Westar's request. As a for-profit company, they take these risks just like everyone else, unless they have a regulator daddy that will raise their allowance and allow them to keep on spending, no matter their decisions. Couldn't Westar start by cutting back on Executive compensation, not digging into ratepayer's pockets?

I am part of the Resilience Group in North Central Kansas, which meets regularly to discuss how we can not only survive, but thrive, in a world which is becoming ever more steadily "a pile of filth," as Pope Francis put it. To avoid further trashing our world, renewable energy is high on our list. While we recognize the need for a 'battery' utility which supplies power when sun and wind cannot, we do not think that access to that backup merits an out-of-pocket increase that is nearly 4 times the average customer service charge for electric utilities in the U.S.

Such a request is unreasonable and unconscionable, especially when middle-class families are already bearing the brunt of irresponsible tax policy by the present governor and legislature.

As the AARP notes, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015. And many of those reaping that 10% equity return are already in good enough financial health that they can afford Westar stock.

That group certainly does not include the fixed-income folk who will have more gouged out of their billfold with no means of replacing it. This rigs the game and is, as I said at the outset,

Unfair.

David Norlin  
608 E Republic  
Salina, KS 67401  
785-825-7847

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** First Last <bklein@sunflower.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:00 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

August 6, 2015  
Kansas Corporation Commission  
Re: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

As someone directly affected by this potential rate increase I would like to offer the following comments.

While it is true that nobody likes to see their rates go up in general, there are additional factors to consider.

I do NOT object to rate increases necessary to comply with clean air and other environmental standards designed to improve health and maintain a viable biosphere. For too long we have been ignoring these issues, and the cost to deal with them now is less than waiting until they are even worse. If we want clean air it will cost us something, and I am fine with that as long as those costs go directly and entirely toward solving these environmental problems.

I DO object to rate increases that either directly or indirectly serve to increase Westar Energy profits however. They argue that they must increase their profits in order to attract and keep investors, but they are making a decent rate of return now. I see no reason to fund further increases on the backs of the average consumer. Let Westar find new profits in increased efficiencies and controlled executive salaries. This is what we must do, why should Westar, essentially a monopoly, be any different.

In summary, I am in favor of paying my share for clean air, but I am against rate increases that result in more profit for Westar.

As a citizen, taxpayer, homeowner, and voter I thank you for the opportunity to make my views known.

William Klein  
3704 Hartford Ave.  
Lawrence, KS 66047  
785-841-3502  
[bklein@sunflower.com](mailto:bklein@sunflower.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Laurie Turrell Ward <ltward@sunflower.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** (Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS)

Dear KCC:

I write to register my opposition to the proposed Westar rate increase.

Most importantly, incentives for customers to conserve energy should be incorporated. It is vital that utility companies and the public work together to promote the use wind, solar, and other renewable resources for a sustainable energy future and to combat climate change. Arbitrating that joint-work represents the highest purpose of government!

I recognize Westar's need to recover costs, but the solution should not lie in increasing fixed costs. It is fairer to affect those who use more electricity and encourage the efficient use of electricity.

Thank you,  
Laurie Ward

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Sharon Sherwood <retired191@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:41 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** It's not fair

I don't think its fair when people are going solar to help save the planet.I bet the Koch brothers don't want that. They want us to burn there dirty oil so they can get richer.

101777

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Janet Griggs <gaussies@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:31 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** referencing Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS.

Please don't let them have the rate increase we just can't afford it. They have gotten several increases over the years and it has been a lot more then I or my husband combined together have gotten for a raise over the years. We never seem to keep up with all the other rate increases everyone else does every year. Every year we use our air conditioner less and less so as to not use as much and in the winter the same one of these days we will have to stop using both it looks like. They need to take this out of their pockets and the share holders too. Companies should not be allowed to keep spending and giving their employees more at the expense of others all the time. They need to live like the rest of us, we all can't work for such companies there are not enough of them in this world for all of us to work at and get good pay. Someone need to put a stop to this.

Thank You for your time.

Janet Griggs  
Salina Kansas 67401



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[www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Tomothy Schrag  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:19 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 5, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I work for the State of Kansas in an ever increasing work assignment environment but a never increasing monetary compensation environment. I voted for no tax increases because I don't have the funds for increased taxes. I don't have the funds for increased energy bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Tomothy Schrag  
320 Dix Drive  
Manhattan, KS 66502  
(785) 587-8000  
[tschrag@ksu.edu](mailto:tschrag@ksu.edu)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Karl Denesha  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:18 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 5, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

An oversight committee should be pit together to identify and bring to light the amount of financial waste WESTAR is used to. I spoke with an ex WESTAR employee who witnessed 1st hand the wasteful habits of this corporation. Building a new facade on the front of their building, NOT NEEDED. Installing 20+ evergreen trees in front of a small transfer station near 55th St South and Broadway in Wichita, along with an underground watering system for those trees. NOT NEEDED.

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Karl Denesha  
968 E Forrest Ct  
Haysville, KS 67060  
[karl\\_denesha@hotmail.com](mailto:karl_denesha@hotmail.com)

Gerrie Lippert

101780

**From:** Kevin Good <kevin@goodenergysolutions.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:14 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Comments on the new Westar Electric rate case.

Dear KCC,

As a customer of Westar Electric and as the owner of a business that helps customers lower energy use and generate their own renewable energy, I'm concerned by the far reaching proposal to take the value of energy use and put it into higher customer charges. There are two main issues here:

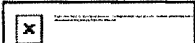
1. This proposal reduces the value of trying to consume less energy from centralized coal, gas and nuclear electric plants. For society, with populations increasing and air and water quality becoming more understood, the general goal in my humble opinion, should be to consume less energy. As transportation moves from gasoline fueled to electrically fueled vehicles, and the heat pump efficiencies make electricity a more desirable heating fuel, the electrical grid should see ample increases in new market demands. We should save the electric grid's capacity for these new applications and make energy efficiency a valued commodity, by keeping bills linked to actual energy use, and keeping user fees to a minimum.
2. This proposal puts an excessive fee on anyone that would like to generate their own renewable electricity and net meter the excess electricity. Many studies have been done on the value of net metered solar throughout the country. In some places the value of solar electricity is actually considered a benefit to other rate payers and these generators are actually compensated additionally for their excess generation. This proposal will add a \$35 fee to anyone with a residential distributed generation system. This will virtually stop anyone from installing such a system. The Westar rate case gives absolutely no value to the reduction of loads on the grid system during much of the peak demand times. It puts no value on the transmission costs that distributed generation reduces on the grid system. The Westar rate case gives absolutely no societal value to the creation of jobs to install and keep up renewable energy systems. My company, Good Energy Solutions, Inc. is a good example of how it takes people to put these systems in. We have grown from 4 to 18 people in three years and should continue to grow if anti-energy efficiency tariffs such as this one is put into place. Job growth is obviously a societal benefit.

I would ask that the Commission consider carefully maintaining a billing structure attached directly to energy use while maintaining a minimal customer charge. I would also ask that a full study of the value of net metered distributed generation systems be done before establishing an arbitrarily excessive monthly fee to the owners of these systems.

Thanks for your consideration, Kevin Good

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Gerrie Lippert

101781

**From:** johnmcnown44@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 9:40 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Ref: Docket No 15-116-RTS

In the current economic environment the KCP&L request for a 12.5% rate increase is far too much for people on fixed income. We understand that KCP&L is required to make certain environmental upgrades to its facilities and has been improving the infrastructure that allows its customers to receive service. However, the question of how much of that burden should be passed on to the customer and how much should be seen as the cost of doing business is one that should be decided in favor of the public and not the corporation. KCP&L is a public utility. While I am sure they have good accountants that can manipulate numbers to show their costs so that this rate increase seems reasonable, 12.5% in a time when banks are charging low rates for loans and paying even less on investments is not a reasonable increase.

Our hope is that as citizens of Kansas, that the KCCC will represent us, the residential customers of KCP&L, and one, not accept their 12.5% increase request, and two distribute whatever increase is approved so that the utility bears its share as a cost of doing business, commercial customers and residents who are on fixed incomes.

My wife and I know this is a difficult decision and trust that you will do what is best for the people of the State.

John & Dola McNown  
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Sent from Windows Mail

Gerrie Lippert

#101782

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lyn McLaurine  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:24 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

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#101783

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of kathryn hilsabeck  
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**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:24 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

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[kathyh1217@att.net](mailto:kathyh1217@att.net)

Gerrie Lippert

# 101784

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Judy Schimmels  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:24 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,  
Judy Schimmels  
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Wichita, KS 67206

Sincerely,

Mrs. Judy Schimmels

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[jags45@aol.com](mailto:jags45@aol.com)

Gerrie Lippert

#101785

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Joyce Chummun  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:54 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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Sincerely,

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**Gerrie Lippert**

#101786

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of LouViana Musiel  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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Sincerely,

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Gerrie Lippert

# 101787

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jeff Head <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

My wife and I -- both now in our sixties -- seriously try to conserve our home energy usage so that we can save money on our utility bills.

We continue to plan for ways to make our home more energy efficient.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

We believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because we want to keep our monthly utility bills affordable so that we can continue to live in our home.

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In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. A 10% return on equity is excessive considering that Westar essentially has no competitor. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

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Sincerely,

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Gerrie Lippert

#101788

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Steve Fast  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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Sincerely,

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** David Cateforis <dcateforis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 9:08 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Comment regarding docket no. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Kansas Corporation Commission,

As I understand it, Westar's requested change to the billing options for customers who install rooftop solar systems after this October would drastically reduce the economic incentive for such installations. As a result, few homeowners would pursue this option, the nascent rooftop solar industry in our state would die, and Westar would assert near-monopoly control over the production of solar power in the region of Kansas that they serve and be able to charge a premium (as they propose) for the solar power they generate. I am strongly opposed to Westar's request and urge you to deny it. Kansas enjoys plentiful sunshine and everything possible should be done to encourage individual Kansans to take advantage of this resource to generate their own power and thereby reduce the burning of fossil fuels and the emission of greenhouse gases that cause global warming. Please do not prioritize Westar's profits over the health of our planet.

With thanks for your consideration,

David Cateforis  
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Lawrence, KS 66049

Gerrie Lippert

# 101790

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of james phares  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

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Gerrie Lippert

#101791

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of David Pittaway  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of carl saft <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 1:59 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 5, 2015

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Sincerely,

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Gerrie Lippert

#101793

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ronald Snow  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ronald Snow  
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Hutchinson, KS 67501  
[hank53@hotmail.com](mailto:hank53@hotmail.com)



101794

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** GARY LOWE <ksglowe623@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:16 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Ref. Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear KCC,

The proposed rate increase by Westar Energy is totally out of line and is very detrimental to those of us on fixed incomes. It just seems that every year Westar has asked for rate increases when we are continually encouraged to conserve our energy demands and tighten our belts. Why should we conserve energy with more efficient light bulbs and use less energy to lessen the "overload" on their systems, when they simply turn around and ask for rate increases to offset the reduced consumption. Even though the KCC may reduce the actual amount requested by Westar, it has never totally denied their requests, and it is still a rate increase nonetheless, especially for those of us on fixed incomes. We don't get an increase in our retirement pensions or Social Security to keep up with inflation, let alone rate increases such as requested by the utility companies. When will the KCC stand up to Westar and say "enough is enough"? We deserve better than having to deal with such requests on a regular basis.

Gary Lowe  
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Wichita, Ks 67209

Gerrie Lippert

# 101795

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Melvin Grandstaff  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. Melvin Grandstaff

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Kerry J Bergren <bergrenk@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:26 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Complaint Against Westar Rate Increase

Dear Sirs,

Do not let Westar Energy get another rate increase. This has got to stop. This appears like the largest increase yet. People in Kansas are hurting and its too bad for Westar stockholders if they can't get their big profits. People are hurting here in Kansas due to lack of jobs and higher prices on goods and services. I know I am most likely talking to a brick wall as the KCC has yet to deny Westar any rate increase. We need to get another power company in Kansas and give Westar some competition. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kerry J Bergren

**Gerrie Lippert**

#101797

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Micheal Engberg  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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Sincerely,

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**Gerrie Lippert**

#101798

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of LaVern Loftus  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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Sincerely,

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** REX WOLF <rkmwolf63@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 9:43 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Increase

I am opposed to Westar's request for a price increase. Each year we go through this and each year you approve the rate hike. At some point you have to say no. As high end pensions are being paid, high end salaries and bonuses are being paid, those of us are not afforded the same luxury. We are asked to cut what we have to spend and it's becoming a 100% increase. Of course it's 6% this year 8% the next but in a short period of time the cost to power our homes have doubled. At some point the public is going to become aware of the pensions and salaries that are paid out; and yes those pensions and salaries are much higher than average. This is only one portion, the investors expectations must be met as well. We live in a time where there are going to be more people not working than those that are. The ability to continue to pay increases every year is more of a challenge every year. Westar has to file a petition and utilize the Supreme Courts decision to not allow the EPA to over burden utility companies with exceedingly expensive regulation. I work for a mechanical contractor, we are guaranteed a profitable year. We must work with what we have and cut where we need to. We must work within the budget set and not ask the public for more funds each year to insure profits. Yes we do price increases, but if we get out of hand the phone don't ring. Please, most folks go unaware, the utility companies such as Westar know this and will take full advantage of this. Make them tighten up, make them work within the idea that they must be proficient. The wind farms... billions and billions spent on them, have we noticed a savings on our energy bills...no! When will we see the benefits of the money spent on these farms. These farms should supplement the need for Westar to transmit energy; therefore reducing the cost of Westar daily operating expenses.

Rex Wolf  
Topeka, Kansas

Gerrie Lippert

#101800

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kimberley Vogle  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

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101801

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Terry Hopper <terryahopper@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 8:39 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Energy rate increase request Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

This is in regard to Westar Energy's rate request, Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS.

I am writing to urge the corporation commission to deny this rate increase request.

Westar Energy's customers cannot afford a rate request of this percent, any of their customers who have received a pay increase did not get nearly the percent that Westar is asking for.

Also, Westar Energy has received increases in some of the many charges and fees that are part of their service.

Westar Energy has made over 320 million in profits in each of the last two years, those profits should be used to fund their projects instead of trying to pass them off on already overwhelmed customers.

Again, I am urging the corporation commission to deny this rate increase.



Gerrie Lippert

# 101802

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Madeline Sparling  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:23 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

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101803

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jim Brown  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 8:17 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

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**Gerrie Lippert**

#101804

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Deidre Barnett  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:23 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

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Gerrie Lippert

#101805

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of sheila fortney  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. sheila fortney

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Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** ED STARR <e\_starr1@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 4:41 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS

Good Afternoon

I am writing in opposition to the planned rate request from Westar. I am a senior citizen, living on social security and can't afford to keep paying these increases so that Westar makes money for their shareholders. I realize that shareholder's buy into companies to get paid dividends, but, no one should be guaranteed a fixed return, you buy, you take the chance on the return investment. It is time for Westar to shoulder some of the cost of "up grades" on themselves and quit making the little people pay. I am on the average billing plan and have seen increases in this plan year after year. I know the electric rate isn't that bad, but, it's all the add on's, that Westar should be paying part of these cost's instead of passing everything on to the consumer. Again I am strongly opposed to this rate increase and hope that the commission will listen to the citizen's of Kansas and will reduce or completely reject this proposal.

Thank You

Edwin L starr  
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Wichita, Ks. 67217-3676

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Ann Gilliland <amgilliland@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 1:08 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Proposed Rate Increase - Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear KCC:

I would like to address Westar's proposed increase in their fixed rate costs. Not only do I believe this increase encourages greater electric usage, it is detrimental to our development of clean, sustainable solar and wind power. A for-profit electric company will always want to sell electricity and build more power plants, which in turn requires a more reliable income in the form of higher fixed costs. Additionally, they will continue to work to provide the highest return for their shareholders. I understand these issues, but unfortunately, Westar's goals are at the expense of middle and low income customers.

I live on a fixed income from Social Security Disability. Like most everyone who lives on a fixed income, my budget is very tight. Doubling the fixed rate I now pay would be devastating for me. Since 2009, I've had less and less income for clothing and food. Now, after 22 rate hikes, I fear I won't be able to pay my electric bill this winter. The genetic disease that forced me onto disability also caused a significant weight loss. As a result, I'm unable to tolerate cold temperatures. Two years ago, when our winter was exceptionally cold, I set my thermostat on 68 degrees and wrapped myself up in an electric blanket. Last winter, I set the thermostat on 70 degrees and wore gloves and my heaviest winter coat indoors. I've replaced what lighting I can with LED lights, I unplug all of the electric appliances not in use. As a child, I learned to conserve energy, but today, considering the exceptional rate increase Westar requests, I wonder why I've worked all these years toward that clean, sustainable energy future my parents promised. Had I known, in 2009, that in 2015 I wouldn't be able to save any money at all, I would have moved out of Kansas.

The current economic difficulties Kansas continues to face are stressing many households. I am asking you to please, oppose Westar's rate increase.

Sincerely,

Ann Gilliland

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*Topeka, KS 66604*

Gerrie Lippert

#101808

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carolyn Juenemann  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Niki Christopher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 12:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Westar rate increase

Forwarding a comment on Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS received at CURB.

Niki Christopher  
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 Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB)  
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 Topeka KS 66604  
 785-271-3200

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**+From:** Jerrie DeRose [[mailto:jerrie\\_derose@outlook.com](mailto:jerrie_derose@outlook.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 11:40 PM  
**To:** [ecurb@kcc.state.ks.us](mailto:ecurb@kcc.state.ks.us)  
**Subject:** Proposed Westar rate increase

29 times since 2009? No one is going to convince me or tens of thousands of other Kansans that Westar needs such a large increase. My reasons for opposing it are as follows:

1. Governor Brownback and the GOP controlled KS congress and senate recently raised the state sales tax, the state property tax while communities across KS were forced to cut services to schools, etc. in lieu of the continuing KS budgetary issues while raising local and county property taxes, as well. Middle class and lower income Kansans are tapped out with these increases, the continuance of high beef and dairy prices, and now poultry and eggs. Simply put, we cannot afford to keep paying ever higher electric bills, on top of everything else.
2. Income has increased very little, if at all, for many Kansas workers while the majority of jobs are either part time, seasonal, or service jobs that pay under \$10-\$11 hours with few or no benefits including health insurance. Case in point; my 25 year old single son still lives at home with me since he is not only paying off student loans, his job at the Hutchinson Marriott and Fairfield Inn (a privately owned hotel) pays him \$9.75 per hour and that is after over three years. He started at \$8.50 per hour AND he cannot even afford health insurance and has to pay out of pocket for medical care.
3. Many Kansans, like myself, own older homes in need of repairs and upgrades to be made energy efficient. My home is 73 years old. Living on Social Security, I cannot afford energy efficient windows, insulation for my heating/airconditioning duct work and I lose quite a bit of my cooling as condensation that drips off of the duct work. My windows let heat in around them in the summer and cold air in the winter. My electric bill for this past month was \$202 and that was setting my thermostat on 78 degrees and only using it between noon-9 p.m. for three weeks. I am afraid to see what my electric bill will be for July. AND I am still paying on my pay agreement.
4. With the state sales income tax increase and the state and local property tax increases, even with my son's help I cannot afford to buy even one window, fill in ANY of the gaps around my porch which lets both heat and cold in through the crawl space which extends underneath my entire living room, or to have my ductwork in the basement insulated so that the majority of the cold air comes into the house rather than both the house and basement which I only use to do laundry.
5. There are no longer any state or federal tax credits that allow homeowners, or family members living with older homeowners to get a percent of the money spent on making a home more energy efficient back when the file taxes, and the federal weatherization program is severely underfunded.
6. AND many Kansans are tired of residential rates being increased annually, while businesses see a lower rate increase or none at all.

7. A gentleman, and home owner, tried putting a shorter wind turbine in his back yard to generate some of his own electricity, but the city and county won't allow it. So many Kansans are at the continued mercy of Westar energy and other utilities.
8. Westar Energy should either buy back their own stock so they don't have to share profits with others, as many corporations have done over the past 15 years, or cut their stockholders dividends from 10% to 8% for two or three years to help pay for those improvements and upgrades to Wolf Creek, etc. rather than taking it from working, disabled, or elderly Kansans who struggle just to eat or pay all their bills.
9. Or maybe Westar, now that over 388,000 KS businesses no longer pay any state income tax at all, should raise the rates for businesses at the higher rate and a much smaller increase for residents.
10. Or is Westar willing to pay the medical bills, build homeless shelters, etc. for the elderly, disabled (including veterans and the lifelong disabled from birth), and the poor to stay in during the summer months when their electricity is shut off for non-payment of their bill because their income does not stretch far enough any more. Westar keeps saying they won't turn anyone's electricity off when there is high heat or high heat with a high heat index, but I know different, I have seen it happen to others.

In conclusion, it is time for the KCC and the State of Kansas to think about ALL Kansas citizens and not just KS businesses, or utility companies like Westar for a change. Not all of us, especially in KS, can keep affording the ever increasing electric bills. People should not have to choose between paying their electric bill, doing without fans or air conditioning even on the hottest of summer days, feeding themselves or their families, or seeking medical care.

A concerned Kansas homeowner and Westar Energy customer.

**Gerrie Lippert**

# 101810

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Judith Bellome  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Judith Bellome  
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Lawrence, KS 66047  
[jube@knology.net](mailto:jube@knology.net)

10/8/11

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Darrel Hart <hart3d@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:34 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

KCC Electric Rate Commission:

I urge you to deny the Westar rate increase (Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS) for solar owner customers. The sun that falls on our homes belongs to us, through our investment or craftsmanship using it for our own benefit should be our own decision, without input or financial penalty from a government regulated monopoly trying to increase their income by taxing sunlight. The utilities concern should be confined to safety issues.

I urge the Commissioners to also deny the increase in the fixed charges. This is the most egregious of the requests. Increasing this would cost me more even if I am gone for the month with everything shut off, or if the elderly and poor choose to set in the dark to save, their savings will be reduced. This increase is clearly designed to defeat conservation resulting in CO2 emissions in greater volumes.

The fastest way to reduce pollution is conservation. With the EPA's standards of early August 2015, approving an increase on these two items will hobble the state all the more in complying.

I think the request to recover the cost of complying for upgrades at coal plants to meet EPA standards should be approved.

Thank you,  
Darrel Hart  
7609 Meadow Knoll  
Wichita, KS 67205

Gerrie Lippert

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10/8/12

**From:** Susan <susan@endacottlighting.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:16 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket # 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am very much against the proposed raise of the Westar fixed monthly charge. \$3 a month doesn't sound like much, but that's \$36 a year.

In 2016 I'd pay \$72 more than now, 2017 – \$108, 2018 – \$144, 2019 – \$180 for a grand total of \$540 more PLUS my usage. What really

angers me, is that this is in part because Westar was found to have overcharged some customers & has to pay it back. They put that money in the bank,

it should still be there or invested. Why are they making their customers pay it back? This is just wrong on so many levels. (I forgot to mention the

\$50 charge to solar customers! So wrong!)

Susan Sayson

Manhattan, KS

**Gerrie Lippert**

#101813

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Debby Sutley  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:53 PM  
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Gerrie Lippert

#101814

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of harris dail <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Thad A Davidson <tkdavidson.03@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 8:44 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Rate increase

I request that you reconsider the enormous increase you are looking to burden your customers with. I understand that your costs may be increasing, but please find something else in your budget to offset the costs. Putting that burden on your customers is not the way to go. Thank you for finding a way to not increase the costs for your loyal customers.

Sincerely,  
Katie Davidson



Gerrie Lippert

#101816

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Shauna Sparlin  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** peonyfarm@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 8:29 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Solar Billing Fee Comments  
**Attachments:** Westar\_Customer\_Solar\_Power\_Commentary\_July\_2015.docx

Please find attached my comments on the proposed Westar billing fees for those who use solar power.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email or on my home phone: 316-755-2867.

Thank you for ensuring Kansas gets safe, clean and fair energy.

Randy Jackson

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Randall L. Jackson  
2801 E 101<sup>st</sup> St North  
Valley Center, KS 67147

I am a lifelong resident of Kansas, who has a desire to do what I can to help with our energy consumption and protect our environment for our children.

We built our home in 1985, on property owned by my family for 3 generations, and have over the years replaced all of our incandescent bulbs with either fluorescent or LED lighting. We utilize drip irrigation, composting, rain harvesting and recycling in our farm business. Our "roots" and our heart is with our family, friends and home in Kansas, and we are trying to do what we can to be good stewards of the land we have been trusted with, as well as working to reduce our consumption of energy in Kansas.

Since I as an individual don't feel I have any real impact on the overall energy policies and macro level energy consumption, I felt we should do more at our level to try to make a difference. So, in May 2013, my wife and I installed the first part of our net-metering solar power on our family farm, which included fifteen 250-watt panels. Since Westar was willing to work with individuals by allowing net-metering, we saw this as a "win-win". We could generate electricity for ourselves, and any extra capacity would be available for Westar to use, without the costs, safety and environmental issues of nuclear or coal-fired plants. We thought "This is great! Our electricity provider has recognized how to get its customers to help them generate power without the safety and air pollution concerns of other methods."

In 2015, we increased our solar power to 27 total panels, which is now able to generate the majority of the power needed for our farm operation. Again, it was expensive, and didn't provide all of the power we use as a customer, but we were doing what we could to help generate pollutant-free power.

Our system has now generated over 11 Megawatts of power since it was installed, which is equal to 7.9 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. However, our electric bills appear to continue to be high, which may affect our payback timeframe. Westar replaced our old KGE meter that we had for many years, with a new digital meter, at the same time as we installed the solar system. They say this meter is more accurately recording our usage and causing us higher bills. I have been implementing new separate meters on my own to try to determine why we have not reduced our bills further, but I suspect it is due to the amount of net metering Westar is allowing, and I do not know how to determine how the Westar meter is calculating the amount of kWh I am being paid for.

I am concerned that large corporations are making decisions based solely on the effect on the "bottom line" and their stockholders, versus the effect on the environment and the well-being of individuals in our state. With the latest proposal to begin a "minimum" billing amount for solar powered consumers, I am concerned about Westar's on-going commitment for net-metering and continuing a win-win situation for them and their customers. This new billing process will cause more of us who have solar power to look for other ways to not use Westar at all, such as going off-grid, rather than working together to create efficient, safe, clean power. We already have a small battery back-up solar system that we can expand if Westar's net-metering or billing practices warrant.

Here's what I just don't understand. What could be better than having your customers help you produce the very product you sell, especially when it can be done with less air pollution and investment by Westar in expensive power-generating plants. Certainly, the solar power currently being generated by consumers is small, and can't currently provide the amount of power needed for all consumers.

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However, the importance Westar is placing on this new billing process tells me they expect it to become more prevalent. In fact, they even have a row of panels around their own building in Wichita!

If Westar believes solar will begin to take away their business, then why don't they work harder to help incorporate this into their existing systems to take advantage of this power source. We've seen what happened to the postal service when they waited too long to react to the use of the internet technology on their business. Allowing Westar to try to "control" the generation of consumer-based solar power, rather than working with their customers to take advantage of a new source of power, seems to be encouraging a large power monopoly to not react to changes in technology and the marketplace.

So why provide dis-incentives to customers who could otherwise help better generate clean, safe and efficient power, by penalizing them for installing solar power? This makes no sense to me whatsoever, and further increases my cynicism towards large corporations and their effect on me and my family and Kansas. Providing a "grandfather clause", for those like us who have already installed solar systems, seems to be an attempt to quiet those who have already made the investment in solar power. But the minimum billing process will still discourage those who may be considering installing solar systems, and who could help generate more clean, safe and efficient power.

As we have seen time and time again, when companies do not listen to their customers, or try to ward off major changes in the marketplace, they eventually lose their customer base. I implore you to encourage Westar to continue to incent, not discourage, their customers to do what we know is right --- to generate power that is efficient, clean and safe, by encouraging more customer-generated solar energy for the state of Kansas!

Please do not allow Westar to implement pricing policies that penalize alternative energy producers.

Thank you for watching out for us!

**Gerrie Lippert**

#101818

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gam Nguyen  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:53 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Gam Nguyen

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Gerrie Lippert

#101819

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**From:** Benjamin Claypool <bpclaypool@kc.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:34 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Comment re: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Hello,

I am writing to voice my opposition to Westar's proposed increase in mandatory charges from \$12 per month to \$27 per month by 2019. This unfairly taxes energy consumers who make informed, intentional choices to save money on their electric bill. I make decisions every day on how to save money, especially when it comes to my energy use. By using energy efficient light bulbs, choosing energy efficient appliances, keeping the AC up in the summer, I am able to reduce my monthly utility cost because I am using less of the resource. This proposed hike in the mandatory charge would eliminate savings and cost-conscious energy efficiency choices made by hundreds of thousands of Westar users. It is an overreach by the corporation and should not be accepted.

Thank you,  
Benjamin Claypool

Gerrie Lippert

#101820

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**From:** Colleen Riley <colleenriley48@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:32 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Regarding Westar Rate Increase

I'm a homeowner who has put up solar panel with my own sweat and dollars because I believe in shifting to clean sustainable energy. As a state it is imperative that we continue to grow in sustainable energy as coal supplies will be unsustainable in the next two decades. The proposal for rate increases by Westar penalizes those of us who have or would invest in clean sustainable energy by requiring them to pay a much larger base rate than other paying customers. This also disincentives others who may be considering such an investment in clean energy. Please don't penalize people invest in clean energy. Thank you for your consideration.

Dream Big, So many possibilities!

Colleen Riley

In Chapter 4 of "Community: The Structure of Belonging" Peter Block says, "Restoration comes from the choice to value possibility and relatedness over problems...(and) by the kinds of conversations we initiate with each other." Our conversation about dreams for living is in the context of this question: "What can we create together?"

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Oakley, Berl R <boakley@ku.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 10:17 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Proposed Westar rate increases

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing with respect to Westar Energy's application for a rate increase (Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS). I will not comment on the overall size of the proposed rate increase, but I will comment on two things.

First, as you know, Westar proposes to increase the base rate for residential customers from \$12 to \$27 over the next five years. The stated reason for the rate increases is necessary upgrades for the La Cygne coal power plant and the Wolf Creek nuclear power plant. These additional costs relate to the additional cost of producing electricity, not distributing it. These costs should, thus, not be reflected in the base rate but in the fuel cost rate. This rate change would also have the perverse effect of causing the greatest percentage increase for those that use the least electricity, often Kansans with modest incomes.

Second, the increases in costs for customers with new solar installations are unreasonable. It may be that there are some increased costs for Westar associated with new solar installations. The proposed increase seems large and arbitrary, however. There should be a thorough and unbiased cost analysis before any increases are approved. It is worth noting that these costs may decrease with time as smart grid technology improves and becomes more mainstream (as is happening in China and Europe). I also note that Westar already buys solar produced power from its customers at a rate that is lower than it charges its other customers for that power, thereby profiting from solar energy produced by its customers.

Thank you for noting my opinion.

Berl R. Oakley  
1212 Parkside Rd.  
Lawrence, KS



Gerrie Lippert

#101822

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Thurman Oliver  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:23 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Thurman Oliver  
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[jtoliver5995@yahoo.com](mailto:jtoliver5995@yahoo.com)

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Randy Lemon <rlemon@cableone.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 8:51 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** rate increase

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After the sales tax on food was increased by our state Legislature, we are now expected to endure a big new rate increase for our electric service.

I oppose shifting costs onto working families and I also oppose the punishment Westar proposes on solar panel owners. The 10% return on investment for stockholders is excessive for a utility and should be reduced. To encourage responsible consumption, electric bills should reflect the amount of electricity used and not impose a fixed fee each month.

Signed

Randy Lemon  
Emporia

Gerrie Lippert

# 101824

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Art Heitschmidt  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:23 PM  
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#101825

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of LuAnn Rodriquez  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Brooke Gillespie <bgillespie218@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 8:12 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Please Reconsider Another Westar Rate Hike

To Whom It May Concern,

I have a small family and we live paycheck to paycheck just like anyone else who doesn't work for the government. Another rate increase for Westar is only ensuring that less of my disposable income goes into the Kansas economy and small businesses. I absolutely despise the fact that I have no option when it comes to choosing a company to supply my home with electricity. This is nothing less than extortion by a monopoly company. The taxes in Kansas are already ridiculously high. How would it make you feel to know that some families have to choose between food in their fridge and air conditioning/lights on a hot day? This is some peoples' real life struggle. Have some empathy for real human beings who are just trying to keep their head above the water. I'm a 23 year old wife and mother. I work full time and go to school full time so that I can help to support my family. I pay my own way through school. The definition of the American dream has changed so much from even when I was little. I almost always feel that no matter how hard I work, I can never get ahead because every time I turn around, someone always has their hand out asking for more of my hard-earned money. If you want to know what being in the middle class feels like, just imagine we are all on a big ladder. The people above us are kicking us in the face while the people below us are hanging onto our ankles. It's hard to get anywhere in a situation like that. Please reconsider allowing another Westar rate increase.

Thank You,  
Brooke Gillespie

**Gerrie Lippert**

#101827

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Daryl Myers  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Brad House  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Danjel Turr  
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Gerrie Lippert

# 101Y30

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of greg nichols  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:23 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. greg nichols

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[nichols.greg@yahoo.com](mailto:nichols.greg@yahoo.com)

Gerrie Lippert

# 101831

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of H. J. Smith  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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P. O. Box 292  
Valley Center, KS 67147  
[charteroaksholdings@live.com](mailto:charteroaksholdings@live.com)

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#101832

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Monica taylor  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:53 PM  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Monica taylor  
9400 E Lincoln #215  
wichita, KS 67207  
[monica1258@att.net](mailto:monica1258@att.net)

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#101833

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Velma Flory  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:53 PM  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Velma Flory  
1024 N 700th Rd  
Bardwin City, KS 66006  
[farmers222@yahoo.com](mailto:farmers222@yahoo.com)

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# 101834

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Margaret Sweeton  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:53 PM  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Margaret Sweeton  
1818 W 11th St N  
Wichita, KS 67203  
[margiartgirl@gmail.com](mailto:margiartgirl@gmail.com)

101835

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** max.mccoy@gmail.com on behalf of Max McCoy <max@maxmccoy.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 5:21 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Opposes Westar Rate Hike

Dear Commissioners,

I oppose the requested Westar Rate hike. Public utilities are a public trust, and to grant Westar a rate hike to allow them a 10 percent return on investment--when most of its residential consumers, particularly the poor and the elderly, are living hand-to-mouth--is unconscionable.

Sincerely,

Max McCoy  
924 Constitution  
Emporia, KS 66801

Gerrie Lippert

# 101836

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sandy Gable  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:53 PM  
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What and when is there enough!

Sincerely,

Ms. Sandy Gable

KS 67212  
[sgable@yahoo.com](mailto:sgable@yahoo.com)

Gerrie Lippert

# 101837

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Matthew Brown  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Mr. Matthew Brown  
121 N Crestway St  
Wichita, KS 67208-3839  
[mbrown52@mac.com](mailto:mbrown52@mac.com)



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#101838

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carol Besco  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:53 PM  
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Ms. Carol Besco  
310 Berry Avenue  
Apt. G  
Rose Hill, KS 67133  
[cjbesco@yahoo.com](mailto:cjbesco@yahoo.com)

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# 101839

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Linda Favre  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:53 PM  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Linda Favre  
760 Highland Ave  
Salina, KS 67401  
[drfavre@yahoo.com](mailto:drfavre@yahoo.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

# 101240

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of DAVID ECKHOFF  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:24 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mr. DAVID ECKHOFF  
14405 E Blanchard  
Burrton, KS 67020  
[eckhoff1@yahoo.com](mailto:eckhoff1@yahoo.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

#101841

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Colleen Souders  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:24 PM  
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I'm disabled due to Systemic Lupus and can't be in the sun, so am home inside many days. I can't afford a rate hike.

Sincerely, Colleen Souders  
12798 SW 93rd Terr  
Andover, KS 67002

Sincerely,

Mrs. Colleen Souders  
12798 SW 93rd Terrace  
Andover, KS 67002  
(316) 251-1977  
[carsonjosnana@outlook.com](mailto:carsonjosnana@outlook.com)

Gerrie Lippert

# 101842

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Diana Treff  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:23 PM  
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Mrs. Diana Treff  
13646 Leavenworth Road  
Kansas city, KS 66109  
[dtcuts4u@gmail.com](mailto:dtcuts4u@gmail.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

#101843

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gina Tice <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:23 PM  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Gina Tice  
807 LEXINGTON RD  
WICHITA, KS 67218-2729  
(316) 281-5868  
[gnas3girls@gmail.com](mailto:gnas3girls@gmail.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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1307 Cresthill Rd  
wichita, KS 67037  
[mikesoles57@gmail.com](mailto:mikesoles57@gmail.com)

Gerrie Lippert

# 101845

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Edward Coleman  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Bel Aire, KS 67220  
(817) 228-6136  
[mc1701@aol.com](mailto:mc1701@aol.com)



Gerrie Lippert

# 101846

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gary Calvert  
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Wichita, KS 67204  
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**Gerrie Lippert**

# 101847

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:23 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kathy Renner  
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Derby 67037  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Galen Lay <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Gerrie Lippert

#101850

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of bruce talley  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Sincerely,

Mr. bruce talley

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#101851

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Denise Stauffer  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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I'm disabled live on SSI \$733.00 per month I don't know how I will make it if you raise my electric bill. I try to conserve. Please say NO!!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Denise Stauffer  
4920 Jefferson Way  
Lawrence, KS 66049  
(785) 331-5753  
[staufferdm@icloud.com](mailto:staufferdm@icloud.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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908 Gardens Ct  
Lawrence, KS 66044  
(402) 239-3945  
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#101853

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kirk Thomas  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Mr. Kirk Thomas  
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Kechi, KS 67067  
[kirkthomas0@gmail.com](mailto:kirkthomas0@gmail.com)





# Comment Form

Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

The Kansas Corporation Commission is accepting comments through August 11, 2015, in Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS. By completing this form you will be providing comment that will be entered into the record. Comments are reviewed and considered by the Commission prior to a final order being issued in the case.

Name (please print): Lavina Epp

Address: 2314 W 22nd Ave Emporia, KS 66801

Phone: 620-342-3964 Email: lav.epp@gmail.com

Preferred method of contact: phone

Comment: As a responsible citizen, I have followed conservation practices for years, and I wholeheartedly support alternative sources of energy. It distresses me to know that no matter what I do, the fixed customer charge can be raised as requested by Westar to benefit their shareholders.

Many customers are on fixed incomes, and the requested rate increase would call for tough choices. In other words, I definitely oppose Westar's requested rate increase - it's too much!

Signature: Lavina Epp Date: 8-05-15

Please note: By submitting comments to the Commission, you are authorizing the Commission to make your comments and any included information publicly available.

Gerrie Lippert

# 101855

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marilyn Panico  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Seriously enough.

Marilyn Panico

Sincerely,

Ms. Marilyn Panico

67037

romapani@yahoo.com

#101855

**Gerrie Lippert**

#101856

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sallie Thompson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:53 PM  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Sallie Thompson

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Office of Public Affairs/Consumer Protection  
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August 4, 2015

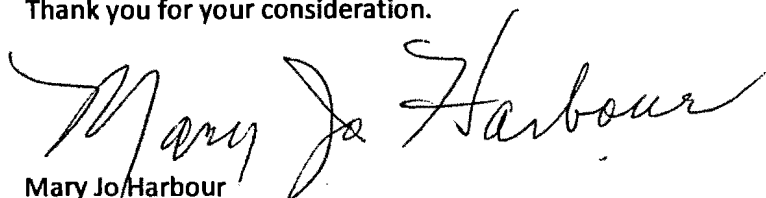
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To Whom It May Concern:

Westar Energy's bid for new rate structure is a really bad idea for several reasons.

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3. It is my understanding that Kansas has a fairly low per-kilowatt-hour price. Raising this, instead of the service fee, would encourage people to conserve energy.
4. Please think of the low income families and the elderly, retired people. This will hit them particularly hard.

Thank you for your consideration.



Mary Jo Harbour  
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Manhattan KS 66502

Gerrie Lippert

#101858

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Christopher Greco  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Dr. Christopher Greco

KS 66002  
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#101859

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of patty Tarrant  
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#101860

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marty Atkisson  
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Mrs. Marty Atkisson  
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Emporia, KS 66801  
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Gerrie Lippert

#101861

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Deborah Shutt  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:23 PM  
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**Gerrie Lippert**

# 101862

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Gary Riley <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Bob Burt <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:23 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 6, 2015

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August 5, 2015

Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, Kansas 66604

**RE: Westar Rate Case - Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS**

Dear Commissioners

I have resided in Topeka since May 1980 at a house built in 1880 by George Pettibone Bates, a Topeka entrepreneur who co-founded Topeka State Bank, now Equity Bank. Mr. Bates would no doubt be surprised and amazed that a solar array now sits on the roof of his former home. I have been generating electricity from my array since May 2015, and selling a portion of that power back to Westar.

I am also a shareholder of Westar and own 900 shares of stock in the company through a dividend reinvestment plan that I have participated in for over 15 years. Thus, as a both a Westar shareholder and a producer of solar power, I believe that I am uniquely positioned to comment on the Westar rate increase request.

A recent letter which I received as a shareholder from Mark Ruelle, President and CEO of Westar, stated that "we don't believe big California solar companies are looking out for Kansas when they try to force rates that let solar panel owners continue to use the grid without paying their fair share of the cost." As Mr. Bates would probably say, "Poppycock!" My system is grid-tied, which means that I continue to use the grid every day and pay my fair share for the power that Westar produces and distributes on the grid. What is actually unfair is that Westar is buying at wholesale the power I generate, and reselling it on the grid to their customers for retail. Therefore, Westar is making money by selling me electricity on a grid that I help pay for everyday, yet pocketing a profit each and every day on the spread between what they pay me for the power I generate and what they get for that same power on the open market. Hardly fair.

Westar should actually be thanking me and other solar array owners for helping make it less likely that Westar will have to build more peaking power plants to cover its customers' requirements for peak energy on hot Kansas days when everyone has their air conditioners cranked up. And guess what - it is exactly at that time of the day that my solar array is generating its own peak power.

I don't know anything at all about any California solar companies involved in this process. I contracted with a Kansas company, Cromwell Solar, in Lawrence, Kansas, to have my system

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dianne Lambert  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 8:26 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Tim Armour  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Patricia Wiggins  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Anne Cross  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:56 AM  
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Sincerely,

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[4evrcdgrpup@att.net](mailto:4evrcdgrpup@att.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** dhemmerling@cox.net  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 5:06 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Rate Hike

Westar has asked for so many rate increases it seems that we cannot get ahead. Some of us are of fixed incomes and each increase cause a stress on finances. There is a difference between need and want. Westar seems to always wants rate increases which seem out of line. I know of no other company that asks for so many increases in rates in this period of time. Every year they want more money and need to be stopped. Please do not allow them to increase my rates until there is a "need".

Thanks,  
Dwight Hemmerling

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Stacey Westfahl  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jack Thurman  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Steve Shaddy  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sheryl Gonzales  
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**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:56 AM  
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**From:** Rick <rlmorgan@embarqmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 4:56 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Proposed Westar rate increase

Sirs,

I believe that subject rate increase is an outrageous attempt by westar to price gouge every residential and business customer they serve because they can. They are supposed to be a public utility company because they are an approved monopoly in the state. Customers have absolutely no choice but to put up with every rate increase they throw at us. We already pay charges in our electric bill which are supposed to be used for maintenance and up keep of the capital facilities westar uses to deliver electricity to our distribution systems. Westar's rates continue to climb at an enormous rate. Even the KCC acknowledges that this rate increase is at least \$100 million over and above what they think the rate increase should be. I for one, think any rate increase is an outrage at this time. We all know that the expenses they have incurred in the last two years on wolf creek plant were primarily caused by improper electrical connections by contractors they hired to maintain the facility. It took them months to even figure out what the problems were and when they did it was hush hush. "Don't let the public know that we screwed up because we are going to charge them for all the additional costs we incurred from these screw ups." The CEO should have been fired or at least his pay should have been cut in half and the previous CEO should be sitting in Jail right now until he coughs up all the money he stole from "our" company.

Westar should be required to: 1 recoup all the money they have lost in embezzlement by their CEO's and upper management staff; 2. Recoup excessive wages paid out to the existing failing CEO and upper management staff by cutting their pay in half, 3. Recoup inappropriate payments made to contractors who did unsatisfactory work for the utility on its plants which has cost them millions of \$s, and 4. Hire citizens of the US to work on US utilities instead of out of State contractors who bring in illegal immigrants who are paid minimum wages for unsatisfactory work. Use those funds to bring all the facilities up to proper standards. Then hire a honest CEO and upper management staff that know how to manage a "PUBLIC" utility efficiently and effectively for the public it is supposed to be supporting. Implement those standards and conditions and Westar probably wouldn't need a rate hike in the next 10 years.

As it stands right now, we have a bunch of jerks running this outfit who only look at how they can line their own pockets with buckets of our hard earned cash. They refuse to maintain production units in accordance with the manufactures maintenance standards; hire cheap outside contractors to do work their own in-house electricians and mechanics could/should be doing far more cost effectively. Then they expect us consumers to pay for their lousy management decisions through outrageous salaries and bonuses! I believe its time for GAO to conduct audit on this outfit for price gouging. Maybe its time to request the FERC or our State Representatives and/or Senators to have GAO look into this and find out just were all the rate hikes really went. I don't have any figures but its clear that their rate hikes are climbing just as fast if not faster than medical expenses. Worse yet, westars' customers haven' seen cost of living pay increases that come even slightly close to the increases that Westar (and the KCC allowed) has slapped on us over the last ten years.

WE need More electric utility companies in Kansas to provide westar with commercial competition rather than allowing them to sit back in their comfortable monopoly chair and fire out a rate increase every time they get an itch.



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One Very Perturbed "westar" Customer  
Richard Morgan  
Lebo, Kansas

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Johann Schart  
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**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Muriel Cohan  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 7, 2015

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Katherine Montgomery <kmhmontgom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 4:14 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar base rate increase

Dear Commissioners,

I object to the residential standard service rate increase.

This rate increase far exceeds most American household base service rates, why and how can Westar justify this? How can other national providers manage to keep their base rates lower? Motivation like profits for investors undermine public good.

More than doubling the current rate is difficult on fixed and low income residents.

The rate hike discourages efficient use of energy the very direction we should be avoiding.

Please vote to reject this rate hike.

Katherine Montgomery  
Manhattan Kansas

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Stacey Westfahl  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:56 AM  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Stacey Westfahl  
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**From:** Ernie Van Horn <elrancho1@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 3:56 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Fw: Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

**Sent:** Sunday, August 02, 2015 6:01 PM  
**Subject:** Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To Kansas Corporation Commission:

I am writing this on behalf of WE THE PEOPLE (senior citizens and /or persons that are working less than 30 hours a week or for minimum wage or both), I am trying to justify how they can afford such a phenonemal increase that WESTAR ENERGY is suggesting on their electric bill.

The average Social Securty payment is \$1,164.18 per month and 30 hours at 7.15 per hour is \$214.50 a week and that is before taxes. These people have other bills to pay also. I have been informed that WESTAR ENERGY has had nine pay rate increases since 2009 -2015 thats six years, that averages more than three rate increases per year. I am sure these people would like to have three pay increases a year.

Those rate increases cut into the amount of groceries they can purchase. Lets ask the WESTAR FAT CATS, the ones making six figure or more incomes if they are willing to take cuts in their pay three times a year. At \$12 a month (current rate) an increase of \$3.00 is a 25% increase thats before we even turn a light bulb on and my last Social Security Payment was a whopping 1.7 increase, there is something wrong here.

Ernie Van Horn  
785-823-8860  
elrancho1@cox.net

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Randy Griggs <rgriggs1@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:48 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** West Star Increase

Dear KCC,

I am asking you not to approve the West star Energy increase.

We have seen large increases from West Star over the years and watch their profits rise. I am just a hard working Kansas citizen trying to make a living. With these type of increases and the type of wage increases that the average working person receives, it is very hard to make ends meet.

Again please do not allow this increase.

Thank you  
Randy Griggs  
Salina Kansas

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Fred Brilke  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Sincerely,

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Yates Center, KS 66783  
[joanbrilke@gmail.com](mailto:joanbrilke@gmail.com)



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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Naomi McAdow  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:26 AM  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lanna Locke  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Mrs. Lanna Locke

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**From:** Al Witzke <straight.shot@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 2:47 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** West rate increase

Kansas Corporation Commission

Sirs:

I am writing to object to the idea that Westar needs to cover their fixed cost by charging a fixed fee to all of us. That makes no sense at all. They are a business just like any other company and need to take care of their costs by wise use of their funds and monitoring their activities just like any other business does. I will venture a guess that they don't watch the waste like others do and if they don't then it is your job to see that they do. I used to teach and I know that there was waste in the schools, so in a company like Westar there is waste too. Just look for it.

Al Witzke  
316 Crescent  
Hutchinson, KS 67502



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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Deborah Southerland  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Mrs. Deborah Southerland  
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[abracadeborahann@gmail.com](mailto:abracadeborahann@gmail.com)

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Sincerely,

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Manhattan, KS 66503  
(480) 650-1744  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Courtney Franklin  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 1:56 PM  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Courtney Franklin

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Caroline Wells  
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**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 12:56 PM  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of roy wisecup  
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Sincerely,

Mr. roy wisecup  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Chuck and Lori Torres  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carol Megrail  
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Mrs. Carol Megrail  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Janice Schroeder  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Janice Schroeder  
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GODDARD, KS 67052-9278  
[jschroeder27@cox.net](mailto:jschroeder27@cox.net)

**Gerrie Lippert**

#101897

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carol Megrail  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 11:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 7, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Carol Megrail  
9323 Thurman Street  
Wichita, KS 67212  
[megrail@cox.net](mailto:megrail@cox.net)

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#101898

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Patsy Penner  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 11:26 AM  
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Mrs. Patsy Penner

67020  
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Gerrie Lippert

#101899

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Annette Baughman  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 11:26 AM  
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Ms. Annette Baughman  
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Caney, KS 67333  
[rnfarmgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:rnfarmgirl@yahoo.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of David Ryan  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 11:26 AM  
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Sincerely,

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**Gerrie Lippert**

#101901

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mary Traul  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:57 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Traul  
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Baldwin city, KS 66006  
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Gerrie Lippert

#101902

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of PAMELA BROWN  
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**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:56 AM  
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Miss PAMELA BROWN  
501 north carbon st  
GIRARD, KS 66743  
[pb50c@yahoo.com](mailto:pb50c@yahoo.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Alicia Rues  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:58 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Alicia Rues  
1226 SW Oakley  
Topeka, KS 66604  
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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Maralee Kilts  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:58 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Ms. Maralee Kilts  
PO Box 112  
It's, KS 67146  
[maraleekilts@yahoo.com](mailto:maraleekilts@yahoo.com)

Gerrie Lippert

101905

**From:** Leslie Bornowsky <lesliebornowsky@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:13 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Fwd: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Please see below.

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**From:** "ljbornsky@juno.com" <ljbornsky@juno.com>  
**Date:** Aug 7, 2015 4:52 PM  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS  
**To:** <lesliebornowsky@gmail.com>  
**Cc:**

405 N. St. Paul  
Wichita, KS 67203  
August 7, 2015

KCC at Office of Public Affairs  
and Consumer Protection  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

RE: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to protest the aforementioned docket number, i.e., the proposed Westar increase.

In 2012-2013, my Westar bill tripled even though I am on the level payment plan. Shortly before my bill had increased, I had made a major purchase that I had been putting off for many years which, after careful consideration of my monthly bills, I had decided that I could finally afford. However, when my Westar bill tripled, it was impossible for me to meet my financial obligations and it became necessary for me to withdraw money from my retirement nest egg in order to pay off that large purchase so I could afford to pay my increased monthly Westar bill.

I have noticed a decline in recent years in the number of cars and people at the local shopping malls which leads me to believe that many others must be struggling also and that the higher electric bills are cutting into the discretionary income for many households. I am sure this is felt more intensely by those on fixed/limited incomes, e.g., people who are retired, unemployed, disabled, etc. If a rate increase was being proposed on businesses, I am sure that business owners would protest on the basis of a decline in their sales.

In addition, I find it hard to believe that Westar needs another rate increase considering the number of electronic devices per household that need to be plugged into an electrical outlet on a daily basis (and sometimes more often than that) in order to be recharged. Personally, I have three devices which have to be recharged at least

once a day and oftentimes twice a day. That electrical usage is in addition to the electricity used on everyday appliances such as air conditioning, refrigerators, microwaves, televisions, washers and dryers, etc.

I cannot afford an increase of any amount, let alone \$13.00, to my monthly Westar bill. I have had to undergo several surgeries over the past three years and I am struggling to pay my portion of the medical bills resulting from my health care.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts on this subject.

Respectfully,  
Leslie Bornowsky

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carl Fischer  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:57 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Carl Fischer  
9390 26th Road  
Rock, KS 67131  
[chfischer@txtav.com](mailto:chfischer@txtav.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Donnelly Bledsoe  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:26 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mr. Donnelly Bledsoe  
1106 E Main St  
Cherryvale, KS 67335  
[donb@aonx.net](mailto:donb@aonx.net)



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of harvey shaver  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:26 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mr. harvey shaver  
2605 se 2nd st  
topeka, KS 66607  
[hshaver1@cox.net](mailto:hshaver1@cox.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of John Widdowson  
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**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:26 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

Mr. John Widdowson  
819 Fabrique St.  
Wichita, KS 67218  
[jwidd@att.net](mailto:jwidd@att.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Daniel Bowers  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:26 AM  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Daniel Bowers  
720 Neosho  
Neosho Rapids, KS 66864  
[daniel12502@gmail.com](mailto:daniel12502@gmail.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ed Burns <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 6:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Wichita, KS 67208  
[edburns816@yahoo.com](mailto:edburns816@yahoo.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Janice Smith  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 6:55 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 7, 2015

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Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Sincerely,

Ms. Janice Smith

Wichita, KS 67220  
[ms2608@cox.net](mailto:ms2608@cox.net)

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Complaint ID **101913**

Date Filed **08/10/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

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| Account No                             | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name <b>GAROLD COMBES</b>              | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                               | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address                         | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address                        | Special Instructions |                  |
| City <b>LEBO</b>                       |                      |                  |
| State <b>KS</b> Zip Code <b>6 6856</b> |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

**Complaint Coding**

| Not Applicable<br>Company ID | Complaint Code | Complaint Type | Company Resolution | Complaint Closed | Violation/<br>Concern | Issue | Dispute Explanation | Disputed Dollars | Dollars KCC Saved<br>Consumer |
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**Docket Opinion**

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## Narrative

08/10/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE AS ON FIXED INCOME.

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dow Horde  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Wichita, KS 67211  
[free.spirit64@yahoo.com](mailto:free.spirit64@yahoo.com)



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Walt Hare <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 6:25 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mr. Walt Hare  
813 Spruce ST  
Atchison, KS 66002  
[hared@att.net](mailto:hared@att.net)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Leah Cappaletti  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 7:57 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mrs. Leah Cappaletti  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Mary Ann Fleming  
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Manhattan, KS 66502-6127  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ronald Upton  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**To:** public.affairs  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kevin Bradford  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Derby, KS 67037  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Bart Lawson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 5:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of gayle evans  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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wichita, KS 67210  
(316) 681-0061  
[gerbiebird13@aol.com](mailto:gerbiebird13@aol.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dorothy Wolters  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Ms. Dorothy Wolters  
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Atchison, KS 66002  
[dorothy@mountosb.org](mailto:dorothy@mountosb.org)



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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of james regan  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 4:55 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mr. james regan  
501 april ln  
fort scott, KS 66701  
[mrregan@classicnet.net](mailto:mrregan@classicnet.net)

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Wakarusaguy@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 6:45 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Commissioners Albrecht, Emler and Apple:

I'm a Westar customer, and understand Westar's desire to ensure it will be able to maintain the infrastructure on which all its customers rely.

Come down to it, however, it seems clear that Westar's proposed changes would seriously harm future growth of consumer solar energy in Kansas. This at a time when it becomes more certain each day that our country needs solar and other alternative energy-resources as part of a long-term energy policy.

Personally, I'd be more than willing to pay a bit more on my Westar bill, if it would keep solar a viable choice for Kansans.

I strongly urge you to reject Westar's proposals insofar as they impede the continuing growth of consumer solar energy in Kansas.

respectfully, Steven R. Hicks  
1016 E. 1292 Road  
Lawrence, Kansas 66047

(785) 979-9118  
[wakarusaguy@aol.com](mailto:wakarusaguy@aol.com)

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 5:57 PM  
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wICHITA, KS 67203-3152  
[turtlewaltz@cox.net](mailto:turtlewaltz@cox.net)

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**From:** Bill J Wiesner <bjwiesner@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 5:55 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Another (24 times in 5 years) Westar increase!!!!

Tell me that this also wasn't part of the Westar plan in the first place. Can you ever imagine that this is the "First??" time anyone ever asked more at budget time ,knowing full well their "request" would be cut! Oldest trick in the business world. Hope all our kcc members understand it. I wonder???

Sent from my iPad

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Michael Moore  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 3:54 AM  
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Lawrence, KS 66049-2425  
[dualdragons1@gmail.com](mailto:dualdragons1@gmail.com)

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Sincerely,

Mr. John Oldham  
716 Michigan  
Oswego, KS 67356  
[jdo549@yahoo.com](mailto:jdo549@yahoo.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jane Asbury  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 3:24 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 7, 2015

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Sincerely,

Ms. Jane Asbury  
2901 W. 26th St.  
Lawrence, KS 66047  
[jasbury@ku.edu](mailto:jasbury@ku.edu)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sue Spellman  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 2:54 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Sue Spellman  
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Lawrence, KS 66046-5423  
[susiesmiles46@yahoo.com](mailto:susiesmiles46@yahoo.com)



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Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Bobbie Hulse <healthyaltmc@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 5:06 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Rate increase

Dear whoever this goes to,

I do not know whom I am addressing but it is time for westar to quit begging the commission to get increases over and over for the same thing with no sunset on the increase. They have had enough increases to choke a horse. We out here have to find a way to budget and never in the history of this State has any utility done such damage to the economics of citizens to whom they serve. They seem to keep using the same old excuse, government regulations and maintenance. We all do maintenance on our car, our house, our everything and we do it within our budget. Most of us haven't had a decent raise in years and they seem to think all they need to do is ask. Our commission does work for us and it's time they did just that. Just say no..... Audit the books of Westar and see that they are way out of line.

Bobbie Hulse

The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the war for independence. As a historical, educational, and patriotic, non-profit corporation organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, we seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "e pluribus unum" that was created from the people of many nations -- one nation and one people.

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Tom Solnok  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 12:24 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Even the \$75 million dollar increase is too much... You are our voice, please use it effectively for the largest rates player group in the state, Kansas citizens

Sincerely,

Mr. Tom Solnok  
706 N Sumac Rd  
Derby, KS 67037  
(316) 655-2304  
[tomsolnok@hotmail.com](mailto:tomsolnok@hotmail.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Janet Fisk <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 12:24 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Janet Fisk  
7019 W 11th  
Wichita, KS 67212  
[janet\\_duane@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janet_duane@sbcglobal.net)

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Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Dave Redmon <ldredmon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 4:58 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** My statement to KCC

Greetings KCC members--

Even with the settlement announced on Fri 7 Aug, I have a major concern with Westar's business strategy. Instead of raising mandatory fees, I encourage Westar to charge customers for the energy they use. This is the best way to preserve incentives to use less energy and avoid burdening those Kansans who use the least energy with a disproportionate amount of the cost.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Redmon  
2232 Cedar Acres Drive  
Manhattan, KS 66502

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*Dave Redmon*

*A person who knows that enough is enough will always have enough.*

--LAO TZU (6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E.)

To perceive the world and our life in it as gifts originating in sanctity is to see our human economy as a continuing moral crisis. --WENDELL BERRY "*The Agrarian Standard*"

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marcia Beal-Stullken  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 4:57 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Marcia Beal-Stullken  
5949 SW Christina Ct.  
Topeka, KS 66614  
[marcia@stullken.com](mailto:marcia@stullken.com)

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lloyd Langston  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Westar is seeking a rate request which, quite frankly, is suspicious at best. Their claim is they want to upgrade equipment to better meet the requirements for a cleaner environment. I never notice Westar making "noise" toward being a good steward of our environment until they have to have a noble cause to "justify" an increase of consumers rates.

Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge with increases before I even turn on a light! I suppose that's one way to encourage conservation of resources. The real down side to such a planned increase is the unjust burden placed on individuals with a fixed income. They can now contribute to the environment by freezing in the winter, sweltering in the summer; and accomplishing all this while living in a dark home. Oh, let's not forget the upside. These people can spend time in well lighted, climate controlled hospitals while recovering from pneumonia or heat strokes. They will be well cared for in the limited time provided by Medicare for their recovery and then return to the same conditions previously enjoyed that allowed them a short respite for medical care.

Individuals on Social Security received a 1.7% increase in 2015, which amounts to \$35.00 to \$40.00 at best; in most cases much less. I know these people will gladly donate this increase to assure Westar's investors get their 10% increase and Westar provides an environmentally clean product too expensive for these consumers to use.

I understand Westar and other corporations need to provide incentive to current investors and attract others, but let's further understand that today's economy negatively impacts the 1.7%ers much greater than the 10%ers. Investors are entitled to expect a reasonable return on their investment but today's economy doesn't support the requested return;

I believe the original rate request has been reduced but I further understand that a utility tends to "fluff-up" their request knowing the Commission will likely cut the request close to what the utility actually wanted. Now comes the time to trim the fat from the remaining amount of the request.

it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because people need reasonable and affordable monthly utility bills that allows them to continue living in their homes.

Thank you and I'm confident the Commission will keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Lloyd Langston  
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Topeka, KS 66614  
[bud.langston@yahoo.com](mailto:bud.langston@yahoo.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marty Kuehler  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:56 AM  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Marty Kuehler  
3726 S Brummett St.  
Wichita, KS 67215  
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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jerry Roberts  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 4:57 PM  
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Hutchinson, KS 67501  
[jroberts14@cox.net](mailto:jroberts14@cox.net)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kathleen K. McGee  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 4:27 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathleen K. McGee  
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Wichita, KS 67213  
[vmcgee11@cox.net](mailto:vmcgee11@cox.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of David Anderson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 12:24 AM  
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I am disabled, on a fixed income and oxygen 24/7. I have trouble affording my medical cost, meds, insurance, etc. and my other bills. If there is a rate increase I would not be able to afford to live alone in my house. Please do not approve another rate increase.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Anderson  
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Wichita, KS 67204  
[amess4u2@hotmail.com](mailto:amess4u2@hotmail.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carol Thomas  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Mrs. Carol Thomas  
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Emporia, KS 66801  
[thomascj@cablone.net](mailto:thomascj@cablone.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lindee Calderwood  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 12:24 AM  
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Mrs. Lindee Calderwood  
PO Box 58  
Overbrook, KS 66524  
[rlawood@att.net](mailto:rlawood@att.net)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of John Mackdy  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:56 AM  
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Sincerely,

Mr. John Mackdy  
316 Center St  
Wheaton, KS 66521  
[miflite@att.net](mailto:miflite@att.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Don Amundsen  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 12:24 AM  
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[dhbearpack@yahoo.com](mailto:dhbearpack@yahoo.com)

Gerrie Lippert

#101945

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of JERRY GOLOB  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 7, 2015

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GIRARD, KS 66743  
[wyattearp370@yahoo.com](mailto:wyattearp370@yahoo.com)



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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#101947

**From:** Deborah Russell <welshcerridwyn@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:32 AM  
**To:** publicaffairs@kcc.ks.gov  
**Subject:** raise in rates

In response to weststar's ridiculous announcement , my thoughtis NO. You have raised your rates far too often . You have already been caught "gouging" and are having to pay back those affected. Now you are attempting to gouge your customers even more.

We need another energy company to move in that will treat their customers fairly. You are very untrustworthy.

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Sarah Reding  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Cheryl Hewitt  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:26 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marvin Carter  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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Wichita, KS 67220  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of dale tanner  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Steven Tripp  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 4:27 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Kansas City, KS 66102  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Marcia Weeks  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:54 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lloyd Wilson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:56 AM  
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Cummings, KS 66016  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of R. Scott Sturm  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:54 PM  
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Mr. R. Scott Sturm  
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Wichita, KS 67209  
[sconanstuwich@aol.com](mailto:sconanstuwich@aol.com)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Bob and Val <bobval1057@live.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 4:25 PM  
**To:** Wichita Eagle  
**Cc:** KCC  
**Subject:** Rate increase is still too much!

I never knew you could request a guaranteed 10% return on an investment. Never knew I could do that. Nice deal for Westar investors.

I never knew I could tell Medicare to raise their rates when the for-profit health care companies I worked for needed to upgrade equipment, or renovate office space, or any of the other expenses that came out of operating expenses. Like all companies, with the exception of Westar, we knew these expenses were coming and then we planned and budgeted for them.

How can we expect Westar to provide cost efficient electricity when they know that all they have to do is go to the KCC and ask for more money. Why be efficient? Why cut costs?

\$60 to \$84 a year in increased costs to the average consumer may not sound like much, but to many of us, it is a budget breaker.

And the Westar executives will continue to get their excessive salaries and bonuses.

Robert Kozicki  
11810 E Killarney  
Wichita, KS 67206  
316-832-1306

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Don Campbell  
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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Emmanuel Wise  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:24 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

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Abilene, KS 67410  
[andrawise@yahoo.com](mailto:andrawise@yahoo.com)

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Sincerely,

Mr. curtis fox  
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Gerrie Lippert

#101962

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of jimmy lake  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mr. jimmy lake  
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wichita, KS 67204  
[jlake4@cox.net](mailto:jlake4@cox.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Larry Smith  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:24 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mr. Larry Smith  
1222 North 26th Street  
Parsons, KS 67357  
[conniesmith1949@hotmail.com](mailto:conniesmith1949@hotmail.com)

Gerrie Lippert

#101964

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Dean Foster  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:26 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mr. Dean Foster  
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[dfoster2510@gmail.com](mailto:dfoster2510@gmail.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jo Beezley  
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Pittsburg, KS 66762  
[jabeezley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jabeezley@sbcglobal.net)

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Ms. Nancy Stevenson  
124 S Crawford  
Fort Scott, KS 66701  
[nanstevenson@hotmail.com](mailto:nanstevenson@hotmail.com)

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Masoud Noruzian  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:24 PM  
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[md\\_nzn@hotmail.com](mailto:md_nzn@hotmail.com)

Gerrie Lippert

#101968

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Carolyn Chambers  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:26 AM  
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w, KS 67204  
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# 101969

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of robert schmidt  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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#101970

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of James Martinez  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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1312 Blue Spruce Road  
Derby, KS 67037  
[martinjim25@aol.com](mailto:martinjim25@aol.com)

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# 101971

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Susan Green  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:26 AM  
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Mrs. Susan Green  
320 Derby Hills Drive  
Derby, KS 67037  
[inkee@cox.net](mailto:inkee@cox.net)

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# 101972

**From:** Pam Liewer <liewer.pam@usd377.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:21 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar energy rate increase

To whom it may concern,

Please please DO NOT keep granting Westar energy rate increases on us, the poor Kansans!  
Why do you keep allowing them rate increases when they report on the news that Westars quarterly profits are \$60 million last quarter? That is not good PR. Either the KCC needs to replace its board members for we need alternative electric resources that DON'T INCLUDE WESTAR ENERGY! We are trapped and I'm tired of it and don't like it!

Frustrated,

Pam Liewer  
Sent from my iPad

Gerrie Lippert

#101973

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Thomas Boyle  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 8:56 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Mr. Thomas Boyle  
3734 SW Plaza Dr. apt. 106  
Topeka, KS 66609  
[thomasdboyle777@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasdboyle777@hotmail.com)

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#101974

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of F Rural <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 8:56 AM  
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Mrs. F Rural  
1702 skyview  
wichita, KS 67212  
[nolib2222@yahoo.com](mailto:nolib2222@yahoo.com)

**Gerrie Lippert**

#101975

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 8:56 AM  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Ron Pierron  
340 S Hillsdale Dr  
Wichita, KS 67230  
[rpierron@swbell.net](mailto:rpierron@swbell.net)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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101976

**From:** Dale Nimz <dnimz@sunflower.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 1:42 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Fee increase proposal

Gentlemen: I strongly object to the increase in a fixed fee for individual customers/property owners proposed by Westar. I am very careful and limit my electrical energy. This proposal would penalize me and encourage inefficient electrical power consumption by others.

Dale Nimz  
321 E. 17th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044

Gerrie Lippert

#101977

**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Terry Tompkins  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 8:56 AM  
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PO Box208  
Cheney, KS 67025  
[ttompkins@goddardusd.com](mailto:ttompkins@goddardusd.com)



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lisa Grohusky  
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Aug 7, 2015

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**From:** Diana <diane.leming@att.net>  
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**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** No

We the people do not need a rate increase again ,every year westar says the need more money for improvements ,upgrade or something dumb . It's all about greed to them and the answer is NO!for once tell the, no instead of giving it to them . There is a lot of people out there we can not stretch our once a month checks anymore.i know for a fact they build that new building in law and what a waste,they don't use even half of it. I also know you have people who work there ,over paid just sitting on the Internet while their worker does all the work along with running errands on company time for hair cuts . No to your increase, think you need to check no for once instead of always giving them more money.Everytime you turn around they want more money ,well don't we all! Jim Leming

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Brandy <brandy\_bergstrom@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 7:10 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Fee increase

To whom it may concern,

I understand that fee hikes are needed sometimes. My concern is when I look at my bill you have broke down rates for numerous things and at times have raised rates. My concern is that your raising my rates due to a wolf creek mandatory upgrade when my bill is already almost doubled with the add on rate increases. My husband and I own our own house in Lyon county, but we do not receive benefit's that Coffey county does such as tax breaks. I have a very tight budget and we always pay our bills every month on time. Where is the line drawn on increases? When does a corporate monopoly decide that there's enough money to cover expenses? I think these are moral questions that need to be asked and is there another way then constantly asking for more from your consumers. We constantly encourage our children to conserve energy such as turning of lights and such. Why is there not a conservation on our money that is received? We have a bill for our home and for a safety light in our back yard. Do you realize that we are charged environmental fees, transfer fees and so on for my home and then a safety light. I seriously think that some of these charges are being blown way out of portion.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** DH Stallard <sereneaskanbe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 10:58 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS  
**Attachments:** Members\_of\_the\_KCC.docx

Attached is a letter offering my viewpoint of the proposed Westar rate restructuring program.

August 10, 2015

Members of the KCC –

I take great issue with Westar's current proposal for a rate restructuring program here in the state of Kansas. After attending the public hearing in Topeka on July 21<sup>st</sup>, I became increasingly aware of the inequality of shared costs of energy usage in this state. Westar revealed that 60 percent of this energy cost is borne by Kansas residents rather than businesses and industrial factions in this state, although residential usage is "roughly 1/3" of the total usage. It doesn't take a math major or an economics expert to realize that the financial burden of this rate increase is falling on the average private Kansas citizen, rather than the entities that actually consume the majority of the energy.

To add further insult to injury upon the Kansas taxpayer and citizen, this proposal by Westar offers absolutely *no* incentives to conserve or wisely use our precious natural resource of energy! By suggesting prohibitive charges and language for the complementary usage of solar & wind energy is deceitful and deceptive. Rather than rewarding the conscious, energy-saving Kansan for manufacturing some of their own energy, it seems as though Westar is actually attempting to punish...and instill an additional financial burden to the segment of the population that actually would like to practice energy conservation! I view these measures as a furtive endeavor of Westar to gain control and regulate a commodity that simply isn't theirs to control. This type of business model is antiquated and dysfunctional.

Rather than setting up an adversarial relationship with the solar industry, why doesn't Westar cultivate an atmosphere of cooperation and further understanding? Offer incentives to residential (& industrial) consumers who champion solar & wind energy in collaboration with traditional energy production. Welcome extra electricity-generating methods that do not require any capital investment on their part. Sponsor some cooperative studies into the use of alternative energy and how it can benefit overall, as well as peak energy consumption. Many other states in the US, as well as city and other governing agencies have implemented such programs – Vermont, California & North Carolina, to name a few.

By enacting the current Westar proposal, Kansas would not be giving the frugal energy consumer or the solar conscious consumer any choice for a positive outcome. This proposal further stultifies the general demeanor and environment of Kansas. I am a fourth generation Kansan and am tired of being embarrassed by my State's political actions. Maybe it's time for me to move away from here.

Thank you for considering my thoughts regarding this proposal.



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(See attachment  
"Power TO The People")

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**Comment Form**  
**Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS**

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**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION COMMENT FORM**  
**DOCKET NO. 15-WSEE-115-RTS**

I urge the Kansas Corporation Commission to reject Westar's rate increase request.

Not only is the increase exorbitant, it is overly complex, and would result in the destruction of the residential solar and residential wind turbine industry in Kansas. Even worse, it would remove any incentive for a homeowner to conserve energy by insulating a home, or buying more efficient appliances.

Westar's monthly fixed charge is already above the national average. If granted, the ridiculously high requested increase would weaken an already staggering Kansas economy, and would make Kansas even less attractive to prospective residents and businesses considering moving here. For the large number of individuals in Kansas barely scraping by, this increase would make their existence even more untenable. This is a social justice issue. People are more important than profits.

I believe strongly in human caused climate change and global warming. To me, this is the most important issue facing the world today. The average world temperature for June was the highest on record! If the human race is to survive, climate change must be addressed swiftly and strongly.

One way to address climate change is to encourage conservation of energy, for example insulating homes, or buying more efficient appliances. Another way to address climate change is to encourage residents and businesses to switch to sustainable and diverse energy sources, such as solar arrays and small wind turbines. To grant Westar's extreme fixed charge completely discourages these necessary changes to combat world threatening climate change!!

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There are much better options, that address the survival of the human race. One such example is the way Green Mountain Power in Vermont has become a consumer responsive partner in reducing a home's carbon footprint, while still being profitable. The attached copy of "Power to the People" from the June 29 New Yorker magazine details this wonderful change in Vermont. The article also documents how a high fixed charge has killed the personal solar industry in Arizona.

I commend Westar for providing reliable power in the past, but times have changed, and their ridiculous rate increase request, and the phenomenal fixed rate request, are detrimental to Kansans, and frankly, the world.

I urge the Kansas Corporation Commission to reject any and all of Westar's exorbitant rate increases, and instead help make Kansas a beacon for progress for social justice, and a magnet for progress in saving the world by reducing our carbon footprint. After all, Kansas has excellent sunlight, and the most wind per square mile of all fifty states. Residents and businesses should not be discouraged from using these important and sustainable resources on a personal basis!

Westar would even benefit from diverse solar and wind turbine installations on a personal residential and business basis, because this would reduce their peak demand requirements on the utility.

The only sane response is to REJECT the Westar rate increase request, and to put Westar on a new path toward becoming a more consumer friendly, and earth friendly utility.

Thank You to the Kansas Corporation Commission for considering my comments.

Boyd A. Davies, Jr. 8-1-15  
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Signature:

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Date:

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**Please note:** By submitting comments to the Commission, you are authorizing the Commission to make your comments and any included information publicly available.

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# POWER TO THE PEOPLE

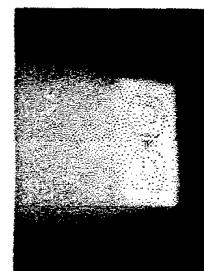
*Why the rise of green energy makes utility companies nervous.*

BY BILL MCKIBBEN

**M**ark and Sara Borkowski live with their two young daughters in a century-old, fifteen-hundred-square-foot house in Rutland, Vermont. Mark drives a school bus, and Sara works as a special-ed teacher; the cost of heating and cooling their house through the year consumes a large fraction of their combined income. Last summer, however, persuaded by Green Mountain Power, the main electric utility in Vermont, the Borkowskis decided to give their home an energy makeover. In the course of several days, coordinated teams of contractors stuffed the house with new insulation, put in a heat pump for the hot water, and installed two air-source heat pumps to warm the home. They also switched all the light bulbs to L.E.D.s and put a small solar array on the slate roof of the garage.

*Innovative, eco-friendly technology is now cheap enough for everyday use.*

CONSTRUCTION BY STEPHEN DOYLE / PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIC HELGAS



The Borkowskis paid for the improvements, but the utility financed the charges through their electric bill, which fell the very first month. Before the makeover, from October of 2013 to January of 2014, the Borkowskis used thirty-four hundred and eleven kilowatt-hours of electricity and three hundred and twenty-five gallons of fuel oil. From October of 2014 to January of 2015, they used twenty-eight hundred and fifty-six kilowatt-hours of electricity and no oil at all. President Obama has announced that by 2025 he wants the United States to reduce its total carbon footprint by up to twenty-eight per cent of 2005 levels. The Borkowskis reduced the footprint of their house by eighty-eight per cent in a matter of days, and at no net cost.

I've travelled the world writing about and organizing against climate change, but, standing in the Borkowskis' kitchen and looking at their electric bill, I felt a fairly rare emotion: hope. The numbers reveal a sudden new truth—that innovative, energy-saving and energy-producing technology is now cheap enough for everyday use. The Borkowskis' house is not an Aspen earth shelter made of adobe and old tires, built by a former software executive who converted to planetary consciousness at Burning Man. It's an utterly plain house, with Frozen bedspreads and One Direction posters, inhabited by a working-class family of four, two rabbits, and a parakeet named Oliver. It sits in a less than picturesque neighborhood, in a town made famous in recent years for its heroin problem. Its significance lies in its ordinariness. The federal Energy Secretary, Ernest Moniz, has visited, along with the entire Vermont congressional delegation. If you can make a house like this affordably green, you should be able to do it anywhere.

Most of the technology isn't particularly exotic—these days, you can buy a solar panel or an air-source heat pump at Lowe's. But few people do, because the up-front costs are high and the options can be intimidating. If the makeover was coordinated by someone you trust, however, and financed through your electric bill, the change would be much more palatable. The energy revolution, instead of happening piecemeal, over decades, could take place fast enough to actually help an overheating planet. But all of this would require the utilities—the interface between people and power—to play a crucial role, or, at least, to get out of the way.

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**A**n electric utility is an odd beast, neither public nor exactly private. Utilities are often owned by investors, but they're almost always government-regulated, and they are charged with delivering power reliably and at an affordable price. Utilities are monopolies: since it would make no sense to have six sets of power poles and lines, utilities are granted exclusive rights to a territory. When you buy or rent a house, you automatically become the customer of the local utility, assuming that you want electricity and you don't plan to generate all of it yourself. To keep the nation's utilities honest, they are typically regulated at the state level by a public-service commission that sets rates, evaluates performance, and enforces mandates, such as a requirement that a certain amount of power come from renewable sources.

Whereas most enterprises are about risk, utilities are about safety: safe power supply, safe dividends. No surprises. As a result, the industry "has not attracted the single greatest minds," David Roberts, who has covered energy for various outlets for a decade and is now a reporter for *Vox*, told me. "If you're in a business where the customer is the public-utility commission, and after that your profits are locked in by law, it's the sleepest business sector there is, if you could even call it a business sector. They build power plants, sit back, and the money comes in." The entire realm is protected, he added, by "a huge force field of boringness."

But what has been a virtue, by and large, is now almost certainly a vice. Scientists insist that in order to forestall global warming we need to quickly change the way we power our lives. That's perhaps most easily done by giant companies with big budgets for new technology; Google, Apple, and IKEA have all announced major plans to switch to renewable energy. For average Americans, however, the biggest source of carbon emissions is their home, so the utilities' help is crucial in making the transition. And, even without climate change, utilities face a combination of threat and opportunity from disruptive new technologies.

Consider the Borkowskis' new air-source heat pumps, which use the latent heat in the air (down to about zero degrees) to heat their home and provide hot water. These devices have made it practical for electricity to be used for tasks traditionally performed by oil and gas. Smart thermostats, such as the Nest, allow you to make your home far more energy-efficient—and can even, when connected to the "smart meters" that are now appearing on many houses, permit the utility to turn your demand down for a few seconds in response to fluctuations in the supply of sun and wind. Electric vehicles provide a major new use for electricity and, perhaps soon, the opportunity for huge numbers of idle car batteries to serve as a storage system for reserve power. (Solar and wind power can be a challenge to incorporate into the grid, because they're intermittent—cloudy days happen, the wind fails.

Affordable batteries are essential to making renewable energy widely available.)

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"Americans spend eight per cent of their disposable income on all forms of energy," David Crane told me. Crane is the C.E.O. of NRG, the country's biggest independent power provider; the company operates more than a hundred energy-generation facilities, selling electricity to utilities that, in turn, sell it to customers. Nobody wants that eight-per-cent figure to rise, Crane said, because when energy prices go up the country tends to trip into recession. But plenty of companies, including Crane's, would like to see a larger slice of that eight per cent. "I'm interested in electric cars, for instance, not just because of the effect on air quality but because I want to take market share away from oil," Crane said. "It's a brutal fight for market share."

Power utilities now face uncertainty of a kind that traditional phone companies faced when cellular technology emerged. A few utilities welcome the challenge; others are resisting it; and the rest are waiting for someone to tell them what to do.

**T**he headquarters of Green Mountain Power are situated in a converted service garage on the outskirts of Burlington. On most days, Mary Powell, the company's C.E.O., can be found at one of the standing desks on the floor next to the customer-service reps. Powell, who is fifty-four, is one of the rare utility executives with an entrepreneurial background. Fresh out of college, she fell into a job at the Reserve Fund, the world's first money-market fund, and became the associate director of operations. Eventually, she quit and moved with her fiancé to Vermont, where she worked in state government, then in banking, and then quit again, to have a daughter and work on growing the canine-apparel business that she had launched a few years earlier. "I was always terrified about my dogs during hunting season," she told me. "There was nothing to protect them. So I started making reflective protective outerwear." (You can buy it still—blaze-orange bandanna, vest, and collar for \$66.85.) In 1998, Powell joined Green Mountain Power as the vice-president of human resources. The company was fighting off bankruptcy, after state regulators turned down its request for a large rate increase. Soon, as chief operating officer, Powell helped restructure Green Mountain Power, and, in 2008, she became its C.E.O.

Utilities, unlike, say, canine-apparel companies, gain their customers automatically, based on where a resident lives, and typically take little interest in them. ("You know what a customer is to a utility?" Crane asked me. "A meter.") Powell, by contrast, describes herself as "customer-obsessed." Green Mountain Power regularly surveys its customers, and the main thing Powell has learned, she said, is that Vermonters "wanted us to be as environmentally strong as possible, but they wanted us to do it without us telling them it was going to cost more money. So that became our vision: low carbon, low cost." Powell became fixated on new technologies, everything from electric-vehicle charging stations to utility-scale storage batteries. "If we move in this direction very rapidly, we can, hopefully, keep rates flat forever," she said, and, in fact, G.M.P. cut its electric rates by two per cent last year. She started searching for partners; at least three contractors worked on the Borkowskis' house, and "that collaboration was one of the real innovations. Not approaching customers in a siloed way, with a dozen companies each pitching a piece. It's 'How can we come to you with a package?'"

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How all this will translate into revenue isn't entirely clear, not to Green Mountain or to anyone else in the business. But the cash flow available to the utilities gives them plenty of low-cost capital to work with. They can make money by leasing heat pumps and solar panels to customers. The insulators and other contractors will contribute something, because working with Green Mountain reduces the cost of acquiring new customers. And there's money to be saved. Currently, utilities plan their operations around the busiest day of the year, making sure they have the capacity to meet peak demand on the hottest August afternoon. But as Green Mountain Power modernizes one home after another—so far it's enabled a few dozen fully remodelled “E-homes” and more than a hundred partial makeovers—the utility gains the potential ability to briefly turn down water heaters and air-conditioners during high-usage periods. This “demand management” allows the utility to avoid peak charges from the regional power grid and can save it hundreds of dollars per customer each year.

“You wouldn't notice, because we're turning down the water heater for just a few seconds,” Powell said. But getting permission to do that, or even getting customers to believe that you can save them money with a makeover, “requires a different kind of relationship. Can we really build a deep emotional and intellectual relationship with our customers?”

There are no guarantees, Powell said. But so far she has met every revenue goal set by Green Mountain Power's corporate parent, the Canadian company Gaz Métro. “A challenge in the utility culture is precisely that it's built on guarantees. Innovation happens when there are no guarantees.”

**A**rguably, the era's most disruptive technology is the solar panel. Its price has dropped ninety-nine per cent in the past four decades, and roughly seventy-five per cent in the past six years; it now produces power nearly as cheaply as coal or gas, a condition that energy experts refer to as “grid parity.” And because it's a technology, rather than a fuel, the price should continue to fall, as it has for cell phones. Solar power is being adopted most rapidly in places where there is no grid—it's cheaper and quicker to stick panels on the roofs of huts in villages than to build a centralized power station and run poles and wires. In Bangladesh, crews install sixty thousand solar arrays a month. Even in the U.S., where almost everyone has been connected to the grid for decades, solar prices have fallen to the point where, with the help of a federal tax credit, an enterprising company can make money installing solar panels.

One morning in March, I stood on the roof of a suburban ranch in Surprise, a suburb of Phoenix, with Lyndon Rive, the co-founder and C.E.O. of Solar City, the biggest and the fastest-growing installer of rooftop solar in the country. Around us, a five-man crew was laying out a grid of solar panels, following a plan designed by an employee in California who had looked up the roof on Google Earth and measured it. The crew had assembled at the house at seven that morning, and by 5 P.M. the new solar array would be ready to be turned on. The homeowner, like the Borkowskis, was paying nothing up front, and within the first month would see her total electric bill decline. Glancing around the neighborhood, I counted fourteen solar arrays on a hundred or so houses. “It's like e-mail in 1991,” Rive said. “When I look out at this street, there's no reason every one of these houses can't have solar in ten years.”

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Rive is the cousin of the Tesla pioneer Elon Musk, who is the chairman of Solar City's board of directors. Currently, Rive said, the company finishes a solar array somewhere in its eighteen-state service area every three minutes. "That sounds impressive, but it's only two hundred thousand homes so far, out of forty million. My goal is to get it to one home every three seconds. Or maybe we could go faster than that—one every second," he said, snapping his fingers. He pulled an iPhone out of his pocket, called up the calculator app, and punched in some numbers. "At that rate, we could do every house in . . . seventy-six years. No, that's too long—I forgot a division. In a year and a half."

That pace would change the projections for climate change, but it would also require a major government initiative, akin to the one that revitalized industry at the start of the Second World War. Even without it, Solar City has grown by a hundred per cent each year for the past seven years, in part by lowering the soft costs of installation. A job that once took three days can now be done in one, and Rive showed me a training video of a California crew that could do two houses in a day and still have time to surf. By next year, solar will be the fastest-growing new source of energy in the country, approaching half of new capacity. That's still only a fraction of the total capacity, Rive said, "but if you just maintain that, just plot out the line with the retirement of old plants, it's inevitable that it will be over fifty per cent of the total generating capacity eventually. And that's assuming nothing changes." In fact, he noted, each month brings some new improvement in panels or batteries.

But many utilities see residential solar power as an existential threat. In 2013, an industry trade group called the Edison Electric Institute warned that utilities face what company executives were quick to call "a death spiral." As customers began to generate more of their own electricity from the solar panels on their roofs, utility revenues would begin to decline, and the remaining customers would have to pay more for the poles and wires that keep the grid alive. That would increase the incentive for the remaining customers to leave.

Since the death-spiral session, utilities around the country have sought to slow the growth of solar: by supporting laws and regulations that would reduce targets for renewable energy; by ending "net metering" laws that force utilities to pay solar customers retail prices for the surplus energy they put back on the grid; by imposing "connection fees" to make up for lost revenues. Much of the campaigning has been spurred by the right-wing American Legislative Exchange Council and funded by various groups linked to the Koch brothers and their fossil-fuel fortune. In 2008, when Solar City first expanded into Arizona, the state had just announced a target for renewable energy, and the utilities were offering generous rebates to customers who installed solar panels. At first, few homeowners took advantage of the offer—the up-front cost, which ran to twenty thousand dollars or more, was too high. It took the efforts of Solar City, and other competitors using the same no-cost leasing plan, to ignite the market.

"The utilities were always convinced that they could throttle down solar just by tuning down the rebate they were offering," Rive said. "What caught them off guard was when costs came down to the point where we didn't need their rebate for solar to make sense. Suddenly, they couldn't control the outcome anymore. And suddenly you didn't see any more solar billboards, and suddenly they started taking a hostile approach."



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Arizona's biggest utility, Arizona Public Service, insists that it is "pro-solar" and notes that it has built its own utility-owned solar arrays in the desert. But it views customers who install rooftop panels as, in essence, cheaters: they get the benefits of the grid—uninterrupted power, even on cloudy days—but, because they provide so much of their own electricity, they aren't paying their fair share of the total price. In 2013, A.P.S. asked state regulators for permission to charge anyone who wanted to put up a solar panel a fee. "Whether or not you're producing enough electricity to power your house, you're still connected to the grid," Jeff Guldner, the company's senior vice-president for public policy, said. "These costs get recovered from somebody, and that somebody is customers who don't have solar."

The argument makes a certain intuitive sense, even if utilities like Green Mountain Power, and a fair amount of academic research, suggest that solar customers save utilities as much money as they cost them, by shaving peak demand and by moving power generation closer to clients, which reduces the electricity lost on power lines. The Arizona Corporation Commission agreed with A.P.S. and allowed the utility to charge an average of about five dollars a month, a tenth of the fifty-dollar fee it had requested. Solar City decided not to appeal the ruling. The savings the company was offering many customers still exceeded the new charge, and business continued to grow.

But A.P.S. went on the offensive. In the fall of 2014, as members of the Arizona Corporation Commission, which regulates many of the state's utilities, began running for election, the company contributed to the campaigns of sympathetic candidates, although it declined to say whom it has supported. (The utility has said only that it "periodically contributes to candidates, causes and organizations that support economic growth, sound energy policy, and other issues important to our company and our customers.") A.P.S. is even widely suspected of helping to fund the campaign of a candidate for Arizona Secretary of State, because his father was a key vote on the Corporation Commission.

I listened to stories like this for the better part of an afternoon, sitting in a Scottsdale law office with Court Rich and Jason Rose, two self-described "strongly conservative" political operatives who had gone to work for a coalition of companies, including Solar City, to help elect solar advocates to the Corporation Commission's board of directors. They were mercenary, but they also seemed genuinely outraged. "A.P.S. is a quasi-governmental agency, and they're using ratepayer money to influence elections?" Rich said. "All of a sudden, we started seeing anti-solar commercials all over the TV. I mean, the ads were comparing solar customers to people stealing from children." (A.P.S. says that its political contributions were paid for by employee contributions, not by ratepayer revenue.)

The solar advocates didn't prevail in the election. "In politics, there's a direct correlation between spend and win," Rose said. "And our side was outspent considerably." But the utilities' argument for self-preservation may have reached its limit. Rich and Rose ran a campaign that leaned heavily on standard conservative tropes of self-reliance and freedom.

"Solar should be our issue," Rose said. "Obamacare is bad because it diminishes health-care choice. Public education is bad because it diminishes school choice. You'd think it would apply as well to energy." They helped form a group called Tell Utilities Solar Won't Be Killed, or TUSK—"from the Republican-elephant thing," Rose said. "We have a

lot of Tusk and Trunk dinners in the G.O.P." For its chair, they recruited Barry Goldwater, Jr., the son of the original Arizona Republican idol.

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Indeed, an odd coalition of environmentalists and conservatives has sprung up around the country to defend solar power. In Georgia, a Tea Party activist named Debbie Dooley and the Sierra Club fought successfully to allow the leasing of rooftop solar panels in the state. Their joint project, the Green Tea Coalition, has spread to Florida, which has some of the nation's most restrictive solar laws. They are working to collect seven hundred thousand signatures by next February, enough to put a measure on the ballot that would amend the state's constitution to allow residents with solar panels to sell electricity back to the grid, as is done in many other states.

But in December Arizona's second-largest utility, the Salt River Project, imposed charges of some fifty dollars a month on the average new solar installation. S.R.P. also insists that it is "pro-solar," but the new charges effectively make it economically difficult for homeowners in the company's service district—in the sunniest state in the country, and in a city that roots for the Phoenix Suns—to install solar panels. Rooftop installations, booming six months ago, have all but halted, and Solar City is transferring large numbers of workers to other districts, as well as suing the utility to have the new charges overturned. Citing the lawsuit, S.R.P. refused requests for an interview, issuing a statement that says, in part, "S.R.P. is confident that its new price plan will be determined to be appropriate and is confident that it will prevail in all such challenges to it."

**M**ost utilities are neither as innovative as Vermont's nor as scared as Arizona's; most are simply waiting for guidance.

"There are no thirty-year-old C.E.O.s of electric utilities, no Zuckerbergs," David Crane, the NRG chief, told me. "You have to pay your dues, come up through the ranks. You become C.E.O. when you have five years, max, left. Some of them are just not worrying about ten, fifteen years in the future." A member of the executive committee at a major mid-Atlantic utility said, "We don't want to be Kodak, because we can see digital imaging on the horizon. But the regulators are damned slow in figuring out which way we should move. There are eleven hundred utilities in this country, and they're regulated at the state level, so change is going to be very dispersed."

On one of the first hot days of May, I joined Richard Kauffman, the chairman of energy and finance for New York State, and the state's "energy czar," as he and several aides piled into a stuffy L train at Fourteenth Street. In 2013, a few months after Hurricane Sandy left many New Yorkers powerless for days, Governor Andrew Cuomo accused utilities of being "the equivalent of vinyl records in the age of the iPod" and appointed Kauffman to prod them into action. Kauffman soon announced a program of incentives that would eventually be called REV—Reforming the Energy Vision. Around the country, other regulators are watching to see how the initiative fares.

Forty-five minutes after boarding the subway, we got off at East 105th Street, in the heart of warehouse Brooklyn, on the edge of Canarsie. We walked half a mile to look at a particular warehouse belonging to a fish wholesaler. Con Ed, faced with growing electrical demand in the borough, had planned to build a billion-dollar substation on the site. But,

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in the first real test of the REV plan, the utility will instead supply some of the additional power by encouraging customers to install solar panels and cutting-edge storage batteries. It will also pay customers to limit their usage during peak hours, thereby reducing over-all demand. The effort will cost Con Ed many millions of dollars less than building a new substation, which would seem to make the decision an obvious one.

But, in the odd world of regulated utilities, a company like Con Ed traditionally makes money by building more stuff: put in a billion-dollar substation and you can “rate base” it, making customers pay the cost, plus a ten-per-cent markup, for decades. That arrangement worked well when society needed utilities to build the electrical system, to serve everyone, and when the cheapest technical solution involved big plants “pushing electrons in one direction,” Kauffman said. But today “the system is not just energy-inefficient; it’s capital-inefficient.” At any given moment, New York’s utilities are using only about fifty-five per cent of their system capacity. “No other industry uses capital like that anymore,” Kauffman said. The regulations are perverse: new software that can reduce electrical demand must be expensed in the current year, while a new wooden pole can generate that ten-per-cent markup for the utility in the course of its fifty-year life span. A pole makes money—hence, poles.

In the next decade, if New York’s power industry stumbles along on its current course it will spend about thirty billion dollars on more substations, and on other similarly outdated technology. Electricity costs will continue to rise, and New York’s are already among the highest in the country. “That would lead more people to defect from the grid,” Kauffman said. “Maybe it’s not the death spiral, but it becomes a zombie industry. And, as rates go up, employers would say it’s too costly to do business in New York and they’d leave.”

Through REV, Kauffman is trying to change the rules so that the utilities can both shift direction and make money. Persuading Con Ed to forgo the substation meant figuring out how to pay them “performance incentives” to instead install the cheaper solar power and storage batteries. In the months to come, New Yorkers should begin to see other examples. “Maybe some appliance company will say to a consumer, ‘We’ll give you all new appliances for free, and you’ll have the same electric bill less five per cent,’” Kauffman said. Your fridge would come with a chip that allowed it to be cycled off for a moment when demand was peaking, and, as the middleman in the transaction, the utility could take a cut. “The same thing with home entertainment—each new generation of flat-screen TVs uses a lot less power.”

Kauffman has all sorts of plans, from a “green bank”—to attract private-sector capital to finance extensive energy-saving retrofits—to new rules that would pressure utilities to play nicely with outside partners like Solar City. “It’s kind of a Hannah Arendt thing,” he said. “There’s not a lot of intentional evil in utilities. But we’ve created a golden cage for them, protected them from enormous trends.” We were on the subway again, and as it clattered back toward Manhattan Kauffman had to shout to be heard: “Our aim is to create a policy environment that is not standing against the forces of history but is in line with them.”

**T**echnological change will fundamentally transform the power industry. The question is whether that transformation can happen fast enough to matter, either for the survival of the utilities or, more important, for the preservation of the

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climate. In the past, energy transformations—wood to coal, coal to oil—have taken fifty years or more to unfold as infrastructure was slowly replaced. New York has a home-energy-audit program, whereby a team will come to your home, determine how much insulation it needs, and identify other ways of boosting your energy efficiency, much the way that Green Mountain Power assessed the Borkowskis' house. "But at current rates of penetration it will take us centuries to do the whole state," Kauffman said.

This time, though, technological change may be coming so rapidly that a quick adaptation is possible. The week that I was in Canarsie with Kauffman, Mary Powell flew to California to attend Elon Musk's announcement of his new home battery, the Powerwall. Green Mountain Power was the only utility in the country that was ready to sell the new battery on the first day that it became available. And Powell was excited by its low price: three thousand dollars, far below what analysts had predicted, and low enough that her company could immediately begin installing it for customers, especially those who wanted backup electricity in case a snowstorm disabled the grid.

A week after the battery launch, Musk described demand for the batteries as "just nutty" and "off the hook." His company had already sold all the batteries it could make through the middle of next year and was discussing expanding its giant new factory, in Nevada, even before construction was completed. The day after Tesla's launch, Solar City announced that, beginning in 2016, it will routinely package Musk's new batteries with its panels in some markets. If utilities won't relent and embrace innovation, homes and businesses will soon be able to circumvent them altogether. The threat is real enough that it might actually soften the attitude of even recalcitrant utility executives.

Meanwhile, Green Mountain Power is almost ready to flip the switch at its biggest solar farm, built on top of Rutland's old dump. In July, when the site flickers on, the city will be the most solarized in northern New England. But the less obvious changes count even more. Dave and Karen Correll live across town from the Borkowskis, in a well-kept Colonial Cape that was another of the original batch of "E-home" renovations. First, contractors re-insulated the basement and the attic. Then came the air-source heat pump, which the Corrells lease from Green Mountain Power for forty-seven dollars a month. Their oil bill fell sixty-seven per cent during the course of Vermont's long, cold winter of 2015. "I can't wait to see what comes out next," Karen told me. "Our furnace is about at the end of its life, and I can't wait to replace it."

Neither the Corrells nor the Borkowskis changed their homes out of concern for global warming. ("If it's not on the Disney Channel, I don't hear about it," Sara Borkowski said.) But that's the point: a bold reworking of energy systems, long necessary and expensive, is now necessary and much more affordable. That could make for a very different world. ♦

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Bill McKibben, a former staff writer, is Schumann Distinguished Scholar at Middlebury college and the founder of 350.org (<http://350.org>), one of the groups that organized the march.

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**From:** Nelson Family <nelsonfamily@bowersockpower.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 10:42 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To the Attention of the Kansas Corporation Commission:

As a consumer in the Westar Energy service territory, I would like to encourage the Commission to encourage energy conservation by shifting the Westar fee structure towards a fee based on consumption, rather than a higher flat rate as has been proposed in referenced rate case.

In addition, the structure should be established such that it encourages the development of solar energy by allowing consumers who invest in solar energy to receive a fair return for that investment.

Developments which build a stronger, more resilient grid such as diverse, domestic, distributed energy generation eg home or small scale solar, should be encouraged overall.

The KCC may need to work with Westar Energy to strategize ways to continue providing a return to shareholders while transitioning away from a business model dominated by energy production to one focused on grid/transmission management.

Sincerely,

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Westar stockholders don't deserve more than an 8% return.



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**From:** Stephen J. Romans <sromans@srhc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 8:00 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Proposed Westar rate increase

Kansas Corporation Commission,

I am writing you concerning the reduction in the proposed Westar rate increase and higher fixed rate charge. I am glad that the request has been reduced, however, I am still against Westar's request. Over the last few years, Westar has asked for increase after increase. Rates have been climbing rapidly and a built in cushion for "fuel costs" has also gone into effect as well.

These continual rate hikes have to stop. I am not sure how folks on fixed incomes can afford it. Many probably can't. Westar needs to look at how they can become more efficient in their operations instead of constantly increase rates and fees.

The mission of the Kansas Corporation Commission is to protect the public interest by impartially and efficiently regulating oil and gas production; rates, services, .... and promoting energy programs. I am asking that the KCC fulfill its mission and deny Westar any of the requested increases, reduced or not.

Respectfully,

Stephen Romans

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of tom crosby  
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**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 9, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

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**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS comment  
**Attachments:** KCC\_rate\_case\_letter\_8-9-15.docx

Members of the Commission,

My comment in reference to the above docket number is attached in WORD format.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts on this matter.

Jacque E. Gibbons  
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RE: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Members of the Commission:

Increasing the customer (base rate) charge exacerbates an already regressive structure that shifts a higher percentage of customer charges to users with lower kWh consumption. A more equitable approach is to include the dollars that Westar is attempting to generate in the cost per kWh. In this way, those users who reduce or limit their household demand for electricity will see the benefit of their efforts reflected in significantly lowered electricity bills, and it provides an incentive to reduce kWh consumption with the purchase of more efficient electrical devices. Conversely, increasing the customer (base rate) charge reduces the effect of pursuing more efficient use of household electricity. *The proposal, in effect, works against the efficient use of electricity and incentivizes simply using more, cheaper electricity rather than moving toward the use of more efficient electrical devices.*

In Table One, below, there is a summary of the additional revenues that the proposed change in "base rate" charges will generate over the five years as it transitions from \$15 to \$27 per month. The annual revenue generated by the customer charge is in excess of \$227,000,000 in the fifth year of the plan and every year thereafter [ $12 \times 27 \times 700,000$ ], assuming 700,000 households have at least the proposed "base rate." During the five years of ramping up to the #27 "base rate," an additional \$378 million of revenue will be generated above the \$504 million that would be generated at the current \$12 "base rate." So, what will this cover? We have heard about upgrades at La Cygne and Wolf Creek. Is this type of maintenance about "base rate" or is it related to the cost of generating electricity? Fixing the lines, poles, transformers, and transfer stations is about getting electricity from its point of generation to its point of use, not about the generation of electricity.

Separate the elements of the Westar proposal that deal with households that engage in on-site electricity generation from consideration with the current proposal, and delay any decision on those elements until an independent study of the impact of self-generation on the Westar system can be completed. The objective of this study would be to establish a fair customer charge for self-generating households that would address the assertion that self-generating households are somehow "free loaders." Westar has about 300 self-generating customers out of approximately

700,000 customers. This small group is approximately four one-hundredths of one percent (0.04%) of total customers. Delaying consideration of the proposal elements that deal with that small group of households will not put Westar at risk, and it will provide an empirical basis for assigning a fair customer charge for self-generating households going forward.

If the current set of proposals are adopted and applied to self-generating households, the result will essentially snuff out the financial incentives for developing household self-generation capacities. This strikes me as clearly not in the best interest of Kansas households because it effectively forecloses a major option available to many households to manage their energy costs, and to reduce their energy "foot print." Given the finite nature of fossil fuels, it is important, in my view, to find and create innovative ways to integrate current and future self-generation into the grid as the nation and the state inevitably transition to an energy grid that is predominantly renewable energy driven.

Table 1.

| Year                 | Total Revenue from Current Base Rate of \$12 (\$) | Proposed Base Rate Adjustment (\$) | Total Revenue from Base Rate Adjustment for 700,000 Households (\$) | New Revenue Beyond Existing \$12/month Base Rate/household (\$) | Annual Value of New Revenue for 700,000 Households (\$) |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 10-01-15 to 09-30-16 | 100,800,000                                       | 15                                 | 126,000,000                                                         | 3                                                               | 25,200,000                                              |
| 10-01-16 to 09-30-17 | 100,800,000                                       | 18                                 | 151,200,000                                                         | 6                                                               | 50,400,000                                              |
| 10-01-17 to 09-30-18 | 100,800,000                                       | 21                                 | 176,400,000                                                         | 9                                                               | 75,600,000                                              |
| 10-01-18 to 09-30-19 | 100,800,000                                       | 24                                 | 201,600,000                                                         | 12                                                              | 100,800,000                                             |
| 10-01-19 to 09-30-20 | 100,800,000                                       | 27                                 | 226,800,000                                                         | 15                                                              | 126,000,000                                             |
|                      |                                                   |                                    |                                                                     |                                                                 |                                                         |
| Five Year Total      | 504,000,000                                       |                                    | 882,000,000                                                         |                                                                 | 378,000,000                                             |

Thank you for your time and consideration of these extremely important issues for the consumers and generators of electricity.

Best regards,

Jacque E. Gibbons

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**From:** jc Moore <moorej007@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 8:36 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To: The Kansas Corporation Commission  
 From: JC Moore, stockholder and ratepayer  
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 Topic: Westar rate case and proposed settlement  
 Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

As a Westar stockholder, I felt bad about the recent rate hearing in Wichita . Speaker after speaker, including several ministers and AARP representatives, testified about how the proposed increase in rates would affect the poor and elderly. The timing of the rate increase seems inappropriate. Morningstar reported that last year the company's top five executives received 23.5% in salary increases. Westar's CEO now receives \$3 million in compensation, more than 30 times that of our governor.

Many people also testified that the proposed rate structure would discourage private investments in energy efficiency, energy conservation, and solar panels. A poll by Magellan found that 76% of Westar's customers oppose the tariff on solar panels, agreeing that Westar's position was based on increasing its profit. Westar is also requesting a 10% return on investments which seems high for a company which is just invested several million dollars in executive raises.

Although Westar says it is committed to renewable energy and reduced carbon emissions, the original proposal, if approved, would have had just the opposite effect. There are number of red flags for investors evident in the rate proposal and in Westar's actions over the last several years. Many investors are now looking for long-term investments in environmentally and socially responsible companies. Westar may no longer fall into that category.

I am also concerned about the integrity of the process, which was unnecessarily secretive and sometimes misleading. A Wichita Eagle article pointed out that, "Westar notice fails to detail changes in billing, solar rates". The CEO's letter to stockholders was misleading as it claimed that outside agitators were responsible for the opposition to the solar fee - which was not entirely the case. He also claimed that solar customers were being subsidized by other ratepayers, though research has found just the opposite. I would expect the CEO to know about the research.

Studies in Vermont , New York , California , Texas , and Nevada concluded that net metering provided a net positive benefit for utility companies and their customers. A 2015 study done in Missouri is even more relevant to Kansas . A cost-benefit study of net metering in Missouri arrived at the same conclusion as the other studies, " Net metering provides a net benefit. " Missouri has 6000 net metering customers while Westar now has approximately 300. It is unlikely that a study done in Kansas would come up with a different result, and the Corporation commission should reject plans for a further study as it would just be a waste of time.

The net metering system in Kansas needs little change except for a small increase in the amount net metering customers are paid. Why should a customer who cuts their power use in half by installing solar panels be charged an extra fee, while someone who cuts their power use in half by installing be considered differently? Westar claims they should be, but that seems unreasonable. Net metering customers are charged a fee to set up the system and for a safety inspection, but otherwise net

energy metering customers should be treated just as any other customer when they use electricity and be reimbursed as any other supplier when they supply excess power.

I realize that some things have changed in the latest proposed agreement, but I'm afraid that Westar is gaming the system. My son who worked for a gas company observed that in gas company rate cases they always asked for about twice what they wanted and settled for half of that, which is what is now being proposed in this case. Other than the money to have Wolf Creek comply with federal regulations, much of the other requests are unjustified. Residential customers are already paying a customer fee, an electricity fee, a fuel charge, a distribution fee, an environmental fee, an energy efficiency charge, and even Westar's property taxes. Last June, our bill was \$24.95 for electricity, but our total bill came out to be \$53.27 after all those things were added in. The \$12 customer charge is already greater than most other companies charge and Westar's rates are second highest in our region. Westar has implied that residential customers are not paying their fair share of the cost. However, residential customers use about a third of the energy, but it seems they are being asked to pick up much more than a third of the cost of upgrades and pollution controls.

I think Westar owes a better accounting of where the money it collects goes. There have been over 20 rate cases in the last six years. Too much time and resources have been devoted to rate cases to increase the company's profit. The executive compensation seems excessive and much of it is in stock, which means a rise in profits will greatly benefit the executives. That tends to lead to short-term thinking, which is evident in this rate proposal. It does not take into account the increasing future regulations of carbon emissions and the need to reduce dependence on coal-fired power plants.

Westar is now proposing reducing the subscription fee for wind energy customers, building a solar plant, and selling solar power to customers. That is a big improvement but I am still concerned that Westar is relying too heavily on its coal-fired power plants. Three of its smaller plants have no scrubbers and they should be phased out as soon as possible. I am not sure how much has been spent on upgrading the LaCynge plant, but pouring more money into it may be a bad investment. It is expensive to remove mercury but it is impossible to remove carbon emissions.

The Supreme Court, in *Massachusetts v. EPA*, ordered the EPA to make a determination as to whether carbon dioxide is a pollutant. The EPA found, based on the best scientific evidence, that CO<sub>2</sub> is an endangerment to public health and has moved forward with regulations to reduce the carbon emissions from power plants. There will be future environmental regulations which will be costly to the coal plants. Why waste million of dollars in emission control equipment and spend millions importing coal from Wyoming when we could be transitioning to Kansas-based energy?

I think the Corporation commission should approve upgrading the Wolf Creek plant, but to carefully consider the amount of money requested. Moving forward with plans to provide customers with wind and solar energy subscriptions is in the right direction and should be encouraged. Other than that, there are better options for Kansas. I would ask the Kansas Corporation Commission to send the rest of Westar's plan back to the drawing board.

J.C. Moore, PhD

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Leroy Beals  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** dwmckayphsx@aol.com  
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**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar proposed rate increases

Kansas Corporation Commission,

The structure of the rate increase proposed by Westar for the coming years is too heavily weighted on the fixed customer charge increase. A 125% increase, \$12 to \$27 per month puts too much burden on the small-to-average user, who in general are generally low to middle income, with fixed income elderly hit the hardest. The rate should reflect the heavier responsibility that heavy users bear for the needed upgrades to the La Cygne and Wolf Creek plants. Moreover, I would like to see Westar take more initiative, not less, in encouraging and investing in flexible, alternative energy development like home solar units. A larger consumption rate increase and much smaller monthly fixed rate increase would serve the dual purpose of encouraging efficiency and, potentially, increasing alternative generation facilities.

Sincerely,  
Douglas McKay,  
Lawrence, KS.

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**From:** nyskansas@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 4:56 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Energy rate increase proposal

Dear Kansas Corporation Commission:

I am writing to express my opposition to Westar Energy's proposal to increase its rates. I work hard to conserve energy and minimize my personal consumption. While I recognize that there may need to be a slight increase in the fixed monthly charge to pay for plant upgrade costs to improve efficiency, I believe the bulk of the financing should be obtained proportionate to usage. Those who consume the most should pay the most, which will help to motivate them to decrease consumption. An increase in the monthly charge disproportionately affects those who have the least money at their disposal, i.e., poor people, often elderly and/or disabled.

I also object to any policy that would provide a disincentive for residential solar installations. Our only hope is to obtain more energy through solar and wind resources. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to a fair decision on the part of the commission that will benefit Kansas far into the future.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kimball Brown  
1004 Connecticut Street  
Lawrence KS 66044



**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Stephen Patrick <wasatch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 4:48 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To Kansas Corporation Commission,

I am writing to urge you to deny Westar's request for a rate increase.

Westar has requested several rate increases over the last several years, and has been granted all of them. Meanwhile, they achieve record profits every year. Now they have requested yet another rate increase, and judging by the committee response, it seems on track to be granted.

It is of vital importance that our power utilities remain in business, given the necessity of electricity for almost all aspects of life. If Westar were to go before you with balance sheets in the red, I would have no choice but to concede that a rate increase should be considered. However, this is most definitely not the case. They are asking for a rate increase, not to break even, but to maintain or increase current profit margins.

I ask you, is it the responsibility of the KCC to guarantee record profits on an annual basis to the utility companies, or to guarantee fair and reasonable rates to the citizens of Kansas? Even if \$7 per month does not seem like much money to you, \$84 per year is a significant amount to many hard working Kansas families. Please, stop abdicating your responsibility to the citizens of Kansas, and deny this rate increase.

Thank you  
very much for your time.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Patrick  
812 Tulane Ave.  
Salina, KS 67401

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Denise Gum  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 3:24 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 9, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Denise Gum  
1249 S.W. Collins Ave.  
Topeka, KS 66604  
dgum09@cox.net

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Susan Bentson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 2:23 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan Bentson  
804 N Spaulding Street  
Wichita, KS 67203  
shbentson@cox.net

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** nanabmoore@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 11:20 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To: the Kansas Corporation Commission

RE: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

08/09/2015

It is with much sadness that I attempt this letter of request and persuasion due in great part to my feeling as a very small insignificant. As a citizen of Kansas in the territory granted to Westar Energy for public service, I felt that I should have the right to fair and reasonable rates. However, due to the corporate paradigm under which Westar is allowed to operate I felt I am nothing more than an insignificant customer to squeeze money out of. I do not feel that the corporate paradigm is the way in which a "public" utility should be allowed to operate. Stockholder profits should not come before reasonable rates. Stockholders by nature are gambling on risk and this risk should not be shifted to reasonable rates for citizens. If money is needed for improvements, Westar as a company should share most of the expense in its profit line. It should not expect nor especially be allowed to put the burden on customers who do not have the option to purchase or not purchase.

It is these two rather juxtaposing ideas that I would request the KCC take a hard and yes, heartfelt look at. Having just recently moved to KS from a state where we belonged to an electric coop, I was shocked by the operation and billing practices of Westar Energy excessive extra fees, an entity that I have no choice but to pay. I must rely on the diligence of the KCC to protect the citizens of Westar's granted territory from the greed of the corporate paradigm.

Therefore, I respectfully request that this current rate increase be denied all together and no increase be given at this time. From the looks of my bill there are several "unusual" charges that have already been added by Westar that should have provided the revenue for the upgrades that they are postulating are necessary. If indeed, they were good business managers, these items should have been planned for in the course of normal business management within the requirement of fair and reasonable rates.

As a retired person, I would also wish to point out the plight of those individuals on a fixed income. We have no way of ever increasing our own "bottom" line to adjust for all the increases hitting our budgets. Westar wants to maintain and increase its profit but what about the fixed income? Where is our right to a reasonable rate from a granted public utility?

Many I have talked to have assured me that Westar's rates request is a game. They will ask for an excessively high rate increase and then after public protest will settle for a lower increase amount in order to seem more reasonable. I regret that this is the cynical feeling of most citizens in Kansas. I would seem very likely that the well informed KCC would be aware of this cynical and probably deserved view from Westar's customers and therefore thoroughly scrutinize the evidence presented by Westar in its request for more increases. It does appear that your own site has information about a case against Westar for its practices.

Unfortunately for me, it does look like the upgrades that should have been planned for are now unavoidable. These were not unforeseen cost, just not well planned for costs. However, it is not unavoidable that customers should pay the biggest share of this in order that Westar not take any loss and their stockholders not take any

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loss but actually receive a profit. This paradigm is just another example for corporate greed at the expense of customers who have no choice.

Please stand up for the fair and reasonable for those of us who have no choice and little control in this product. Please say, "enough" to Westar.

Sincerely,

Barbara Moore

404 N. Sioux Ct

Kechi, KS 67067

316-516-2469

Sent from Windows Mail

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Jay & Mary <j.m.eikl@midkan.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 10:44 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To the Kansas corp. commissioners:

I understand that you have a hard decision to make when it comes to Westar Energy. I also have seen that they have cut what they are asking for in about half, But that is what they do all the time. They ask for the moon knowing that they will get much less. They have asked for an increase quite often in the last several years and have been given some every time, if I remember right. This time they cut what they are asking for because of the pressure put on by their customers. They are wanting to increase the fixed customer service charge (or as it was known the meter charge). All this would do is make them money and would hurt the customer that, because they can't afford the extra, has cut back on their use of electricity to just what is needed. I know that you will give them something, you always do, but please keep in mind the customer protection part of your name. An after thought is that they want to have a 10% return to thier stock holders, when banks offer only about 1.5% on high dollor accounts.

Thank You for taking time to read this.

Jay Eikleberry  
935 Windsor Dr.  
Salina. Ks. 67401  
(785) 827-9557

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Rosylee Rogers  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 9:52 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Rosylee Rogers  
2412 Brett Dr.  
Lawrence, KS 66049  
rosebud13143@yahoo.com

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Olin Hendry  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 7:22 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Olin Hendry  
319 S Oliver  
Wichita, KS 67218  
ohendry@cox.net



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Genie Allgood  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 10:20 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Genie Allgood  
4008 SW 29TH STREET  
Topeka, KS 66614  
rblwocz@yahoo.com

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of John Johnson  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 9:50 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. John Johnson  
228 Random Rd  
El Dorado, KS 67042  
jjohnson241@cox.net

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Kelly Barth <ludditekel@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:13 PM  
**To:** public.affairs

Dear Commissioners,

As my partner Lisa Grossman said in her own letter, we very much appreciate Westar's ability to "keep the lights on" and your commitment to investing in infrastructural upgrades to improve efficiency and reduce harmful emissions.

We are self-employed with a very modest income and have always done our best to reduce our kilowatt hours and make our home energy efficient. We are concerned that the proposed fixed rate increase is unfair to customers like us, and not an optimal long-term solution. The proposal discourages energy conservation and interest in solar, and many of our friends have been working so hard on adding solar to their homes.

We urge you to implement alternative measures to recover your costs that also help Kansas customers like us continue to conserve and pay for what we use in a way that's equitable for all.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kelly Barth

825 Maine St, Lawrence, KS 66044

[ludditekel@earthlink.net](mailto:ludditekel@earthlink.net)

RE: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Miriam Schnoebelen, OSB  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 2:21 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 10, 2015

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Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home. We do our best to keep our usage low.

I am a Social Security beneficiary. Cost of staying in my home keeps going up but no living increase for me in my SS benefits.

Please say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Miriam Schnoebelen, OSB  
801 So 8th St  
Atchison, KS 66002  
[miriam@mountosb.org](mailto:miriam@mountosb.org)

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Tamara Perry  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 9:50 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Ms. Tamara Perry  
1932 Simmons  
Salina, KS 67401-6541  
peechteacher3@cox.net

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Lisa Grossman <lgrossman@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 2:18 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

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Lisa Grossman  
825 Maine St, Lawrence, KS 66044  
[lgrossman@earthlink.net](mailto:lgrossman@earthlink.net)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** hey jude <heyjude132@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 9:28 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Rate Hike

I wish to add my comments to those who, like myself, believe the new rate hikes Westar is asking for is absolutely outrageous. They are already our highest of all utilities, have had how many rate hikes these last few years and are pricing themselves out of the reach for many of us. We are retirees, have been for some years now. We aren't getting any comparable hike in our income, how do they expect so many people to be able to afford them?

You have been most generous in hikes these last years, its time to stop, its time to think about Westar's clients and how they will be able to afford electricity. All of the hikes expected now through 2019 need to be denied.

Thank you,  
Judy Wahaus  
831 S. Ohio St.  
Salina, Ks. 67401

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Jonnell Eichkorn  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 9:20 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Jonnell Eichkorn  
2508 North Landon Street  
Wichita, KS 67205  
jonnies@cox.net



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Valerie Pearce  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 7:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Valerie Pearce  
219 S 1ST ST  
INDEPENDENCE, KS 67301-3838  
pearcelanette@yahoo.com

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Elizabeth Valencia  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 7:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Ms. Elizabeth Valencia  
2243 Bramblewood St. # 703  
Wichita, KS 67226  
703valencia@gmail.com

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 5:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Dickinson  
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Wakarusa, KS 66546  
rdickinson11@yahoo.com

102013

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Amy Lemley  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 3:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

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alemley1@gmail.com

102014

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ollie Stadler  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 3:19 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Ollie Stadler  
3421 SE 37th St.  
Topeka, KS 66605  
olmay47@aol.com

10 2015

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Eileen Haynes <ehaynes@scls.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 2:30 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** raising fixed fees etc

I am currently in the process of preparing our house for renewable energy (solar) in addition to non-renewable energy that Westar provides. I should NOT have to pay more than the energy that I am using. Grocery stores and gas stations, for example, charge me only for what I use. I have the right to use the energy source that is most cost effective, uses renewable sources of energy, and causes least harm to the environment of our beautiful state of Kansas. I will continue to follow closely your proceedings.

Sincerely,  
Sister Eileen Haynes

*Sister Eileen Haynes SCL  
Councilor  
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth  
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102016

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Kathryn Berube  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 1:49 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathryn Berube  
2031 S Edgemoor  
Wichita, KS 67218  
kinredspirit2005@yahoo.com

102017

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Bruce Fast <splashmaster50@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 12:38 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Request for Rate Increase

Sir,

I would like to voice my protest to the request by Westar to once again raise rates.

Ask your selves these questions in relation to Westar.

How many times have Westar rate increases been turned down in the last five years?

What are the levels of dividends they been reporting to stock holders?

Have the requests over the last five years out-stripped the inflation rate?

In this time of dwindling energy, when we all should be acting in a responsible manner, why will our fixed charges remain the same whether we conserve energy or not?

(They should be encouraging energy conservation)

For many of us Westar is a monopoly. It is your duty to protect citizens from over aggressive, though necessary monopolies.

Will you stand up an take responsibility?

Bruce Fast  
Salina, KS



102018

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Dona Taggart <donabil@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 12:30 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar proposed rate increase

Please hold the line on continued rate increases by Westar. It is outrageous to guarantee high rates of return for their investors when the rest of us are getting paltry returns on our small investments and living on minimum social security or minimum wages. Let their CEO's skim off less and put the money back into their upgrades.

Do your job and look out for the rest of us. the corporations have plenty of lobbyists paving the way for them.!!!

102019

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of leonard donley  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 12:18 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Dr. leonard donley  
2338 lighthouse cove  
wichita, KS 67205  
lhdonley@gmail.com

102020

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Anita Schill  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 12:18 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Anita Schill  
493 sw 70th  
Leon, KS 67074  
nitaschill@gmail.com

102021

Gerrie Lippert

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From: Carm Thibault <carmthibault@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 10:07 AM  
To: public.affairs  
Subject: \$ charges.....

*This jump in fees will be a great burden for many of our friends on fixed incomes as well as those who have a hard time making it from check to check..... A gradual increase is one thing but this ???*

Also, we need to do all we can to encourage other forms of energy such as wind - not taxing them for what is a good movement in using what we have in Kansas - wind!

Thank you for your consideration.....

Sr. Carm Thibault, csj

102022

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Leslie Maybell <tlcmaybell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 8:40 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar proposed rate increase

It is understandable and inevitable that rate increases will occur. The upgrades and improvements that Westar does are enjoyed and appreciated.

\*If the proposed increase is an average of 7.9%, why does the proposal ask that resident users bear the disproportionate rate of 12.1% increase?

\*Why does Westar feel the need to propose an increase of shareholders' profits to 10%? Being a shareholder is a choice; become an investor, take a risk. Being a Westar customer involves very little choice; have electricity or return to the 1800s.

\*Those of us who are conscientious of our usage are conservative mainly to control expenses. The components of the rate hike would negate our efforts and place another strain on limited budgets such as ours.

We are relatively new to this area and Westar. And we could not be any more pleased with the energy service and customer service we receive. Everyone associated with Westar has been exceptional and the power outage reporting system is very efficient and customer-friendly. Thank you.

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Maybell

102023

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Pat Lehman <patlehman@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:43 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar

There is no incentive for Westar to practice cost cutting when they are guaranteed a hefty profit! They play the system every time-come in high, agree to a lower price and the consumer is dumped on again.

I am opposed to Westar receiving ANY increase at this time-enough is enough!

Pat Lehman  
515 Manlo  
Wichita, KS 67204

102024

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Ben Zuniga  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 7:00 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights, are you serious!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers? it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that we can continue to live in my home.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ben Zuniga  
4021 Westlawn  
Wichita, KS 67212  
(316) 347-9715  
benzunigajr@yahoo.com

102025

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Lynne Hunter <lynne\_hunter@usd465.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:39 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Increasing Westar rates

Hello. I live in Winfield, KS and am very concerned about the frequency of Westar's rate requests. If they need system upgrades, there are other ways to pay for those. It is unfair to use fixed charges because that places a higher burden on those who can afford it least. Kansas should be able to control their own energy costs, and we should be able to choose sustainable forms of energy without being penalized.

Please vote NO on raising mandatory charges!

Lynne Hunter

Winfield, KS

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Evelyn League  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 6:30 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Evelyn League  
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New Cambria, KS 67470  
eleague@juno.com

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Lawrence Morriss  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 4:29 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

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Sincerely,

Mr. Lawrence Morriss  
302 S Handley St  
Wichita, KS 67213  
clmorriss4854@gmail.com

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** sylvia beeman <sbeewoman@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 12:53 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** proposed Westar changes

Dear Sirs, I have been following the proposals for changes in fixed fees and charges to Westar customers who install solar collectors. Of course Westar should be fairly compensated for the energy it provides its customers and for upkeep and improvements to its infrastructure. However, I implore you to promote compensations that encourage people to conserve energy use or to use nonpolluting energy sources (solar or wind energy). Instead of raising mandatory fees which unfairly penalize Kansans who use the least energy, please encourage Westar to charge customers for the amount of energy they use.

Please look to the future and the burdens we are leaving to our young people. Fossil fuels are a limited resource which are needed for many purposes besides generating energy. Renewable energy sources are far less damaging to the environment--no contribution to air pollution nor to global warming through CO2 production.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Sylvia C. Beeman

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Brandy <brandy\_bergstrom@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 7:10 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Fee increase

To whom it may concern,

I understand that fee hikes are needed sometimes. My concern is when I look at my bill you have broke down rates for numerous things and at times have raised rates. My concern is that your raising my rates due to a wolf creek mandatory upgrade when my bill is already almost doubled with the add on rate increases. My husband and I own our own house in Lyon county, but we do not receive benefit's that Coffey county does such as tax breaks. I have a very tight budget and we always pay our bills every month on time. Where is the line drawn on increases? When does a corporate monopoly decide that there's enough money to cover expenses? I think these are moral questions that need to be asked and is there another way then constantly asking for more from your consumers. We constantly encourage our children to conserve energy such as turning of lights and such. Why is there not a conservation on our money that is received? We have a bill for our home and for a safety light in our back yard. Do you realize that we are charged environmental fees, transfer fees and so on for my home and then a safety light. I seriously think that some of these charges are being blown way out of portion.

Sent from my iPhone

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Diana <diane.leming@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2015 7:58 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** No  
**Attachments:** hearing\_westar\_072315.pdf

NO,you do not need a rate in crease. You do this every year asking more money and more money! You always say it's for upgrade of planet or something else. You are just greeded and want to just want. You are worst than the government. We the people cannot afford anymore increase. We. Live on a limited check each month and have to stretch our checks as is or we just do with out when we run out of money you should try doing the same.we cannot afford anymore and you don't need anymore. You throw so much away. As is and I know that for a fact , I know people we work there and I. Worked there. WE THE PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER INCREASE AND QUIT ASKIMG EVERY YEAR? You are getting richer and we are gettingpooer. No TO YOUR INCREASE. You also have people who are worthless working for and play on Internet in warehouse and runs errands and is way over payed,and you keep them there.  
You build new building and don't even use half of it and you want more more for dumb stuff?NO!NO!NO!

Sent from my iPad

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Diana <diane.leming@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 9:16 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** No

We the people do not need a rate increase again ,every year westar says the need more money for improvements ,upgrade or something dumb . It's all about greed to them and the answer is NO!for once tell the, no instead of giving it to them . There is a lot of people out there we can not stretch our once a month checks anymore.i know for a fact they build that new building in law and what a waste,they don't use even half of it. I also know you have people who work there ,over paid just sitting on the Internet while their worker does all the work along with running errands on company time for hair cuts . No to your increase, think you need to check no for once instead of always giving them more money.Everytime you turn around they want more money ,well don't we all! Jim Leming

Sent from my iPad

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Dean Taylor <b1dino@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 4:05 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Docket # 15-WSEE-115-RTS  
**Attachments:** Westar\_Rate\_Increase\_08-10-2015.pdf

KCC,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Westar rate increase (Westar Docket # 15-WSEE-115-RTS).

I would like to highlight four main items in relationship to Westar's requested rate increase and hopefully the items will be brief in nature.

1. The sheer number of Westar rate increases over the last five (5) years.
2. The amount of requested increase (7.9%) versus the rate of increase of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the average worker salary increase over the last 5-6 years.
3. The amount of requested increase versus the average increase of the named executives of Westar for 2014
4. Any time Westar requests a rate increase the KCC should require Westar to provide a 10 year trend line (with yearly % increase figures) for the average Westar household customer.

### **Item #1 & #2**

The first issue I have with this requested rate increase of \$152 million (7.9%) is the sheer number of rate increase for Westar since 2009. Twenty two (22) to twenty seven (27) rate increases since 2009 is completely uncalled for. I know Westar has better long range planning and project cost estimating then to request and average of about 4 rate increases a year. It would seems that ONE (1) rate increase per year, or better yet, ONE (1) rate increase per 18-24 month period would be more reasonable. When Westar has multiple rate increases per year it gives the general public the appearance of small increases, when in reality the increases add up to an average increase of around 5% per year. Since 2009 the Consumer Price Index has increased only around 1-2% per year, yet Westar rate increases have increased 5% per year. Average worker salary increases since 2009 have been 0% for a few years and the other years around 1-2% per year. Westar rate increases are far out stripping the average worker's salary increase since 2009. This rate of increase is unsustainable for the average Westar customer. Westar's rate increases should be limited to the same general rate of increase as the CPI and not be allowed to increase at a rate of 2-3 times the CPI. Westar needs to live within a budget just like every other household and business and not be allowed these multiple increases per year that far out strip the average CPI increase just because they are a monopoly.

| <b><u>Year</u></b> | <b><u>Consumer Price Index</u></b> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2009               | 2.7%                               |
| 2010               | 1.5%                               |
| 2011               | 3.0%                               |
| 2012               | 1.7%                               |
| 2013               | 1.5%                               |
| 2014               | 0.8%                               |

Average 1.58%

Source: <http://www.usinflationcalculator.com/inflation/consumer-price-index-and-annual-percent-changes-from-1913-to-2008/>

### **Item #3**

Westar is requesting an increase of \$152 million (7.9%) for this rate increase. As the table below shows the average increase in compensation for the named executives of Westar for 2014 is 37.1% with a total compensation of \$9.303 Million.

#### **Executive Compensation for Westar**

| <b><u>Named Executive</u></b> | <b><u>Year</u></b> | <b><u>Total Compensation</u></b> | <b><u>% Increase</u></b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mark A. Ruelle                | 2014               | \$3,224,703                      | 19.5%                    |
|                               | 2013               | \$2,699,497                      | 8.5%                     |
|                               | 2012               | \$2,487,334                      |                          |
| Douglas R. Sterbenz           | 2014               | \$2,013,068                      | 36.0%                    |
|                               | 2013               | \$1,480,304                      | -6.8%                    |
|                               | 2012               | \$1,588,632                      |                          |
| Greg A. Greenwood             | 2014               | \$1,498,468                      | 60.3%                    |
|                               | 2013               | \$ 934,808                       | 1.2%                     |
|                               | 2012               | \$ 923,393                       |                          |
| Anthony D. Somma              | 2014               | \$1,477,820                      | 56.5%                    |
|                               | 2013               | \$ 944,107                       | 3.3%                     |
|                               | 2012               | \$ 913,735                       |                          |
| Larry D. Irick                | 2014               | \$1,089,198                      | 49.8%                    |
|                               | 2013               | \$ 727,171                       | -8.9%                    |
|                               | 2012               | \$ 798,536                       |                          |
| Total Compensation            | 2014               | \$9,303,257                      | 37.1%                    |
|                               | 2013               | \$6,785,887                      | 1.1%                     |
|                               | 2012               | \$6,711,630                      |                          |

Clearly, Westar does not need a 7.9% rate increase when the total compensation increased for the named executives for 2014 ranges from 19.5% to 60.3% with an average increase of 37.1%. The average salary increases for the general population since 2009 has been very low, with 0% increases for a few years and the other years around 1-2%. The salary increase for the named executives should be more in the range of the increase from 2012 to 2013 (average increase of 1.1%). How can Westar ask their customer for a 7.9% increase, when the top executives all earn over a million dollars, and received such a large increase in total compensation for 2014?

### **Item #4**

Any time Westar requests a rate increase the KCC should require Westar to provide a 10 year trend line (with yearly % increase figures) for average Westar household customer. Westar could pick three average household consumer levels (small, medium, large) for electrical usage per month (say 600 kWh per month, 900 kWh per month, and 1500 kWh per month) and show the yearly rate increase over the prior 10 year period. The figures should show the yearly increase per kWh and for the total



bill with all fees added in. Westar has this information and should be required to provide it to the general public for any requested rate increase.

I do not know if the 600 kWh per month, 900 kWh per month, and 1500 kWh per month averages are good figures for small, medium, and large household usage figures, as I am only using this as an example. Again, Westar has this data and should be required to provide it.

Again, thank you for allowing me to have some input to Westar's requested rate increase.

Dean Taylor  
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(Loyal Westar customer since June 1981)

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Timothy McElheny <timothy\_mcelheny@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 1:43 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Rate increase. I just want to know when is enough going to be enough for this greedy corporation? It seems like everytime we turn around their asking for more

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Joyce Woodford <joycew1@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 10:59 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

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Please do not create impediments to the use of solar energy via solar panels. It is baffling to attempt to follow the logic that limits natural and available solar energy AND simultaneously scrambles to find "enough" energy based on limited natural resources. This clearly presents Westar as interested only in profit while disregarding public welfare. It genuinely is shocking that a corporation presumes the "authority" to prohibit access to our sun's freely-given energy!

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**From:** Lee Skabelund <leeskab@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 10:51 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar rate increase request

I am pleased that Westar has committed to study the solar issue further.

I urge the KCC and Westar to support usage-based energy charges and eliminate or minimize base rate increases in the State of Kansas.

Those who seek to generate energy via solar and those who seek to conserve energy should NOT be penalized. These people help Westar and other utility companies reduce peak energy loads and lessen total energy demand. Those who conserve and/or generate energy should be rewarded and encouraged in these important efforts.

Encouraging conservation and the generation of renewable energy is vital if we are to use our energy resources wisely in Kansas and create win-win-win situations in regards to short- and long-term energy supply, environmental issues (including pollution reductions), and socio-economic equity issues (making sure that those who have limited financial resources can reduce energy costs via conservation and home, business, and site-based renewable energy production).

Please make sure that each of these essential needs guide decision-making in regards to Westar and other utility rate increase requests.

Lee R. Skabelund - 2027 Meadowmere Court, Manhattan, KS 66502

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of Diana Williams  
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**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 10, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! A fixed charge seems very unfair to people who are trying to reduce energy usage. We should NOT have to pay for what we do not use! There is no logic to that formula. If we were to improve our homes, we would not expect someone else to finance it.

Westar should have plans and money saved or budgeted for such improvements. If I can not pay for that at once, I have to borrow it.

Why are big businesses thinking it is all ours to pay for?

I am disappointed to hear that persons who have tried to use some solar panels or any other renewable energy avenues, may be penalized for that. I thought there was a law passed that anyone who was generating more energy than they could use, was to have Westar use it. Maybe I have misinformation. It would be nice to be wrong and find out that Westar is working towards clean, renewable energy production.

Go study how successful California has been. Their economy has profited from green energy economy. It has attracted around \$27 billion of venture capital into the state since 2006. Couldn't Kansas use that kind of help in capital and an efficient economy? Couldn't Westar think in this direction and work more towards renewable energy?

I believe it's important to conserve energy to help the environment, and I know the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy found energy efficiency programs run by utilities have returned \$1.41-\$4 for every \$1 spent. It could curb pollution by 30% from 2005 levels by 2030. The Clean Power Plan in four states saw savings to resident's bills of possibly \$129-\$147 annually by 2030.

Sometimes we have trouble with frequent power outages. I often wonder what is being down about the problems, whether they are fried squirrels on a transformer or some break down near an energy station or just wind. We are putting up with old ways of doing things.

Why can't that be changed, and renewable energy is my greatest concern.

I KNOW it can be done. One has to think outside the box and not try to keep charging it all to the customers.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,  
Diana Williams

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Sincerely,

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Terrill/Soetaert <mterrill@cox.net>  
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**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar rate request

To the Kansas Corporation Commissioners,

I want to add my voice to concerns about the Westar rate requests under your consideration. I was glad to hear that Westar, CURB and others have been working together to agree on a compromise on some of the issues. However, I still have some concerns that I want to urge you to consider as you make these decisions affecting all residential customers.

As a retiree, whose income is not keeping up with cost of living increases, I am unsurprisingly concerned with the frequent rate increase requests that Westar submits, and particularly the proposal to increase the fixed charges to \$14.50. With national averages ranging from \$5 to \$10 (according to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy) seem high for Kansas consumers to pay. In addition, this takes away our ability as consumers to control our costs by controlling our energy use. It is hard to understand why Westar can't recoup its fixed cost increases by charging more for the more energy a customer uses. This also encourages energy savings and is fairer for those who use less vs those who do not make this effort.

Along this line of energy conservation efforts, my husband and I had just gathered some information about the possibility of installing solar panels on our home and were in the process of weighing the pros and cons when Westar's request was made public, which caused us to shelve the idea for now. We would like to take steps like this to use a more sustainable energy resource and control our energy expenses. I believe we should be encouraging this vs making it more difficult. I am glad that the KCC is looking at considering the solar issue separately at a later date, and urge you to look at the economic benefit of encouraging energy efficient energy alternatives and ways consumers can lessen their energy costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Gerrie Lippert

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**Subject:** Docket Number 15-WSEE-115-RTS

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Docket Number 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Kansas Corporation Commission,

Thank you for considering public comments when making the final decision on this rate case. I appreciate the recent tentative agreement to increase the rates to a lesser amount. Although, recovering cost through a fixed charge structure limits customers' ability to control their energy bills.

My husband and I recently purchased a 600 square-foot home in Lawrence, KS which we are in the process of remodeling. Our decision to purchase a smaller house was based on our values to live frugally and consume less, for the sake of saving money and decreasing our impact on the environment. When we made the purchase, saving on electricity cost from powering such a small space was one of the driving factors in our decision. The proposed increased fixed rate by Westar not only discourages less consumption of energy, but punishes us for using less electricity. If you allow this proposal to go through, we will be paying the same high amount per month in fixed charges as home-owners who's houses are two, three, and often four times bigger than ours.

Self-sufficiency is important to us, and we are planning to invest in solar panels for our home. We are grateful that solar rates will be discussed at a future docket; nevertheless, we are also concerned with the uncertainty of what the future solar customer rates will be. Not knowing how much Westar will charge us for being connected to the grid makes it impossible to budget for our solar investment.

I am grateful for the environmental updates Westar has invested in and as a customer, I am willing to do my part in helping recover the cost. Although, there are more fair ways of recovering cost than a higher fixed charge, such as integrating the cost into the price of energy. Charging customers for the energy they use would fairly distribute the cost and give consumers the freedom to control their energy bills.



As energy usage decreases, we need utility models and rates that reflect choices for Westar customers such as energy efficiency and renewable energy. Continuing raising rates is not a sustainable model, with everyone (customers, Westar, investors) losing in the long-term.

I sincerely hope that you will consider alternative structures for recovering cost.

Thank you very much!

*Olga Khakova*

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of David Ade <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
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**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 10, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Westar's request for a three-tiered rate increase for residential users in Kansas is indefensible.

Future roof-top solar energy users are especially targeted, but they will actually lower the overall cost of electricity by reducing peak-time demand (which goes up as the sun shines brighter).

Westar seeks additional payments for maintaining an ancient coal power-plant that should really be retired. Coal continues to be defended as the cheapest fuel, but only with some creative accounting: Westar lists the cost of cleaning up coal's toxic by-products separately, under the guise of "Environmental Charge". The true cost of coal would be much higher than renewable resources if utility and mining companies didn't deny their responsibilities for additional healthcare, deaths, and permanent damages to our ecology, not to mention global warming.

Westar should instead have a target of at least 50% of its generation, and not just nameplate capacity, from renewable sources by 2020 (yes, it's possible). This may actually discourage individual rooftop solar/wind installation, and help avoid driving people off the grid altogether.

Westar should also consider charging industrial/commercial for-profit customers at a higher rate (than residential users) because they demand much higher quality, with much higher levels of strain on the grid.

The people of Kansas should have access to clean energy at a fair rate; if Westar cannot deliver our demands because it has its investors as its top priority, it is time for KCC to dismantle Westar, and allow multiple providers to compete with different choices in generation modes; let the market decide truly while ensuring cartels do not overtake.

Sincerely,

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**Greta Stephens**

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**From:** Gerrie Lippert  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 6:48 AM  
**To:** Greta Stephens  
**Subject:** FW: COMMENTS Westar Rate Hearing Docket Number 15-WSEE-115-RTS WESTAR RATE HEARING 2015  
**Attachments:** WESTARatehearing15-WSEE-115-RTS\_08092015.pdf

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**From:** Eileen SmithMArch [<mailto:eileenmsmithmarch@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 4:33 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** COMMENTS Westar Rate Hearing Docket Number 15-WSEE-115-RTS WESTAR RATE HEARING 2015

ATTN: Gretta  
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Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection  
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Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027

Dear Gretta,

Please find attached herein, my official comments for the Westar Rate Hearing Docket Number 15-WSEE-115-RTS WESTAR RATE HEARING 2015.

We spoke just a moment ago and you indicated that I could request in the cover letter a reply email verifying filing of my comments in the above referenced docket. It is my understanding that it is not necessary to also mail my comments by regular post, but that I could.

I want to make sure all KCC commissioners, legal signatories to this rate hearing and the public receive a copy or at least have access to read the document online. I do not have a copy of the mailing list. I would greatly appreciate it if you could please provide a link to the docket mailing list in your verification reply to this email containing my comments as attached herein.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

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# **I. WHAT MESSAGE IS WESTAR SENDING TO KANSANS & THE WORLD IN FINING ENERGY EFFICIENCY & SOLAR?**

From 1992 to 2007, I served as founder & CEO of the SOLAR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE. 1997 to 2004, I was a signatory to a joint agency rulemaking into the role of the utility distribution company UDC in distributed demand-site generation. OG I attended consumer Energy Crisis 2000 hearings where people shared their stories about losing their homes and businesses due to Enron tripling electric bills in three months. Utility demands to be paid for alleged lost revenue for successful energy efficiency and renewable energy generation was another major factor causing energy crisis 2000, the fall of Enron and the near bankrupt collapse of California utilities. I released the book I wrote on the subject in 2005: "ElectriCity BEYOND THE CURVE OF DEREGULATION". [www.BI-PVSolarArchitecture.com](http://www.BI-PVSolarArchitecture.com) and click on TIME-LINE in menu.

In 2005, I founded the Kansas Solar Electric Co-operatives, Inc. and The K-SEC Model. It is a \$3.5 billion-dollar deployment acceleration program to install 1,000 MWp BI-PV Solar in and for Kansas. Consumers do not pay for solar systems. K-SEC will produce, install, monitor and maintain 50 to 75 MSF of solar roofing in Kansas by 2026. K-SEC will sell electricity wholesale to provide 2,000 jobs as Kansans becomes global leader in building-integrated photovoltaics.

Westar's ongoing demands to increase revenues while refusing to shift with the industry reveals a lack of adaptation. K-SEC will provide 5 to 7% of the electricity consumed in Kansas by 2026. We want realistic cooperation to explore potential. Westar's request to regulators to impose extreme unreasonable costs on solar deployment sends a clear message of prejudice against energy efficiency consumers and antitrust tendencies toward solar energy as an emerging industry. Westar exhibits antitrust abuses in their rate demands. It is unacceptable. Westar is brutally blocking mainstream solar and should be fined+sanctioned. Does Westar acknowledge the global transition in energy commerce? To view how other states are successful in solar, look at SolarCity founded in 2006 a year after I released The K-SEC Model in 2005. Elon Musk is Chairman of board. They successfully use the energy service provider model I proposed via The K-SEC Model.

*"Johann Wolfgang von Goethe recognized that some magical quality befalls us when we take action. It has a life of its own. ... If you are concerned on what to do first, go back to the places you love and take the people you love with you. ... As you focus on the places you love think about the bigger picture. We have to lead and demand that the government and the market follow. They must provide us with better and more sustainable products, policies, and performance. We don't have to be perfect to make a difference, but we do have to act.*

Saving the Places We Love/Last Thoughts by Ned Tillman, pg 237

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Question 2: How are consumer energy bills currently determined and how will Westar's three proposed increases in monthly consumer charges potentially change electric bills of Kansas consumers?

- a. KS standard monthly fee to be connected: Present charge \$12 proposed \$27 average national rate \$5 to \$10 [REF1: Climate and Energy Project CEP 785-424-0444, comments July 2015, flyer] and [REF2: KS Natural Resources Council, July 2015 comments flyer]. Please justify the extreme increases in rates Westar is proposing. If Westar wants to restore outdated coal plants or nuclear generators, they should raise the issue in a public hearing before they commence work. To do the work and then demand rate increases to pay is not a wise strategy. What if KCC and consumers refuse to pay for that work like Westar is doing with energy efficiency?
- b. Westar says KS Consumers are to be fined for Energy Efficiency (Saving Energy) Past-Present-Future: Westar, the Kansas Department of Energy, and the U.S. Department of Energy [DOE] have funded numerous taxpayer backed energy efficiency programs. Westar has gained significant revenue in this process. **Demanding more profits and insisting that energy efficiency is unnecessary and to be fined is a frightening inconsistency.** Utilities were formed to manage electricity distribution, Profits or guaranteed revenues are a secondary priority/privilege. The health, safety and efficiency of energy commerce are paramount to assure a secure, modern electricity mix in KS.

Westar advertises they have been promoting and involved in numerous energy efficiency activities:

- a) Energy Star program for appliances  
 You may recall the rate hearing a few years ago where Westar demanded a rider that would pay Westar for their involvement in any energy efficiency activities. We need a list of rate increases.
- b) Westar now demands to fine all KS consumers for any alleged lost revenue Westar may claim past, present or future due to consumer's success saving energy. This inconsistency is either bad management with lack of insight, or a gang of extortionists has taken over the energy industry. What next! I predict another doubling of rates for new distribution lines and blocking of solar.
- c) Enron rate spike hikes tripled CA energy bills putting numerous people out of business and out of their homes. I was at the hearings, I met those people and I heard their stories. There was no attempt to stop obvious disaster just as there appears to be no compassion in Westar's demands.

I am genuinely concerned with the lack of accountability in Westar's actions and demands. Westar's focus on rate increases coupled with lack of response to vital utility issues makes me wonder who plans to take the money and run. Today, new energy technology deployment and development are vital to human survival. Westar needs to provide equal support to solar energy companies like K-SEC. Westar's proposed rate increase does not reflect realistic goals, but is highly prejudicial and inconsistent with past actions. The little energy savings in Kansas as Westar directed would hardly pay for the energy efficiency ads Westar issued with ratepayer bills. Energy commerce today is a monopoly arena driven by investor demands. Taking billed time at \$150 hour or more to enforce fines on energy efficiency in Kansas is propaganda devised to frighten and confuse consumers. Let us clarify with a serious discussion about *extreme weather and renewable energy*.

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QUESTION 3: What is the connection between this rate hearing, solar energy finance and super volcanoes, today?

Super volcanoes have played a critical role in the evolution of life on Earth, historically. Scientists indicate it is easier today to determine when a super volcano will explode because of new technology. According to scientists worldwide, human caused CO2 appears to be accelerating Earth's surface temperature. Coal-fired power generation may act as a match igniting an eruption of one of the Super Volcanoes on Earth. How do we reduce the potential of such catastrophic event if our Westar utility is asking to fine us for successful energy efficiency?

There are three active Super Volcanoes presently known of on Earth. Yellow Stone is the largest and it is allegedly 600,000 years since its last event. A full crater explosion could result in the Northern Continent being covered with lava about halfway down the U.S. and the southern half of the U.S. would be buried in ash. Another Super Volcano in the Northern part of the Earth is on Iceland. The world has witnessed the melting of the ice walls on Iceland the past five years. Scientists had expected Iceland's ice walls to remain in place for another 10,000 years or more. Heat naturally rises and thus the carbon emissions we create in the United States and Europe naturally rise and heat the Northern part of the Earth and thereby the two Northerly Super Volcanoes. The latest warming trend is the melting of icebergs in the Antarctica. Human CO2 emissions could act like a match. We need to reduce CO2 emissions to slow one of the largest *natural* bombs in human history. Westar's role is to protect consumers and not to endanger them. Please do not distract consumers with trivial abuses.

QUESTION 4 BI-PV Solar Architecture Would Westar and the State of Kansas attempt to block Solar Energy?

BI-PV Solar Architecture provides flexible pollution-free demand-site affordable solar electricity generation that will reduce our dependency on coal-fired power especially where it removes the need to build new coal plants for peak AC. A responsive grid manager will develop a cooperative interconnection program to serve various types of solar energy consumers from individual homeowners to a pool of consumers managed by energy service providers. Solar consumers rely on interconnection and battery back-up contracts for the longest warranty in each solar generator. Photovoltaics provide one of the most direct, cleanest, affordable and reliable electricity technology resources in existence, today. *Momentum* is the primary hurdle to access BI-PV Solar and *momentum* is the solution to timely and systematically remove this barrier. That is why I established The K-SEC Model in 2005. K-SEC will provide 2,000 jobs installing 2,000 SF BI-PV Solar a week in 100 counties of Kansas for ten years. We need a steering committee to develop a respectable way to facilitate cooperation by Westar, KCC and KSDHE.

Question 5: CLIMATE CHANGE + WHO KNOWS WHAT?

This summer, I explored over 100 books and videos in the Lawrence Public Library investigating what we know about the history of the Earth and energy commerce. Numerous sources verified that extreme global warming

and cooling have occurred numerous times over Earth's six-billion year existence. However, the speed with which the Earth is presently warming is unprecedented according to most of the sources I accessed. The books and videos include the following reputable global distributors: National Geographic, NASA, NOVA, PBS, BBC, and a variety of universities and scientists around the world. A bibliography is available upon request. What I found is that we are now in a global heating cycle. Humanity appears to be accelerating that normal heating process. However, some sources indicate that the warming process accelerates as the ice melts. We need to organize.

Extreme highly destructive weather is becoming a norm. Most states and nations on Earth laud coal-fired power CO2 emissions as the number one human cause accelerating present climate change. Floods, tornados, earthquakes and volcanoes are perpetuating billions of dollars in damaged infrastructure along with the loss of the lives of thousands of human beings, plant and animal life. There is an urgent need for quality emergency preparedness. Fracturing of the Earth's mantle is another highly destructive form of oil drilling. Gases from that process permeate many such projects causing deadly toxins. Earthquakes have also occurred. BI-PV Solar has EMF emissions (electricity). Lack of solar industry infrastructure historically challenged its economic mainstream use.

**QUESTION 6 EXTINCTIONS How Do Extinction Observations Assure More Responsible Energy Decisions?**

The most extreme ice age was called, Snowball Earth. Ice ages result in the extinction of most living creatures on Earth until the surface heats up again over hundreds of thousands of years. In past extinctions, the Earth has renewed an abundant animal and plant life. Humanity came along before the last global freeze. It was the ice age where dinosaurs went extinct. The mastodon dig in Sequim, Washington verifies that humans and mastodons co-existed over 25,000 years ago. The dig shows human tools used to hunt and process the giant mastodon ancestors of elephants. Can we stop fighting in the Middle East and start exploring alternatives to extinction? The large amount of CO2 emissions needed to fight wars is likely contributing to climate change and global warming.

We want to identify the technological opportunities and necessities that could readily reduce human suffering for Kansans and around the world. Today, it is crucial that utilities, regulators and consumers keep up on climate change issues and related connections to energy technology deployment and management. Kansas presently depends on coal-fired energy for 80% of the electricity we consume. Renewable energy and energy efficiency are vital tools in mitigating extreme weather. Humanity created utilities a century ago to manage electricity distribution and related commerce. Rural electric cooperatives in Kansas assure electric generation in rural farm communities. In addition to large corporate utilities and rural electric cooperatives, Kansas also has municipal utilities. A strong distribution infrastructure will assure the many benefits of BI-PV Solar Architecture for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Negative intimidating claims that Westar is going to make solar too hot to handle in Kansas is defamatory and damaging to BI-PV Solar deployment and related businesses.



Comments: Kansas Solar Electric Co-operatives, Inc. and The K-SEC Model.  
 Eileen M. Smith, M.Arch. Founder & CEO Since 2005  
[www.BI-PVSolarArchitecture.com/TIME-LINE](http://www.BI-PVSolarArchitecture.com/TIME-LINE)  
[EileenMSmithMArch@yahoo.com](mailto:EileenMSmithMArch@yahoo.com)

August 10, 2015

SOLAR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE 1992-2007  
 Lighting the Way With Creation's Original Remedy

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## QUESTION 7 - LEGAL ISSUES

Kansas must refrain from prejudicial suppression of new technologies. Focus on the task. Solar is not a partisan issue. Both parties are dragging their feet. President Bill Clinton spent only \$16 million on solar energy during his eight years in office. His focus was to advertise the million solar roofs program. In 1997 at the American Power Conference, I announced the '100 Solar-Voltaic Dome Power Stations™ by 2000 Competition Between the U.S. - E.C. - Japan. A month later, President Clinton announced his Million Solar Roofs Program. President Bush spent over \$125 million for his Solar America Initiative. He had solar generators installed on the White House for security after 9/11/2001 to increase Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

K-SEC is a \$ 3.5 Billion deployment acceleration program. Westar may reduce testy behavior when they are working forward instead of backward. They indicate their desire to work with us to establish a quality model of BI-PV Solar Architecture deployment to help other states and nations. The beauty of The K-SEC Model is that the local manufacturing will be in Kansas. When the program is completed, the momentum will continue.

Westar employees enthusiastically responded to my explanation and desire to adapt humanely to the global requirements of Earth's present warming cycle. They assure me they are ready to plan and proceed with BI-PV Solar and The K-SEC Model. K-SEC will provide 5 to 7% of the demand-site electricity in Kansas for fifty years 2026 to 2076. Westar operators tell me they are ready to evolve with The K-SEC Model across Kansas providing a model for others. It is a matter of reducing global warming to slow the next Yellowstone eruption. K-SEC will protect humanity and all living things on Earth to the best of our ability.

Use Solar Bonds like the old War Bonds to shift the attitude toward solar funding. Where new technology and/or much more serious conditions exist than originally existed or than were expected when a contract was signed (like climate change and the potential consequences), the contract is null-and-void and it must be renegotiated to respond to human needs and global conditions. Kansans cannot legally owe Westar for any lost revenues due to energy efficiency or solar generation. Who is paying for the lost revenue of other players in the energy marketplace due to antitrust abuses? Westar is not any more or less special than anyone else. Kansas has an implied consent contract for energy efficiency and solar energy, but the state and federal government are not supporting their own legislation if they allow Westar to prevail with fines for conserving energy. Consumers did not sign any such contract. Will CURB pay the bill...? The claim for lost revenues is moot. That type of finance for utilities is history. If we are to remain responsible and competitive global energy leaders. Laws and/or contracts that if enforced could knowingly endanger millions of people are thereby inhumane and unenforceable.

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A guarantee of revenue to any utility cannot be enforced at this point in history due to extreme increases in uncertainty. ***Continued attempts to enforce out-dated contracts would be treason where regulators knowingly and unnecessarily endangered the life, health and safety of millions of ratepayers by promoting fossil fuel deployment even though it warms the Earth.*** The three Super Volcanoes are a part of the Earth. We must reduce the potential of setting them off. We need more consumer intervention and monitoring of hearings.

QUESTION 8 CURB and the Missing \$5 Million legislated to Dismantle a Coal Plant

You may recall the rate hearing a decade ago when CURB asked the KCC to determine what Westar did with \$5 million dollars in extra ratepayer revenue they originally received to dismantle an aging coal plant in Kansas. It was determined that Westar did not dismantle the coal plant, they just decided independently to not dismantle or restore the coal plant, but simply stole ratepayer money and absorbed the \$5 million into their company as profit. When CURB Director Springer pressed Westar on the record for a date as to when Westar was going to pay the money back to ratepayers, there was silence. Finally, one of the KCC commissioners proposed we break for lunch. Westar did not answer CURB's inquiry except in saying they absorbed it as profit. It was not further mentioned and the coal plant remains in need of dismantling.

QUESTION 9 GET FOSSIL FUEL PLANTS OWNERS INVESTORS UNDER CONTROL + RESTORE COOPERATION FOR SOLAR ENERGY

How shall we get these fossil fuel plants under control. What good is the millions they steal from ratepayers if Yellowstone erupts? CO2 emissions are to be reduced. If they do not abide by regulatory laws, then they are removed from their positions at Westar. In 2008, the newspapers discussed legislation passed by Kansas lawmakers demanding KDE Secretary Bremby either approve the proposed coal plant in Holcomb or that he resign from his position. He refused to approve the coal plant for Colorado due to very real environmental concerns including the aquifer that is in danger of being depleted. If legislature can force Secretary Bremby out of his position for denying a coal plant permit, then solar energy companies must be given deployment support with related manufacturing. If it is not awarded, legislature must create law to support solar.

*There is no shortage of reasons to be suspicious of the ambition to create great architecture. Buildings rarely make palpable the efforts that their construction demands. They are coyly silent about the bankruptcies, the delays, the fear and the dust they impose. A nonchalant appearance is a frequent feature of their charm. It is only when we try our own hand at construction that we are initiated into the torments associated with persuading materials and other humans to cooperate with our designs . . . that a boiler will light up when it should or that concrete pillars will marry a roof without complaint.*

The Significance of Architecture, The Architecture of Happiness, by Alain de Botton, page 15, 2006

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

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| Account No        | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name MARY WARD    | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business          | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address    | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address   | Special Instructions |                  |
| City TALMAGE      |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code |                      |                  |

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## Narrative

08/11/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE



# Comment Form

Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

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Name (please print): BETTY WAXLER  
Address: 1612 N WALNUT STREET  
Phone: 620-232-26 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred method of contact: MAIL  
Comment: I WAS THE MEETING IN PITTSBURG. I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE, MISS POLITE I lived in McPune for almost 30 years and had a total electric house and never complained about our electric bill. I have a total electric apt here and love it but my electric bill for the last year or two has increased to I am over Total \$55 and how many Kansans are on it pay check to pay check. Western does not need any more let them live on \$5 to see how they like. I can't write very good I have a good penmanship in  
Signature: Betty Waxler Date: 8/8/015  
Sorry I can't write better

Please note: By submitting comments to the Commission, you are authorizing the Commission to make your comments and any included information publicly available.

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my right hand & arm that the  
 reason I write crooked. I am a widow  
 of 10 years and am 89 1/2 in Oct  
 & 2, will be 90 every body around  
 here says I do good. I have a  
 10 year old money I live around  
 own here and have never had  
 an accident, my daughter in <sup>law</sup> Mable  
 Lily, is the care of all my  
 bills, a load lifted off of me  
 I thank the Lord for that & her  
 bills was the same or more  
 last month & they live in the  
 country. She has called Weston  
 a couple of times about my  
 bill but to no avail it hasn't  
 done any good. They need to send  
 Samma to China & let them clear  
 up these admissions before he starts  
 on us, my husband worked over at  
 the coal fuel plant in Albany Mo for  
 7 years, he said it was the best  
 job he ever had / hard work tho.



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Name (please print): JOHN O. HANSON  
Address: 732 E Sherman - P.O. Box 2367 Hutchinson KS  
Phone: 620-663-7823 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred method of contact: Mail.  
Comment: I'm against any rate increase, as I'm on  
afix income.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

8-6-2015

**Please note:** By submitting comments to the Commission, you are authorizing the Commission to make your comments and any included information publicly available.

The Citizens of Hillsboro are not in favor of the increase in the monthly service charge which Westar has proposed in Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS. We believe that increase should be based on wattage usage not a flat rate monthly service charge. The reason is, this <sup>a</sup>is burden on individuals with fixed incomes.

| Name                 | Address          | City       | KS.      |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|----------|
| Brenda Moss          | 317 N. Birch St  | Hillsboro  | KS.      |
| Gerald D. Brown      | 401 N. Ash #22   | Hillsboro  | KS.      |
| JIM VILLANUEVA       | 219 N. Adams     | Hillsboro  | KS       |
| Barbara Villanueva   | 219 N Adams      | Hillsboro, | KS       |
| Shirley Minton       | 109 B 5 Lincoln  | Hillsboro, | KS       |
| Dean Mc              | 304 E A          | Hillsboro, | KS       |
| Eddie & Betty Dicks  | 404 So. Was      | Hillsboro, | KS       |
| Wilbur Hanneman      | 708 W. A         | Hillsboro, | KS       |
| Allen Pankrat        | 404 Arbor Ct     | Hillsboro, | KS       |
| Joe Walter           | 207 S. Adams     | Hillsboro  | KS       |
| Robert Fenstermacher | 219 N Adams      | Hillsboro, | KS.      |
| Walter Norman        | 14 PARK AVE.     | Hillsboro, | KS.      |
| Elmer Reese          | 709 N Washington | -          | -        |
| Delma Funk           | 611 S. Main      | Hillsboro  | KS       |
| Helen Schmidt        | 311 Willow Rd    | Hillsboro, | Kansas   |
| Jane Miller          | 501 N. Ash St.   | Hillsboro, | Kansas   |
| L. Schwart           | 411 Olive        | Peabody    | KS       |
| J. Barker            | 1362 W. Hwy 50   | Hillsboro, | Ks       |
| M. Hoyle             | 207 E A St       | Hillsboro  | KS       |
| Larry Hamm           | 115 S Wilson     | Hillsboro  | KS       |
| Marilyn Fenz         | 1213 190th       | Hillsboro  | KS 67063 |



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| Name                | Address             | City                 |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Willis Enig         | 1213 190th          | Hillsboro, KS, 67063 |
| Carol Fleming       | 307 N. Birch        | Hillsboro, KS 67063  |
| Sumner Shirley Hamm | 306 N. Adams        | Hillsboro KS. 67063  |
| Jacqueline Finner   | Klose 205 S. Ash #6 | Hillsboro KS 67063   |
| Betty Seibel        | 2004 Grandview Ct   | Hillsboro, KS 67063  |
| Rosella Martin      | 115 Willow Rd.      | Hillsboro ks. 67063  |
| John F. Wiebe       | 115 S. Date         | Hillsboro 67063      |
| Loyal Martin        | 115 S. Willow Rd    | Hillsboro 67063      |
| Caryl Wiebe         | 115 S. Date         | Hillsboro 67063      |
| Gladys Butler       | 309 N. Birch        | Hillsboro 67063      |
| Jo Anne Faurot      | 713 S. Lincoln      | Hillsboro 67063      |
| Lyle Faurot         | 713 S. Lincoln      | Hillsboro 67063      |
| Morris Hope         | 207 E A St          | Hillsboro 67063      |

The Citizens of Marion are not in favor of the increase in the monthly service charge which Westar has proposed in Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS. We believe that increase should be based on wattage usage not a flat rate monthly service charge. The reason is this is burden on individuals with fixed incomes.

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Address</u>                    | <u>City</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Marlene Sue Clough | Marion KS 27 Jerome St.           |             |
| Joyce Jackson      | 214 S. Freeborn Marion, KS 66861  |             |
| John Klein         | 129 Eisenhower                    | "           |
| Karen Klein        | 129 Eisenhower                    | "           |
| Shirley Bowers     | 424 N. Roosevelt, Marion, KS      |             |
| Evelyn Jewett      | 513 N. Freeborn Marion            |             |
| Rhonda Brenzkofer  | 2071 140th Street Marion KS 66861 |             |

405 N. Saint Paul St.  
Wichita, KS 67203-5352  
August 7, 2015

102047

KCC at Office of Public Affairs  
and Consumer Protection  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

RE: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to protest the aforementioned docket number, i.e., the proposed Westar increase.

In 2012-2013, my Westar bill tripled even though I am on the level payment plan. Shortly before my bill had increased, I had made a major purchase that I had been putting off for many years which, after careful consideration of my monthly bills, I had decided that I could finally afford. However, when my Westar bill tripled, it was impossible for me to meet my financial obligations and it became necessary for me to withdraw money from my retirement nest egg in order to pay off that large purchase so I could afford to pay my increased monthly Westar bill.

I have noticed a decline in recent years in the number of cars and people at the local shopping malls which leads me to believe that many others must be struggling also and that the higher electric bills are cutting into the discretionary income for many households. I am sure this is felt more intensely by those on fixed/limited incomes, e.g., people who are retired, unemployed, disabled, etc. If a rate increase was being proposed on businesses, I am sure that business owners would protest on the basis of a decline in their sales.

In addition, I find it hard to believe that Westar needs another rate increase considering the number of electronic devices per household that need to be plugged into an electrical outlet on a daily basis (and sometimes more often than that) in order to be recharged. Personally, I have three devices which have to be recharged at least once a day and oftentimes twice a day. That electrical usage is in addition to the electricity used on everyday appliances such as air conditioning, refrigerators, microwaves, televisions, computers, washers and dryers, etc.

I cannot afford an increase of any amount, let alone \$13.00, to my monthly Westar bill. I have had to undergo several surgeries over the past three years and I am struggling to pay my portion of the medical bills resulting from my health care.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts on this subject.

Respectfully,

  
Leslie Bornowsky

102048

Dear Commissioners :The Kansas Corporation Commission:  
REFERENCE: Your Rate Increase Westar Docket NO.15-WSEE-115RTS

I am writing this letter to inform you that I live in Girard Kansas and lived here for 9 years and had 8 increases up to Date and also the Mill Levers have went up since the School Bond was voted on for 18Million Dollars and now the County and the School district want so raise the Mill Lever 2 more mills that Cause Porperty Taxes to go up beyond me Income Standards I am 150% below the poverty level as I speak. I can not afford all these Raises including Electric since I live in Girard I pay the city twice and Westar (YOU) that makes my electric that I pay is slightly over 14 Cents a Kilowatt. So YOU know that the City will have to give another Rate Hike that we CAN NOT afford If you have to give a Rate Hike I hope it is reasonable BUT remember My Income DOES NOT ALLOW much more increases I barely make it now. I don't even have enough left to even go out to Dine , go bowling, or even go to a Movie. I am missing out of alot of things that other people do for enjoyment. My life is getting shorter I now have many health problems the main one is Heart Trouble (2stints and a wire in the Heart) I take alot of medications just to stay alive OH!! I also am so far a Cancer Survivor going on 11 years Praise Jesus Christ. So Please take in consideration how many poor people there is that in barely making a living now. I know alot of older people that only trys to live on less than \$800.00 a month how do you expect them to continue to live. Please before you want to raise the Rate Hike think about some of us that are just surviving. Thanks alot for reading my important letter and am hoping you stop and really think about how much of an increase we can afford it alwasys sounds good but is deffently NOT!! Agin Thanks Alot for taking time out to read my letter. Have a Good Day!!!!

Sincerely Yours a Westar customer Jerry Golob

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

*Jerry Golob*  
8/7/15

P.S.

Please take your time  
in your Decision and  
think about all of the  
increases from taxes  
and etc *JG*

8/6/2015

AARP Action

Aug 7, 2015

102048

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control—before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Mr. JERRY GOLOB  
501 north carbon st  
GIRARD, KS 66743  
wyattearp370@yahoo.com

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Date Filed **08/11/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

|                                 |                      |                  |
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| Account No                      | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name DEANNA OLSEN               | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                        | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address 1915 QUAIL CREEK | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address                 | Special Instructions |                  |
| City MARION                     |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code 66861         |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

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Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

## Narrative

08/11/2015 AGAINST RATE INCREASE FOR WESTAR. BOTH ARE ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND AFTER PAY BILLS ONLY HAVE \$300 LEFT FOR GAS AND GROCERIES AND THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE WENT UP TOO. ONE MORE HARDSHIP FOR THEM IF THEY RAISE THE RATES.

8/6/2015

AARP Action

102050

Aug 7, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

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Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

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Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

Miss PAMELA BROWN  
501 north carbon st  
GIRARD, KS 66743  
pb50c@yahoo.com



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Investigator **GLIPPERT**

**Account Information**

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| Account No         | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name CLARK GOODWIN | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business           | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address     | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address    | Special Instructions |                  |
| City               |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code  |                      |                  |

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Investigator **GLIPPERT**

## Narrative

08/11/2015 WANTS TO OPPOSE RATE INCREASE AND THE REASONS THEY WANT TO GET IT. DO NOT BELIEVE THE CORRECT FIGURES ARE GIVEN. RATHER HAVE AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY TO LOOK AT SOLAR. TRYING TO BLOCK CUSTOMERS FROM USING SOLAR ENERGY. TOO MANY RATE INCREASES. 19 RATE INCREASES IN 6 YEARS. HAD A \$450 ELECTRIC BILL THIS PAST WINTER. THIS CANNOT BE SUSTAINED IN THIS ECONOMY. THINKING ABOUT PUTTING SOLAR ON THE HOME. NO REASON FOR THE ELECTRIC BILL TO GO UP.

102053

Mr. Dow Horde  
1757 S. Emporia Ave  
Wichita, KS 67211

Aug 7, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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Sincerely,

Mr. Dow Horde

102054

August 6, 2015

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Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection  
1500 SW Arrowhead Rd  
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Re: Docket No 15-WSEE-RTS

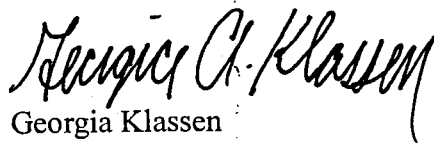
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please don't allow Westar another rate hike. We cannot afford to pay more money to them. What happened to back in the 80s when they wanted to build Wolf Creek and then we would not have to even pay for electricity anymore?

People are struggling just to buy food and necessities - especially medical insurance and medication.

Please, please don't allow them another rate hike for Kansas folks.

Sincerely,



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## Narrative

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I AM ON A FIXED INCOME AND PAY MY ELECTRIC BILL FAITHFULLY AND NEVER LATE. WITH THE RAISE, IT WILL BE HARD FOR ME TO PAY THE BILL. IT SEEMS LIKE THEY WANT MORE MONEY FOR ELECTRICITY ALL THE TIME. THEY HAVE HAD MORE RAISES OVER THE YEARS THAN ANYONE.

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## Narrative

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SAW THAT THE RATE INCREASE HAS BEEN APPROVED. THIS IS WHAT THEY WANTED IN THE FIRST PLACE AS WESTAR GOT HALF OF WHAT THEY WANTED. WHY WE HAVE TO KEEP SAYING YES TO THEM ALL OF THE TIME. THEY GOT A RATE INCREASE 24 TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR. FROM THE TV EVERYONE WANTS KCC TO SAY NO.

I WOULD LIKE A RAISE IN MY RETIREMENT PLAN. WESTAR HAS ALL OF THIS STAFF AND DRIVES AROUND IN NEW VEHICLES. THERE HAS TO BE A TIME THAT KCC TELLS THEM TO LIVE WITHIN THEIR MEANS AND QUIT GIVING THEM ALL OF THE INCREASES.

WHEN WILL THE KCC SAY NO AND MEAN NO. LET WESTAR REDUCE THE HIGH SALARY ADMINISTRATION.



To Whom It May Concern:

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my thoughts on the price increase request proposed by Westar Energy. I also am appreciative of the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board, who offers their services to watch out for the interests of consumers. It's obvious to me that Westar does not truly care about the consumer.

Every month for the past four years, my utility bill has taken leaps of \$3 to \$6 per month, even though I am on the average pay plan. Unfortunately, both mine and my husband's paychecks have not!

Because of this, about once a year I call customer service at Westar asking for an explanation of why my bill continues to rise while on the average pay plan. I've received explanations from customer service representatives such as, "Your monthly energy bill is based on the average of your prior 12 months of service. We adjust this average each month to reflect actual usage, which means the amount due may be slightly different month to month," to another representative telling me "Our costs are rising and that's just the way it is. If you don't like it, don't pay your bill, get your utilities shut off and see how that works for you." The last response to my question was probably the most upsetting. It was from vice president of government affairs for Westar and a fellow member of my church.

At the public hearing in Emporia on July 21, when I spoke with the same Westar executive about my concerns of my bill rising every month while on the average pay plan, he initially told me, "I'm sorry," several times. I commented about the rising costs of Westar services as compared to the paychecks from the six jobs my husband and I work not rising, then I pressed him about the inequity of the situation, especially knowing of the June 30 decision by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that Westar had been overcharging customers for several years, the Westar executive said to me, "We have had to and will have to continue to raise prices because we have to guarantee our investors at least a 10% return on their investment." I commented that I wish I could get a third of that return on my investments. His reply was, "You can't even compare the two. In my opinion, our investors should be getting even more than 10%, because they are putting millions into our business."

You may consider me naïve for believing that an individual or business having that kind of money to invest can afford to get less than a 10% return on their investment. I consider this egregious, especially in light of the fact that my family and thousands of Kansans like me work hard at multiple jobs, practice energy conservation methods in our homes and spend our money conservatively but live on the edge between surviving and bankruptcy because the economy. This is when the price increase Westar wants becomes a moral issue.

I understand Westar's response about the costs being averaged from the past year, but when I know that I've been overcharged, as determined by a government agency, and now Westar requests raising base costs, apparently with their primary concern to get a high return for their investors, I find that quite upsetting. Something's got to give for hardworking Kansans. It appears Westar doesn't understand that concept and prefers to pander to their investors instead of working in a more cooperative manner with their customers. The arrogance of Westar officials only looking out for their investors and their own substantial paychecks smacks of capitalism at its worst and must be put in check. Their attitude seems to be that raising their prices on a continual basis is a foregone conclusion for regulators and consumers alike, and the lemmings (customers) will just pay up and shut up.

Does Westar realize that if their prices continue to rise every month like this and their customers paychecks don't, there is going to come a point where I and thousands like me have to shut off our utilities to be able to keep a roof over our families and feed to them? Does Westar understand that families are being pressed to the breaking point? Do they care?

I appreciate that you and CURB care enough to hear the comments of working Kansans like myself. We need advocates who will listen to us because it seems that though there are many Kansans just trying to survive, the millions of investors' dollars speak louder than our plea for equity. Simply put, we can't afford to put up and shut up!

Denise Dorsey  
2014 Briarcliff Lane  
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dorseyhaus@gmail.com  
620-794-1622

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To whom it may concern:

I am grateful for Kansas Corporation Commission diligence, as well as that of the media, in getting Westar rate hike information into the hands of the public. Even so, I fear that this may not be enough oversight.

Last June I received a bill from Westar that included a notice that announced a price adjustment request for an absurd 7.9% or 152 million dollars. This under the auspices of EPA and infrastructure mandated requirements. The second line of this "Westar Wire" stated that "Knowledge is Power" and the third stated "Commitment to affordable, clean and reliable energy" all of which I view with some skepticism.

Given the history of brazen customer fleecing, Westar management needs to be monitored very closely going forward. In essence; put Westar on record for and justify every claimed requirement and verify expenditure claims and expense of execution.

At this point, few Westar customers will remember the Whittig/Lake "diversion of funds for personal use" scandal a decade ago and the fact that they were jailed but served a fraction of actual jail time, then subsequently winning counter suits totaling in excess of \$50 million in recompense. That is "slick" by anyone's standards. You can bet that subsequent Westar management teams will be very aware of their legal "wiggle room" and will be harder to catch going forward.

THANKS FOR YOUR DILIGENCE!

REGARDS,  
KIM MATTHEWS  
WICHITA

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| Shirley Hendrix                            | Miltonvale, KS 67456  |
| Vernice Hendrix                            | Miltonvale, KS 67456  |
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| Janifer Janner                             | Miltonvale, KS        |
| Denise Daniel                              | Miltonvale, KS        |
| Barbara Mikels                             | Miltonvale, KS        |
| Roger K Mikels                             | Miltonvale, KS        |
| Kathy & Urban                              | Miltonvale, KS        |
| Doreen Taylor                              | Miltonvale, KS        |
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Ray Bonds

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Miltonvale, KS

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 Robert P. [unclear]

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| Pauline Lange          | Miltonvale KS.  |
| Mara del Carmo         | Miltonvale, KS. |
| Clarice Priott         | Miltonvale, KS. |
| Marlene Fry            | Miltonvale, KS  |
| Frank Farmer           | Miltonvale, KS  |
| HARRY HELPS            | Miltonvale, KS  |
| Lorena Petzold         | Miltonvale, KS  |
| James Myer             | Miltonvale KS   |
| Portia Myer            | Miltonvale KS.  |
| Juni LeDell Mar        | Miltonvale, KS  |
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## Narrative

08/11/2015 IT'S TIME TO SAY NO. THEY HAVE HAD TOO MANY RAISES SINCE 2006. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE A CONSERVATIVE STATE. SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE.

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RE: Comments of MGP Ingredients Inc.  
Westar Energy Rate Case  
Case # 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Commissioners and Commission Staff,

MGP Ingredients, Inc., one of Westar Energy's largest and most consistent electric customers hereby submits the attached comments for consideration in the current Westar Rate Case. These comments are narrowly focused on the creation of the new LGS Rate which MGP believes is unfair and unreasonable for those Westar customers with very high load factors, in excess of 65%.

After careful consideration, MGP decided not to incur the expense of intervention and direct participation in this rate case and the wide array of issues that this far reaching rate case includes. Instead we have limited comments to a single issue, the new LGS Rate. MGP believes Westar failed to adequately address the inequities previously identified by the Commission by creating a new rate with a rate design that unfairly benefits customers with poor load factors to the detriment of those with the best load factors. We sincerely hope that the Commission will give these comments due consideration and urge the Commission not to accept the LGS Rate as proposed.

In the event that the Commission or Commission Staff has any question or needs any additional information regarding these comments please contact Ken Carrier as follows:

Ken Carrier, Corporate Sourcing Manager  
100 Commercial Street  
Atchison KS 66002-0130  
Phone: 913-360-5402

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of these comments and recommendations.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gus Griffin", is written over a horizontal line.

Gus Griffin  
President and CEO  
MGP Ingredients, Inc.

Cc: Mr. Terry K. Steuber, Director, Energy Division, Kansas Corporation Commission

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RE: Comments of MGP Ingredients Inc.  
Westar Energy Rate Case  
Case # 15-WSEE-115-RTS

MGP Ingredients respectfully submits to the KCC the following comments and recommendations specifically directed at the proposal by Westar Energy to eliminate the High Load Factor ("HLF") Rate Schedule and to reassign most of those customers with other large users currently being served on the Medium General Service ("MGS") Rate into a new Large General Service ("LGS") Rate Schedule.

### Summary

MGP contends that the new LGS rate structure fails to advance the cost of service philosophy promoted by both Westar and the Commission, creates disincentives for customers to reduce consumption during peak periods and fails to provide cost recognition for those with substantial off peak period use. MGP recommends that the Commission reject the LGS Rate structure and rate design as proposed in favor of alternatives that more accurately reflect cost of service and the cost differential of consumption during peak periods and off-peak periods.

### Background

MGP is a leading producer of ingredients and distillery products. Ingredients primarily consist of specialty wheat proteins and starches for food and non-food applications. The production of distillery products principally focuses on food grade alcohol. The Company also produces corn oil, distillers feed and a minimal amount of fuel grade alcohol as co-products of its manufacturing processes. MGP is headquartered in Atchison, KS and operates a major production facility there. MGP employs 195 people in the State of Kansas, has annual non payroll expenditures in excess of \$70MM and, according to City officials, has an annual economic impact on the City of Atchison of approximately \$60MM. Electric power is the fourth largest cost component in MGP operations and, as such, is a critical economic factor in those operations. MGP believes that the outcome of this rate case will have a significant long term impact on its operating costs.

The MGP plant in Atchison is one of Westar's largest and most consistent customers, with monthly demand averaging more than 11,000 kW and a load factor consistently exceeding 85%. The production facility operates 24 hour per day, seven days per week and only reduces operations for annual maintenance. Electricity consumption is extremely steady, day and night, summer and winter and, as such is an ideal "baseload" customer for Westar.

### Westar Proposal

In accordance with the Commission requirement that Westar create a rate structure to eliminate customer "migration" between the MGS and HLF Rates, Westar proposes to eliminate the HLF Rate and create two new rates: the Industrial Light and Power or "ILP" Rate for the three largest Westar system

customers and the LGS Rate, which will combine the rest of the existing HLF customers and all MGS customers with peak demand in excess of 1,000 kW. Westar further proposes to copy the HLF rate design for this new LGS Rate: a demand charge based on the greater of current month peak demand or 85% of the previous summer peak demand, and a one part fixed energy charge for all kWh consumption regardless of the time or season consumed.

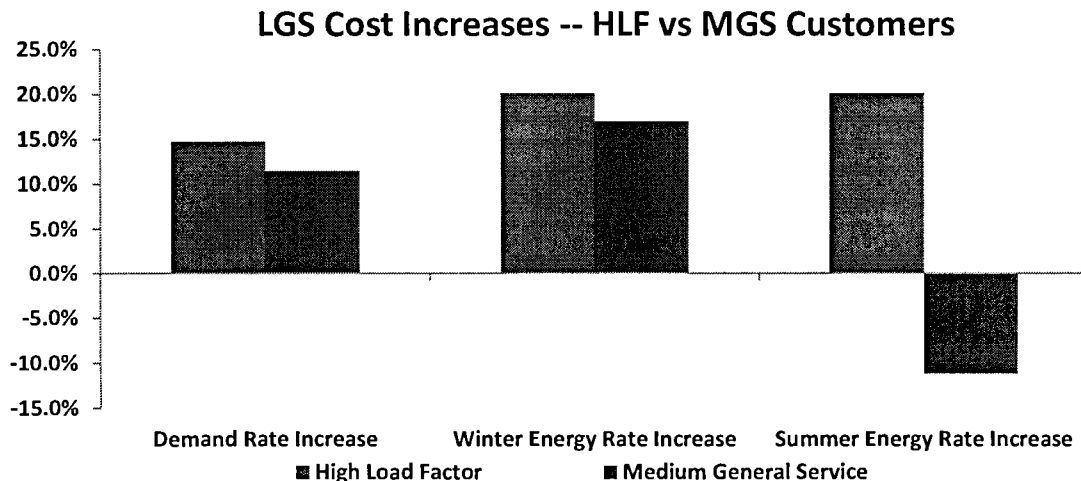
### Discussion

The existing HLF Rate was designed for customers with load profiles such as MGP. By calculating demand charges based on the higher of current month actual demand or 85% of previous summer period peak demand, customers with substantially higher demand in the high cost summer periods should rightfully be required to pay for a portion of the fixed costs associated with summertime delivery capacity that needs to be maintained all year. In addition, the HLF Rate fixed (one part) energy rate properly reflects the fact that high load factor customers consistently consume power at relatively even daily, monthly and seasonal flows.

The existing MGS Rate has a fixed demand charge based on peak monthly use or only 50% of summer demand and seasonal (winter/summer) energy charges. While the current MGS rate provides less seasonal demand cost recovery than the HLF rate, it does recognize the seasonal energy cost differentials through use of summer and winter energy rates. However, it fails to provide a peak hour differentiation. Customers using power predominantly during peak hours pay the same energy rate as those using less power during peak hours than during off-peak hours.

It is not surprising that HLF/MGS rate schedule migration has occurred: Those with very large summer to winter differentials in kWh consumption, but not necessarily demand, prefer the HLF rate while those with large summer to winter differentials in demand will prefer the MGS rate. By failing to stringently enforce the HLF guidelines, Westar corrupted the cost recovery differential that the two rate designs were intended to create. Now Westar is proposing to use the HLF Rate design for all customers in excess of 1,000 kW demand regardless of the load factor. While this proposal tightens the demand charge calculation for existing MGS customers from 50% to 85% of the summer peak<sup>1</sup>, it provides all customers a one part energy rate regardless of the time or season that the consumption takes place. This proposal will clearly benefit the MGS customers with high summer use poor load factors who will now receive a lower year-round energy rate to the detriment of true HLF customers such as MGP. As an example of the cost differential, the wholesale price for power in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) in August 2014 was \$30.26/MWh compared to May 2015 at \$20.77/MWh.<sup>2</sup>

By proposing to combine all customers between 1,000 and 25,000 kW into a single rate class which mirrors the existing HLF rate structure, Westar fails to recognize the benefits being provided by true high load factor customers. LGS customers entering from the HLF rate will see a \$1.79/kW or 14.8% increase in demand cost, while those entering from the MGS Rate will only see an 11.5% demand cost increase. Similarly, customers entering the LGS rate from the HLF rate will see an increase in the energy rate of 20% from \$.0142/kWh to \$.01712 while those entering the LGS Rate from the MGS Rate will see a lesser 17 % increase in winter rates, from \$.014627/kWh to \$.01712/kWh and an 11% decrease in summer rates, from \$.019201/kWh to \$.01712/kWh. This comparison is illustrated in the chart below:



By combining customers with all types of load profiles into a rate schedule that was designed for customers with high load factors, Westar is providing a cost benefit to those customers with poor load factors at the expense of those who have high load factors. Westar pointed out to MGP that there rate increase includes the ongoing allocation of property taxes and energy efficiency charges which only serves to accentuate the inequity.

In addition to cost recovery, by providing a flat year around energy charge for all customers on the new LGS Rate Schedule, Westar fails to provide any incentive for customers to reduce on-peak use (daily or seasonally) but creates an indifference among customers as to when to use energy. The flat energy rate may actually create an incentive for customers to increase on-peak or daytime use for convenience or when other cost factors, such as labor, might be less.

A high load factor customer with level consumption, such as MGP, uses a high percentage of its power during off peak hours when power costs and demand are at the lowest. In addition to constant use, MGP has very little consumption increases in the summer when power prices are at the highest. Nevertheless, under the Westar proposal, the energy charge that MGP will pay on the new LGS Rate will be the same for MGP as for customers who use much more power in the daytime than at night and who use much more power in the summer than in the winter. By combining customers with divergent load profiles into a single rate with a one part energy rate, the Westar proposed rate design fails to provide a rate structure that 1) adequately reflects cost of service based on the actual usage profiles of customers assigned to that rate and 2) fails to provide any cost incentives for customers to implement energy efficiency projects to reduce on-peak or seasonal use, or operational projects to transfer some operations to off-peak periods. Instead, it creates a rate class with an inequitable structure whereby true high load factor customers are, in essence, subsidizing lower load factor customers.

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Gerrie Lippert

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#102063

**From:** Terrie Becerra <tabecerra@ksu.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:28 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am pleased, but mostly relieved to hear Westar amended their rate increase. However, I remained concerned about Westar's position of opposing the use of solar energy. As a Kansan, I stand for competition and the right to generate my own energy. Protect my ability to save money and control my electricity bill by generating energy on my property or by using energy efficiency solutions. Please reject anti-solar and anti-energy efficiency provisions in Westar Energy's rate proposal.

If I reduce my energy consumption through more efficient appliances, or energy-saving behavior, I should be able to realize a savings in my electricity bill. The same holds true if I install solar panels. The Kansas Corporation Commission needs to protect Kansans ability to exercise choice and control over their electricity bills. Westar's proposal is an attack on consumers. It is an attempt to eliminate direct competitors to Westar's monopoly, such as rooftop solar and energy efficiency.

Sincerely,

Terrie A. Becerra

Gerrie Lippert

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#102064

**From:** George Downing <georgedown@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:03 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar

Westar is telling us that the use of solar panels is the cause of its need to raise our rates. Really?? Look out for the little guy for a change. Deny this rate change. George Downing, Emporia,KS.

Gerrie Lippert

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# 102065

From: Steven Smethers <smethers@ksu.edu>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:52 AM  
To: public.affairs  
Subject: WESTAR ENERGY DISHONESTY

**Westar is telling non-solar customers that rooftop solar systems are causing their rates to rise. This is not true. Solar panels produce clean renewable energy during hot summer high peak periods, while Westar's costs increase. Please don't allow special corporate interests to use solar energy as an obstacle to low cost energy for the sake of increased profits. Thank you.**

**J. Steven Smethers, Ph.D.**

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104-B Kedzie Hall  
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Manhattan, Kansas 66506  
785-532-5286 OFFICE

#102086

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Betty Taylor <taylorinhutch@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:52 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Rate Case

Gentlemen,

My husband and I have discussed the Westar Rate Case and would like to comment on the following areas:

We felt a 10% guaranteed return to shareholders was too high for today's investment market. We understand that figure has been lowered but still feel 9.54% is a little high.

We were glad to learn that the solar portion had been removed from the Case and would be considered in a separate issue.

We also feel decoupling would be a good idea and would not penalize those individuals who try to conserve their energy useage.

Thank you for taking our comments.

James & Betty Taylor  
52 Eastwood Dr.  
Hutchinson, KS 67502

#102047

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Grace Wilson <gracewilsoneditor@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:46 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Support solar energy

Dear Westar Executives and Stockholders, I generally have a positive opinion about Westar Energy. Please figure out how to bring solar energy into the mix as a renewable resource and how to allow metering credit to customers who produce renewable energy for the grid. The future of our grandchildren depends on this. Imagine North America as hot and desert-like the next time you actively try to prevent the progress of solar or other renewable energy.

Grace Wilson  
66-year old grandmother  
Topeka, Kansas

Sent from my iPad

# 102048

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Joan Strickler <jstrickl@kansas.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:45 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** solar energy

If there's one thing Kansas has in abundance it's sunshine. I am concerned that it appears Westar is trying to discourage Kansans from investing in solar energy. We should be doing everything we can to develop non polluting forms of energy such as solar and wind while reducing the need for coal and other more polluting forms of energy.

Joan Strickler

#107049

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Karen Metz <karenametz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:45 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** WESTAR

**Westar is telling non-solar customers that rooftop solar systems are causing their rates to rise. This is not true. Solar panels produce clean renewable energy during hot summer high peak periods, while Westar's costs increase. Please don't allow special corporate interests to use solar energy as an obstacle to low cost energy for the sake of increased profits. Thank you.**

**Karen Metz, Prairie Village, KS**

Gerrie Lippert

# 102070

**From:** Sandra Dickison <taxpayer9944@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:41 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** public comments Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS and be sent to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd., Topeka, KS 66604-4027. Comments may also be submitted by email at [public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov) through the Commission's website, <http://www.kcc.ks.gov>, or by calling 1-800-662-0027 or (785) 271-3140.

Dear Commissioners:

The Westar agreement between CURB and Westar is not fair and reasonable for the following reasons.

1. The agreement does not make Electricity rates comparable to the surrounding states.

Westar routinely states their rates are lower than the national average. Westar rates should compare with the surrounding states: Nebraska, Iowa, and Oklahoma. All these states have lower rates.

1. The base rate should be comparable to base rates for water, sewer etc. The base rate for Topeka water is \$9.12 and that includes 1,500 gallons of water and all other costs. Always my total bill.
2. My total electricity bills from 6/14 to 6/15: \$ 20.13, 43.15 49.21, 53.76, 49.22, 40.48, 43.17, 40.70, 35.37, 34.31, 38.85, 42.23, 48.85. To increase the base rate to \$2.50 a month is not fair and reasonable. The base rate would be more than half (50%) of my total bill in 6/14. These are not level payment plan bills these are actual bills. I and others are not contributing to seasonal peaks that Westar is so concerned about and rightly so. Westar could have a 2 tiered seasonal rate. With base Kilowatts in a lower base rate. Customers who use more in the summer should pay a higher cost per kilowatt for the excess kilowatts they use in summer because these cost Westar more.
3. CURB'S original fair and reasonable rate increase was \$51 million. The negotiated agreement is \$25 million more, not fair and reasonable.

Thank you  
Sandra Dickison  
5313 S W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Topeka, KS 66604



Gerrie Lippert

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#102071

**From:** Pam Moreno <pam.moreno@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:39 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** It's time to set the record straight on tactics by Westar as they push for a rate hike

To Whom It May Concern,

**Westar is telling non-solar customers that rooftop solar systems are causing their rates to rise. This is not true. Solar panels produce clean renewable energy during hot summer high peak periods, while Westar's costs increase. Please don't allow special corporate interests to use solar energy as an obstacle to low cost energy for the sake of increased profits.**

Thank you.

**Pam Moreno  
Winfield, KS**

Gerrie Lippert

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#102072

**From:** jakelamp@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:23 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar rate agreement comment  
**Attachments:** from\_uncle.docx

I am sending the attached on behalf of my uncle. Thank you.

James

#102072

Please consider all those impacted by the continued rate increases requested by Westar Energy. I especially am concerned about the fixed cost increase. It seems no one has the power to stop them and few know how to voice their concerns. Please carefully consider their continued requests and how they operate. They have rarely been forced to look at cost saving measures and have plenty of administrative and travel expenses they could cut. Their pay scales are outrageous and they have abundant staffing in the corporate office that is grossly unnecessary. How many of their corporate administrative, directors, or support staff make six-figures salaries and could retire? How much time and money do they spend on lobbying, traveling, and sitting on community boards versus actually working for those they serve power to? Who is looking into these details? For a utility its size, their "fixed" costs could be reduced or better controlled if they were forced to, without any impact on its ability to provide power. It's shameful the amount they pay their executives and even manager level employees. It's as if they are untouchable, and they know it. It would be different if they were not the only provider and if they had to earn their customers. Please be the voice of reason for Kansans who have no one else to go to for electricity. Please.

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Mary Hemphill <artwoman1@rocketmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:50 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar Rate Increases

Westar is telling non-solar customers that rooftop solar systems are causing their rates to rise. This is not true. Solar panels produce clean renewable energy during hot summer high peak periods, while Westar's costs increase. Please don't allow special corporate interests to use solar energy as an obstacle to low cost energy for the sake of increased profits. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Hemphill  
Manhattan, KS

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From: Ken Embers <kenembers@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:43 AM  
To: public.affairs  
Subject: westar

**Westar is telling non-solar customers that rooftop solar systems are causing their rates to rise. This is not true. Solar panels produce clean renewable energy during hot summer high peak periods, while Westar's costs increase. Please don't allow special corporate interests to use solar energy as an obstacle to low cost energy for the sake of increased profits. Thank you.**

Gerrie Lippert

102075

**From:** Matt Tucker <mdt.matttucker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:42 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Comment on Docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS

Hello. I just moved to Lawrence in July, so I don't have a whole lot of information regarding this docket (#15-WSEE-115-RTS). However, what I do know about it makes me feel like I stepped back in time even further. The access to renewable energy sources here in Kansas, such as the sun and wind, is absolutely amazing. There is so much sun here and so much wind, we could truly turn this into not only energy, but profit for people and corporations like Westar Energy. Believe it or not, many states are actually trying to use more renewable resources, and even giving incentives to individuals, and many of these states have far less sun and wind than we have in Kansas.

Kansas is already the laughing stock to the rest of the country for SO MANY reasons-believe me, I've been to all our states and lived in six of them, so I hear what people and the media say about this state- so please, take a step or two forward and take advantage of these abundant, RENEWABLE, sources of energy (and PROFIT). We could be a model state, and then even sell our energy (or our ideas and strategies) to other states!

Oh, and a "fixed" service charge? That is like a restaurant charging you a "fixed" price, no matter how little or how much you eat. Only the overweight/unhealthy folks benefit. Shouldn't there be an incentive to consume less, to be just a little more healthy and sustainable? Our population sure isn't decreasing, and all these nonrenewable energy sources will certainly disappear long before our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren disappear. Now is the time, not tomorrow, to focus on turning the corner, stepping forward, changing our ways just a little.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely-

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Matt Tucker  
[www.mttuckerphotography.com](http://www.mttuckerphotography.com)  
[www.facebook.com/mtuckerphotography](http://www.facebook.com/mtuckerphotography)

# 102076

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Cherri Harper <drcherriharper@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:03 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** re: Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS  
**Attachments:** KCC\_statement\_in\_Westar\_rate\_case\_2015.docx;  
Westar\_Three\_Proposed\_Plans\_comparison\_using\_actual\_data\_1420\_Jarvis\_Drive\_2014.docx

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

I appreciate the opportunity to offer my comments in the attached statement.

Please open the attached document to read my statement re: **Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS.**

Sincerely,

Dr. Cheryl (Cherri) H. Harper

# 102076

1420 Jarvis Drive  
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

Kansas Corporation Commission  
Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027

Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

I appreciate the opportunity to offer this statement to you as you consider a most important decision in the Westar Rate request.

Bottomline message:

I urge the KCC to deny Westar's request for a "solar tariff" at this time and to encourage independent, objective study of the cost and benefits of rooftop solar.

I am for choice and fairness.

I am not against Westar.

We disagree on how we define "fair."

I am not a "freeloader." I want to pay my fair share.

I want an objective, rational, data-based way to define the costs and benefits of rooftop solar.

Independently conducted studies have concluded that there is a net benefit to distributed generation of renewable energy by rooftop solar.

So, I urge the KCC to deny Westar's request for a "solar tariff" at this time and to encourage independent, objective study of the cost and benefits of rooftop solar.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/utilities-sensing-threat-put-squeeze-on-booming-solar-roof-industry/2015/03/07/2d916f88-c1c9-11e4-ad5c-3b8ce89f1b89\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/utilities-sensing-threat-put-squeeze-on-booming-solar-roof-industry/2015/03/07/2d916f88-c1c9-11e4-ad5c-3b8ce89f1b89_story.html)]

I appreciate the changes that have been offered in the recent stipulation, including the limit of \$14.50 per month base rate increase without increases for a few years



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and the elimination of the proposed Stability and Demand Plans which new solar customers would have been forced to take.

If the recent stipulation agreed upon by Westar and others involved in the process is accepted/approved by the KCC then some of the inequities to future solar customers has been lessened.

However, since we cannot be assured that the stipulation will be accepted, I am including some data regarding the effect of the 3 proposed rate plans in the original Westar rate request.

These are data from my actual utility bills from Jan. 2014 through Dec. 2014 at 1420 Jarvis Drive, Manhattan, Kansas. (The franchise fee, sales taxes, and service fees have been taken out of my 2014 bills so a fair comparison could be made to the cost of the proposed changes. I didn't have the data to add these cost in to the projected rates, so to compare "apples to apples" I eliminated them across the board.)

I was able to compare all 3 plans as I have a demand rating on my bill because I still have a Residential Peak Management Plan.

Please review the attachment to see the costs comparison for the first year and for 2019 when the \$27.00per month base fee would be in effect. For the first year the rates would increase 14.03% to 16.97\$ depending on the plan. Note that in 2019, for the Standard Plan it would be a 27.81% increase over 2014 rates and for the Demand plan it would be a 30.76% increase over 2014 rates.

While much more could be said, much has already been said about these proposed changes. Westar, CURB, and private concerned citizens, both those with and without rooftop solar, have spoken. They have contributed time and effort to be heard on this important issue.

I trust that the KCC staff and commissioners will use due diligence in deciding this important matter that effects so many and the future of Kansas.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cheryl (Cherri) H. Harper

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Electricity Purchased by Month from Westar at Residence for 2014, and  
Estimates for the Three Proposed Rate Plans Based on the 2014 Data.

| Actual Data from Residence |          |                   |      |                 |                   |                     |                               | Estimates for Proposed Plans   |                                |                                |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Start Date                 | End Date | Winter/<br>Summer | Days | kWh<br>(Westar) | Demand<br>Billing | Demand<br>Charge    | Actual<br>Charge <sup>4</sup> | RSS +<br>Riders <sup>3,4</sup> | RSP +<br>Riders <sup>3,4</sup> | RSD +<br>Riders <sup>3,4</sup> |
| 12-20-13                   | 01-23-14 | W                 | 34   | 729             | 4                 | 7.20                | 77.91                         | 102.11                         | 99.42                          | 90.05                          |
| 01-23-14                   | 02-21-14 | W                 | 29   | 653             | 6                 | 10.80               | 75.60                         | 93.03                          | 90.62                          | 89.48                          |
| 02-21-14                   | 03-24-14 | W                 | 31   | 586             | 3                 | 5.40                | 64.99                         | 85.02                          | 83.69                          | 74.66                          |
| 03-24-14                   | 04-22-14 | W                 | 29   | 542             | 5                 | 9.00                | 67.64                         | 79.76                          | 81.16                          | 76.88                          |
| 04-22-14                   | 05-21-14 | W                 | 29   | 416             | 4                 | 7.20                | 55.79                         | 64.70                          | 73.91                          | 62.97                          |
| 05-21-14 <sup>1</sup>      | 06-20-14 | S                 | 30   | 893             | 6                 |                     |                               |                                |                                |                                |
| 06-20-14                   | 06-23-14 | S                 | 03   | 113             |                   | 27.00 <sup>2</sup>  | 125.22 <sup>2</sup>           | 133.81 <sup>2</sup>            | 131.53 <sup>2</sup>            | 162.00 <sup>2</sup>            |
| 06-23-14                   | 07-22-14 | S                 | 29   | 954             | 5                 | 29.25               | 124.00                        | 129.39                         | 125.44                         | 147.51                         |
| 07-22-14                   | 08-20-14 | S                 | 29   | 681             | 5                 | 29.25               | 100.89                        | 96.43                          | 93.92                          | 123.96                         |
| 08-20-14                   | 09-19-14 | S                 | 30   | 902             | 4                 | 23.40               | 113.76                        | 122.79                         | 119.43                         | 133.01                         |
| 09-19-14                   | 10-20-14 | W                 | 31   | 855             | 4                 | 12.43               | 99.11                         | 117.16                         | 113.96                         | 100.95                         |
| 10-20-14                   | 11-19-14 | W                 | 30   | 618             | 6                 | 10.80               | 77.23                         | 88.84                          | 86.57                          | 86.44                          |
| 11-19-14                   | 12-22-14 | W                 | 33   | 487             | 4                 | 7.20                | 62.48                         | 78.10                          | 82.91                          | 74.03                          |
|                            |          |                   |      |                 |                   |                     |                               |                                |                                |                                |
|                            |          |                   |      |                 |                   | Annual              | 1044.62                       | 1191.14                        | 1192.56                        | 1221.94                        |
|                            |          |                   |      |                 |                   | % Δ                 |                               | +14.03%                        | +14.16%                        | +16.97%                        |
|                            |          |                   |      |                 |                   |                     |                               |                                |                                |                                |
| 2019                       |          |                   |      |                 |                   | Annual              |                               | 1335.14 <sup>5</sup>           | 1192.56 <sup>6</sup>           | 1365.94 <sup>5</sup>           |
|                            |          |                   |      |                 |                   | % Δ <sup>2014</sup> |                               | +27.81%                        | +14.16%                        | +30.76%                        |

<sup>1</sup> May-June billing period includes switch from standard meter to net meter.

<sup>2</sup> Total amount for both billing periods within the billing month.

<sup>3</sup> Riders represent an additional charge of approximately 3.75 cents per kWh.

<sup>4</sup> Does not include franchise fee, sales tax, or service fees.

<sup>5</sup> Includes \$27 per month customer charge and assumes no kWh rate change.

<sup>6</sup> Assumes no kWh rate change.

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Date Filed **08/11/2015**

Investigator **SGONZALE**

**Account Information**

|                                        |                      |                  |
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| Account No                             | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name <b>CHARLES R WALKER</b>           | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                               | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address                         | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address                        | Special Instructions |                  |
| City <b>WICHITA</b>                    |                      |                  |
| State <b>KS</b> Zip Code <b>6 7209</b> |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

**Complaint Coding**

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## Narrative

08/11/2015 I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE COMMISSION TO DENY THE RATE INCREASE ALL TOGETHER AND TAKE THE LAST TWO RATE INCREASES AWAY FROM THEM. THEY DO NOT DESERVE THEM AND ARE GETTING RICH OFF THE POOR PEOPLE.

**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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Date Filed **08/11/2015**

Investigator **GSTEPHENS**

**Account Information**

|                          |                      |                  |
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| Account No               | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name <b>RON ATCHISON</b> | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                 | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address           | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address          | Special Instructions |                  |
| City <b>ELLSWORTH</b>    |                      |                  |
| State <b>KS</b> Zip Code |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

No Contacts Exist

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## Narrative

08/11/2015 OPPOSED TO WESTAR RATE INCREASE AS NATIONAL AVERAGE IS \$5-\$10 CUSTOMER CHARGE.

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Suzanne Cohen <scohen83@centurylink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:25 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar and solar energy

Dear Members of KCC,

It is fair to pay to use Westar's grid by people who want to use solar energy at their own homes but the cost should not be such that use of Solar is discouraged. There should be a sensible way to manage this. And Westar should be encouraged to begin shifting from coal and nuclear to more sustainable production of electricity also.

Thank you,

Sue Cohen  
Alta Vista  
66834

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** delillo <delillo@math.wichita.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:21 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Cc:** delillo  
**Subject:** Westar rate hike/solar energy

Dear KCC,

First, thank you for your public service.

Westar's request for an excessive rate increase for users of solar power should be rejected. I believe it is crucial that Kansas and the rest of the US do as much as possible to shift our energy production away from fossil fuels as quickly as possible. An overwhelming number of scientists, from atmospheric scientists and botanists to environmentalists, oceanographers, and zoologists have told us again and again for the last few decades that the increase of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere due to our burning of fossil fuels is having increasingly bad effects across the globe and the future consequences are likely to become very difficult to manage. The fact that the fossil fuel industries and their political allies and lobbyists continue to try to downplay the situation seems to me to be almost criminal in its social irresponsibility. The EPA has now come out with new rules attempting to cut emissions. Kansas should be helping out here and the US should be leading world-wide efforts to change the way we produce energy as quickly as possible, while protecting the poorest among us. This is a moral imperative backed up by science. What more incentive do we need? The answer is not money!

The most likely way to do this will be to move as quickly as possible to wind and solar energy, plus some hydro and geothermal, backed up perhaps by gas generating facilities for auxiliary power and connected by a well-run power grid. (Nuclear is mostly too unsafe). The sun delivers something like 100,000 times as much energy to the earth as society uses. Once solar and wind facilities become more common and efficient energy production will be virtually free (which should help the poor).

The main task of the energy companies should be to construct and maintain this power distribution system as fairly and flexibly as possible. Trillions of dollars of fossil fuels must be left in the ground and not burned, so this will inevitably cut into profits and jobs in some sectors, but that should be planned for in a sensible way. Solar and wind are becoming more economically competitive and some of this will likely take place via the free market anyway. Jobs in this area should be plentiful. However, I am not convinced that the free market will act fast enough to solve the problems caused by emissions, especially if artificial obstructions such as Westar's rate hikes are placed in the way. Nature doesn't really care about our economics any more than the rain cares whether you're too cheap or too poor to fix your roof. The KCC as a public service body and Westar as an effectively licensed monopoly on energy production needs to address these problems forthrightly. Nature does not keep two sets of books and will extract its due. As a mathematician (at WSU for 27 years now), I do not believe you can solve problems without understanding them. (Of course, there is always luck, but I think our luck will be very bad, if we don't do this right.) My colleagues in engineering and physics assure me that the means of producing clean energy are there. We therefore need to get on with it.

Sincerely,  
Tom DeLillo  
839 Wiley St.  
Wichita, KS 67203-3344  
316-264-7806

PS: I am a Professor of Mathematics at Wichita State University. My views do not represent the views of Wichita State University or the State of Kansas, although they probably should. After 27 years of solid mathematical research and



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teaching here at WSU, I believe I've earned the right to back up my opinions on important technical matters with my credentials. If you don't believe me, there are good atmospheric scientists and mathematicians at KU you can speak to on these matters.

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Bradley Shaw <bradshaw@ksu.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:15 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** consumer rate increase

Dear Westar: I support the reduced consumer rate of about half of the original request by Westar. I also want to express my support for solar energy, even rooftop energy systems. I believe that responsible use of solar energy contributes to a better and cleaner environment. Please refrain from being following the lead of ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) in discouraging efforts to use alternative energy sources such as rooftop solar power systems.

Thank you.

Bradley Shaw  
2917 Roma Terrace  
Manhattan, KS 66502

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Ride into History <ridehist@satelephone.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:58 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar

Why did we privatize utilities?! Was it to go through the constant process of tamping down corporate greed? No, that's why we created the KCC, for which my sister-in-law worked at one time, which was a good thing, because you all do that for us. However, this time we cannot depend on you and you alone because you are us and Westar is most definitely not.

Not only is Westar requesting outrageous increases (even with their most-courteous-ha recent reduction concession, but now the attack on rooftop solar has them squarely in the "evil" camp. Please do not aid and abet them.

Thank you.

Ann Birney  
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Admire, KS 66830

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** AARP <aarpwebact@action.aarp.org> on behalf of CAROL HOOD  
<aarpwebact@action.aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:23 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Chair Albrecht and Commissioners Apple and Emler

Aug 11, 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Dear Commissioners: the Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar customer, I ask that you say "No" to Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

I try my best to conserve my home energy usage so that I can save money on my utility bills.

Now, Westar wants to increase my monthly customer charge from \$12 to \$27 or even as high as \$50! That's before I even turn on the lights!

This seems unreasonable. When will Westar have enough money for its investors at the expense of its customers?

I believe it's important to conserve energy, not only for the environment, but also because I want to keep my monthly utility bills affordable so that I can continue to live in my home.

Under the current Westar request, consumers could lose this control--before the lights are even turned on, if the proposal to increase customer charges on our utility bills is approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

In addition, Westar's request for a 10% return on equity for its shareholders is extremely high and unnecessary. This return is higher than can be justified by current economic conditions. Costs of food, prescription drugs, and health care continue to increase while the cost of living for Social Security recipients only increased 1.7% for 2015.

Thank you and please keep utility customers in mind when you consider this request. Say "NO" to the \$152 million rate increase Westar Docket No.15-WSEE-115-RTS!

Sincerely,

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Scott White <white.scottw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:07 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Public testimony for Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS  
**Attachments:** Westar\_Written\_Testimony\_2015.pdf

Dear KCC Public Affairs,

Attached is my written testimony for the Westar rate case, docket no. 15-WSEE-115-RTS.

Thank you,

Scott White  
733 Tennessee St  
Lawrence, KS 66044

To: Kansas Corporation Commissioner

From: Scott W. White

Date: August 11, 2015

Subject: Docket 15-WSEE-115-RTS

On July 23, 2015, I provided oral testimony on this rate case at the Public Hearings in Wichita. As things have changed since with the Joint Motion to Approve Stipulation and Agreement on Aug. 6, I would like to add this additional testimony.

I am a resident of Lawrence, Kansas and am a Westar customer. I have a doctorate in Environmental Studies with a focus on energy systems and currently am employed by Cromwell Solar in a project research and analysis role.

When I first sat down to write testimony to compliment my previous oral testimony, one of the first things that struck me was that the two new rate structures Westar originally proposed (Residential Demand Plan, RDP and Residential Stability Plan, RSP) did not seem to be written to make distributed generation more fair as Westar stated, as no evidence has been provided that DG customers receive unfair benefits, but more likely to create a sufficiently unattractive rate structure to make individuals investment in solar uneconomical in a reasonable period of time. At the same time they are trying to make solar less attractive for their customers, they are proposing to install Megawatts of solar PV to sell to these same customers. So is it the technology or lack of control that's really the issue?

The new Joint Motion suggests opening up a generic docket to study this issue. This is a great idea and one I wholeheartedly support, along with the agreement to table the flawed RDP and RSP.

The proposal to set up a Standard Residential Distributed Generation Tariff for new users of distributed generation after October 28, 2015 is premature. The whole point of the generic docket is to determine what, if any, costs are associated with net metered customers on the grid. If there is a cost, then would be the appropriate time to set up the new tariff. If there isn't a cost, would the tariff even be necessary?

To set up this tariff now would create an air of uncertainty for those considering distributed generation and would suppress a good amount of development. Other states like Mississippi, Maine, and Nevada have studied the impacts of distributed

solar on the grid and shown the technology to provide a net benefit to the grid. While the conclusions may not be the same in Kansas, the possibility that they are similar is possible. And if there is a net benefit for solar, would there really be a need for a distributed generation tariff? Creating one ahead of this study/docket is premature.

Creating uncertainty and slowing down the development in advance of a potential Federal Clean Power Plan, also seems short-sited. Since these installations will likely count toward such goals, why take action that will slow it down? I realize that the State of Kansas is challenging the CPP, but it seems that whether the challenge is successful or not, the possibility of this Plan or another similar being enacted is another reason to not rush this issue.

And it's not like there needs to be a rush on this issue. In 2009, when the Legislature adopted the Net Metering and Easy Connection Act, they planned ahead for the uncertain impacts this policy might have on Kansas electric utilities by capping total installations at 1% of the utilities' peak demand. By all accounts, the 300 distributed generation customers on Westar's system do not even come close to that 1% - this after six years. In fact, with only 300 distributed generation customers out of over 600,000, the total number of customers is less than 0.05%. The percentage of peak demand from these 300 customers is likely much, much less of a percentage than that. The Legislature has already created a backstop to this and it's unlikely to extend that amount should it ever be reached, so I don't understand the rush to slow things down now.

Therefore I urge the Commission to accept most of the Joint Motion to Approve Stipulation and Agreement, but reject the Standard Residential Distributed Generation Tariff. With a new generic docket on solar and distributed generation likely to start in the near future, the opportunity will be there to gather all the information necessary to determine whether DG requires its own tariff and what the value of that tariff should be.

Thank you.

Scott White

733 Tennessee St.  
Lawrence, KS 66044

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| Name WILLIAM DORSETT                       | Home Phone                            | Cell Phone       |
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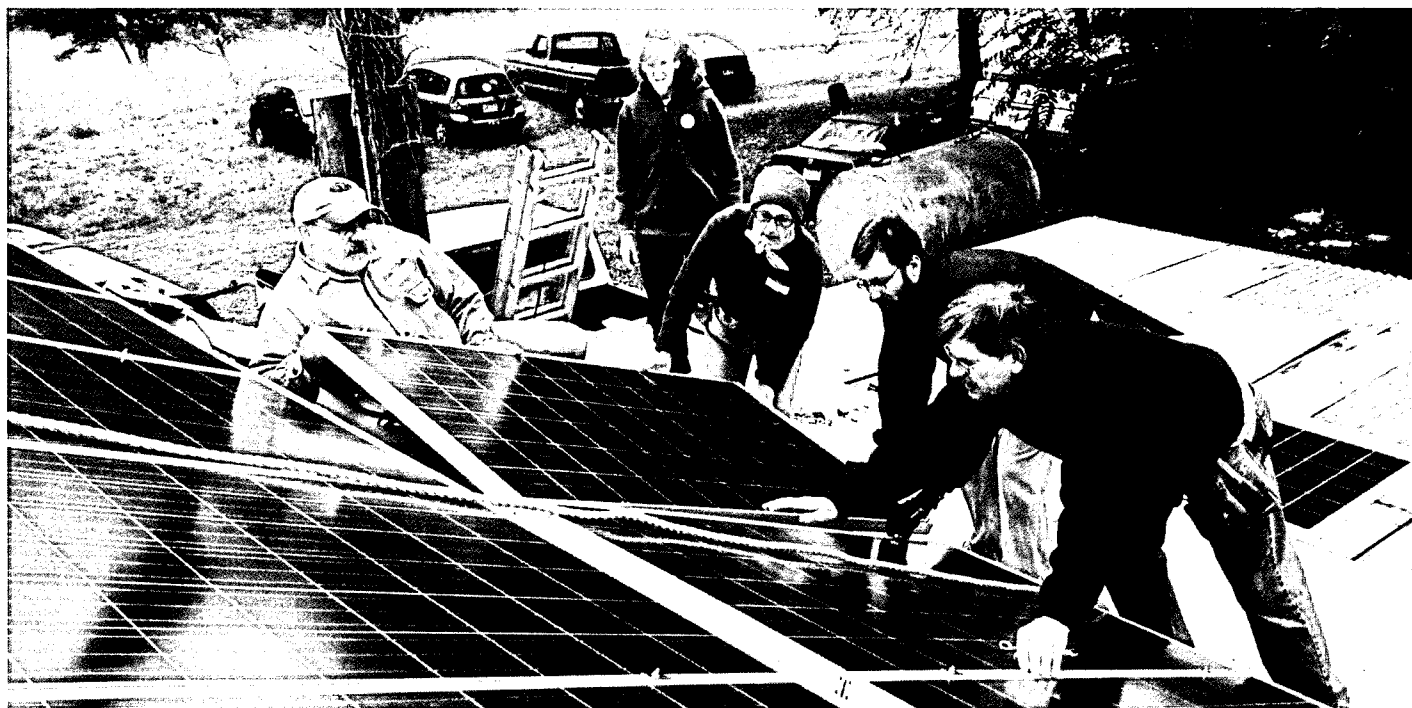
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# Westar/KCC Hearing

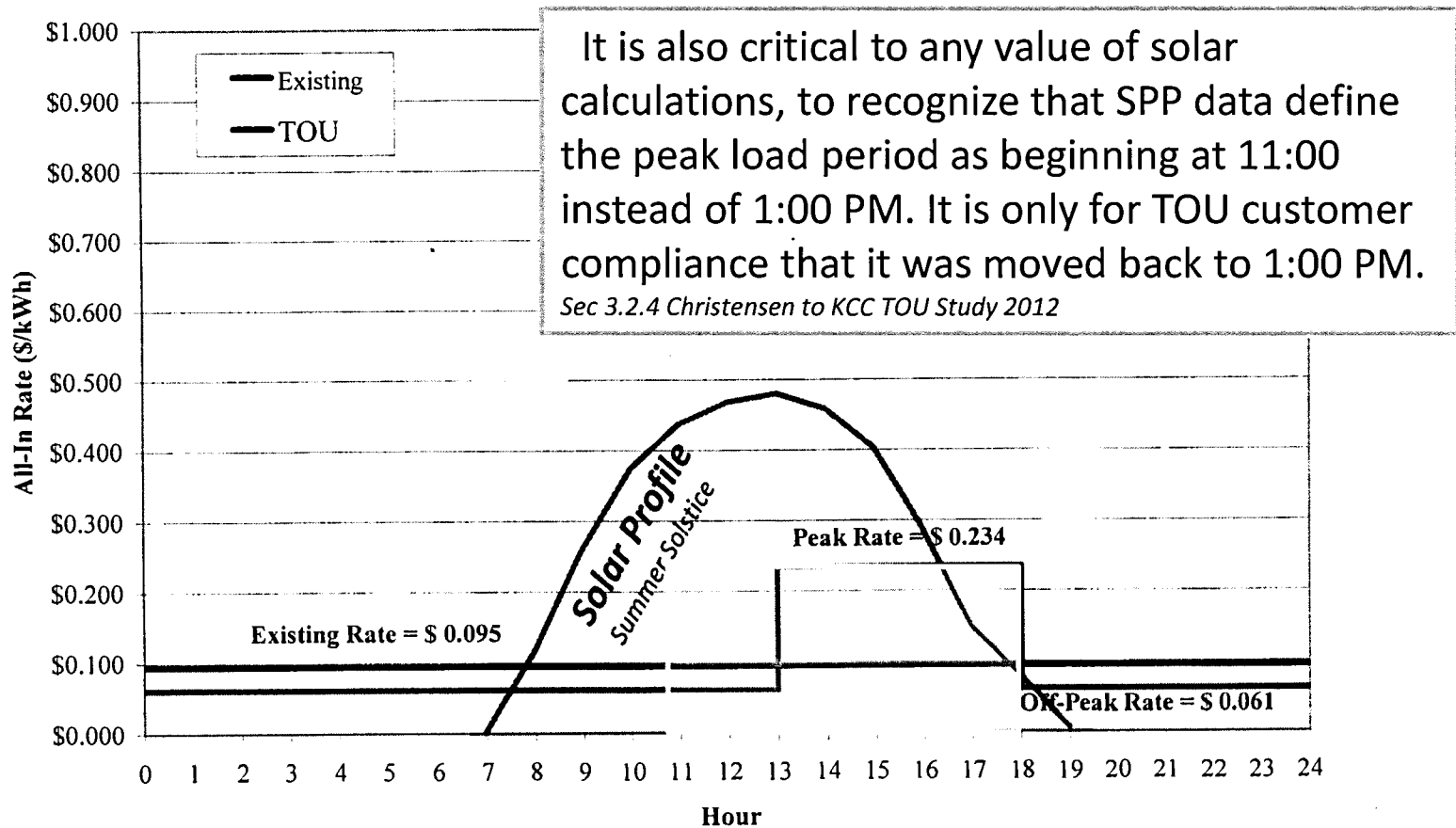
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Testimony in Opposition by William Dorsett  
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1715 Leavenworth, Manhattan, KS 66502  
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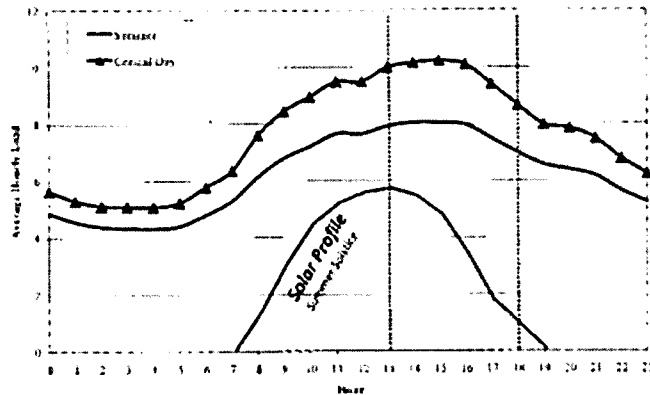
Dr. Ahmed Faruqi, in a Time of Use presentation to Westar, prices peak load at 23.4 cents. And while that was under dramatically different natural gas prices, as LNG export is approved and all utilities switch from coal to gas turbines, the pressure will again rise. If we have X years of a finite resource, it is bad planning to wait until X- 1 year to build the infrastructure for its successor. In the KCC/Westar TOU Pilot Study, Summer Intermediate-Peak (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM) is valued at 9.0277 and Peak energy is given 13.5387 cents/kWh. KCC 4/18/2012



# Solar to Other Customer Classes

**The Small General Service customer class  
peaks slightly earlier**

Small General Service Load Profile (2007)



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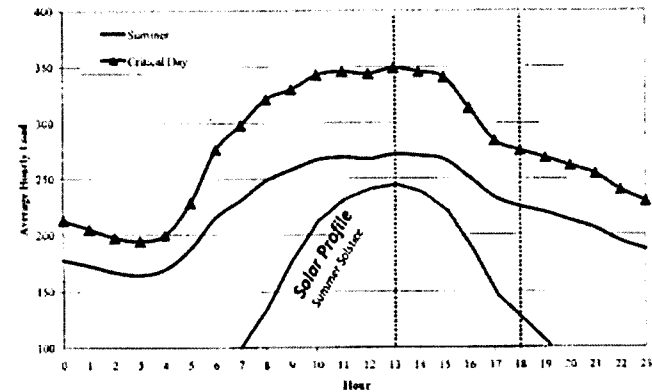
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**The Medium General Service class also  
peaks earlier**

Medium General Service Load Profile (2007)



Westar Energy

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- Small General Service (<200 kW)

- Medium General Service (>200 kW)

The Kansas limit of 100 KW of solar capacity for commercial customers illustrates that even Westar doesn't have a clear idea as to how it will benefit from its requests and that decisions can be made too quickly made for the benefit of ratepayers in general. Westar's patched together arguments and lack of forethought to the details of how to implement last year's net metering laws (i.e. their suggestion of adding additional meters and multiple billing rates to account for an individual family's system expansion) showed that solar has never merited serious study.

# Peak Load Distribution

Westar has focused only on solar's impact on generation. But for a typical urban utility, 60 to 70% of their fixed assets are in transmission and distribution. In its investor presentation, Westar projects spending \$880 million between 2015 and 2019 on updating its distribution system. Depreciated over a short period, this is the least "fixed" portion of its assets. This isn't a fixed cost until it is updated and it may be a source of great solar benefit to all ratepayers.

Pacific Gas & Electric's has found that its typical feeder is used over 50% of capacity ...only 40% of the time. There is a lot of investment that is not being used. I don't think those numbers have been released by Westar, or perhaps even studied.

The hours of maximum solar intensity are exactly when overheated lines sag into the trees, transformers suffer shortened lives and increased heat builds up line losses.

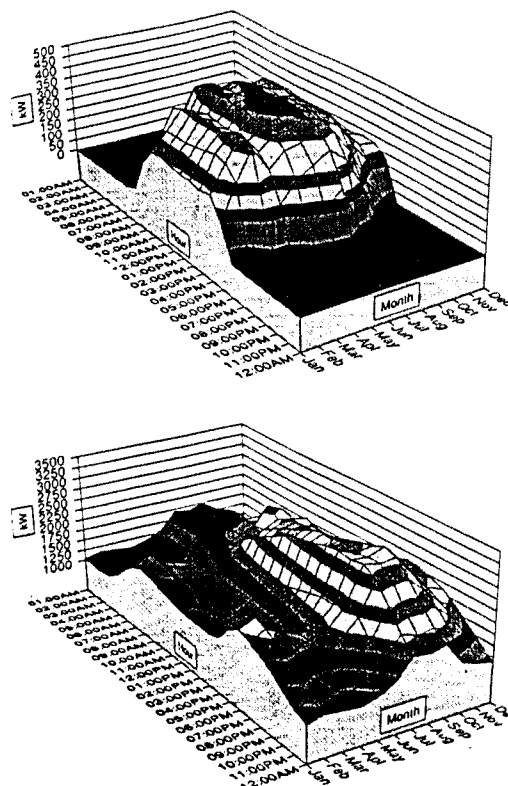


Figure 6-2. The average hourly generation for a 500-kW PV array peaks in the summer months, closely matching the feeder load.  
Figure 6-3. Reducing the feeder load by the PV generation leaves a much smaller load profile.

*This graphic is from the Kermin Study in the 1980's. We've known this for a very long time and it is only now with the steep drop in PV prices that it's had application to a much larger portions of distribution system.*

If much of the peak can be generated where the electricity is used, what savings might be available by sizing all associated hardware closer to baseload?

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If you agree that TOU pricing is a benefit  
to utilities and all ratepayers:

## TOU

- You have to make it convenient for customers to comply by limiting it to practical hours i.e. 1:00PM to 7:00 PM.
- Continued compliance requires retraining of new customers as people move in and out of Westar's territory.
- There is no concern about too much participation from customers in TOU because adaption rates can fluctuate too much for utilities to quantify.

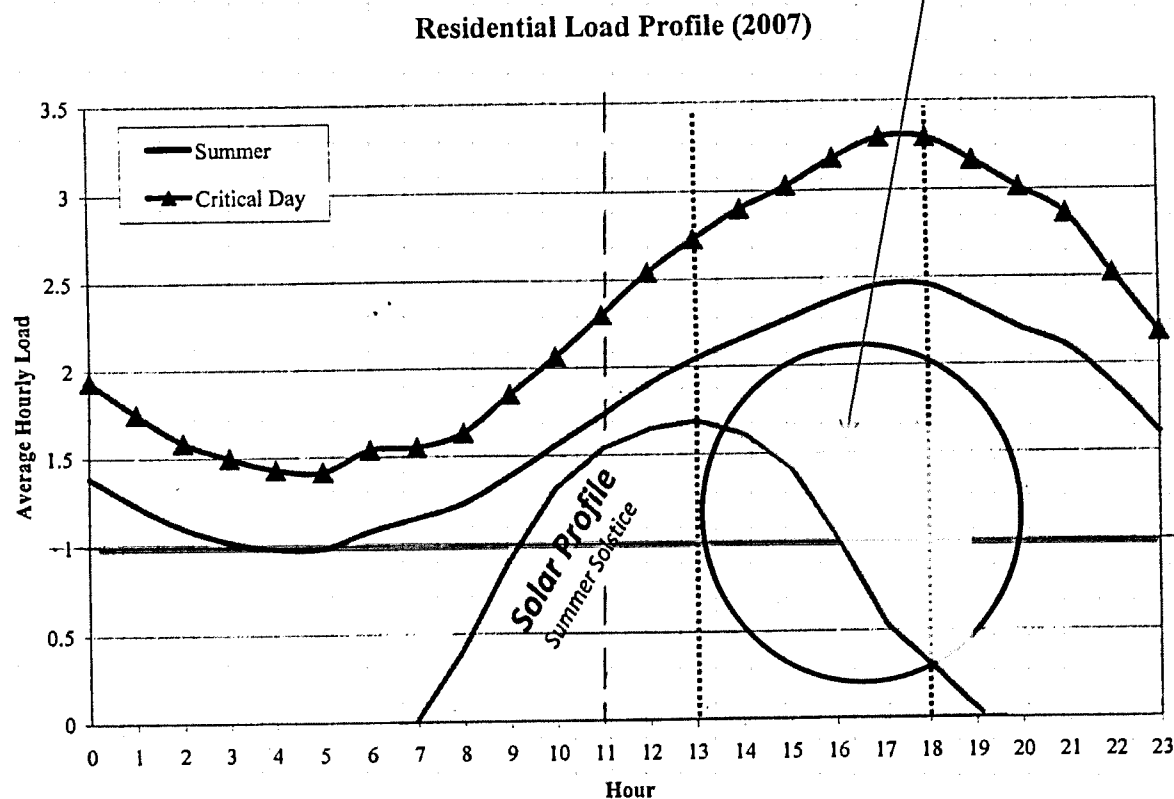
## Solar Peak Load

- Peak generation is governed by the sun's path, it generates regardless of customer compliance from 11:00am to sundown.
- Once a system is installed it offsets peak load through its entire lifetime of 25 to 30 years. There are none of the vagaries of human behavior.
- The concern about "excess energy" is unjustified. Over-produced power would simply benefit the utilities and other rate paying neighbors. European inverters sold in the U.S. are already equipped with by directional communications, so excess voltage can easily be managed

Solar peakload generation is TOU hardwired. How much would Westar pay for a customer who reduced their peak consumption by 78% on *all* the hottest days of the year... for 25 years?

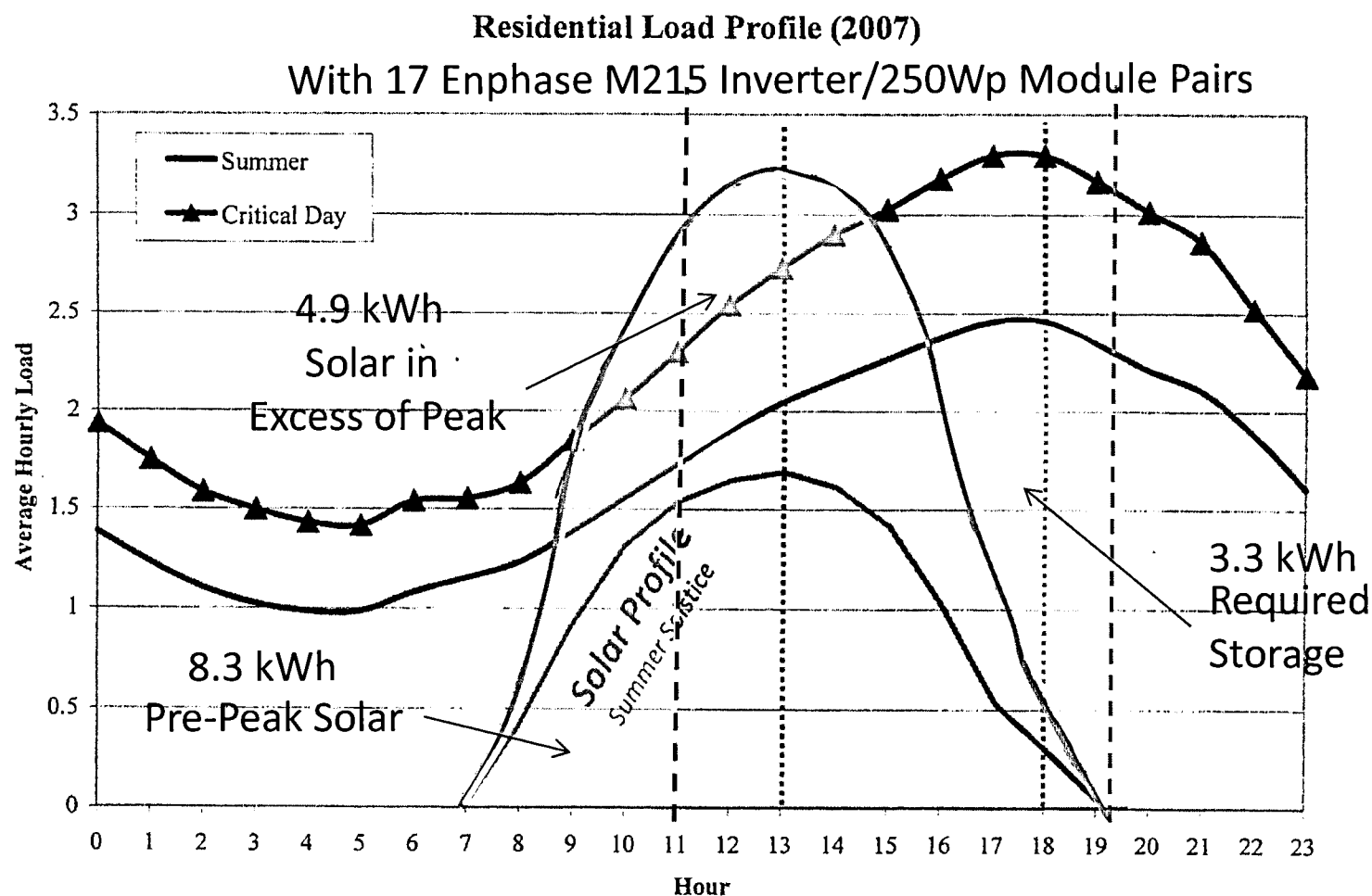
"Peak demand on the system, however, is from about 5 to 7 p.m. And because peak demand, rather than total demand, is what really drives utility costs, he said that customers with south-facing solar panels reduce demand at a time of heavy use, but generally are pulling energy from the system when it's producing its costliest, peak-hour power." *Jeff Martin, Westar's vice president for regulatory affairs*

## The residential class peaks slightly later than the system



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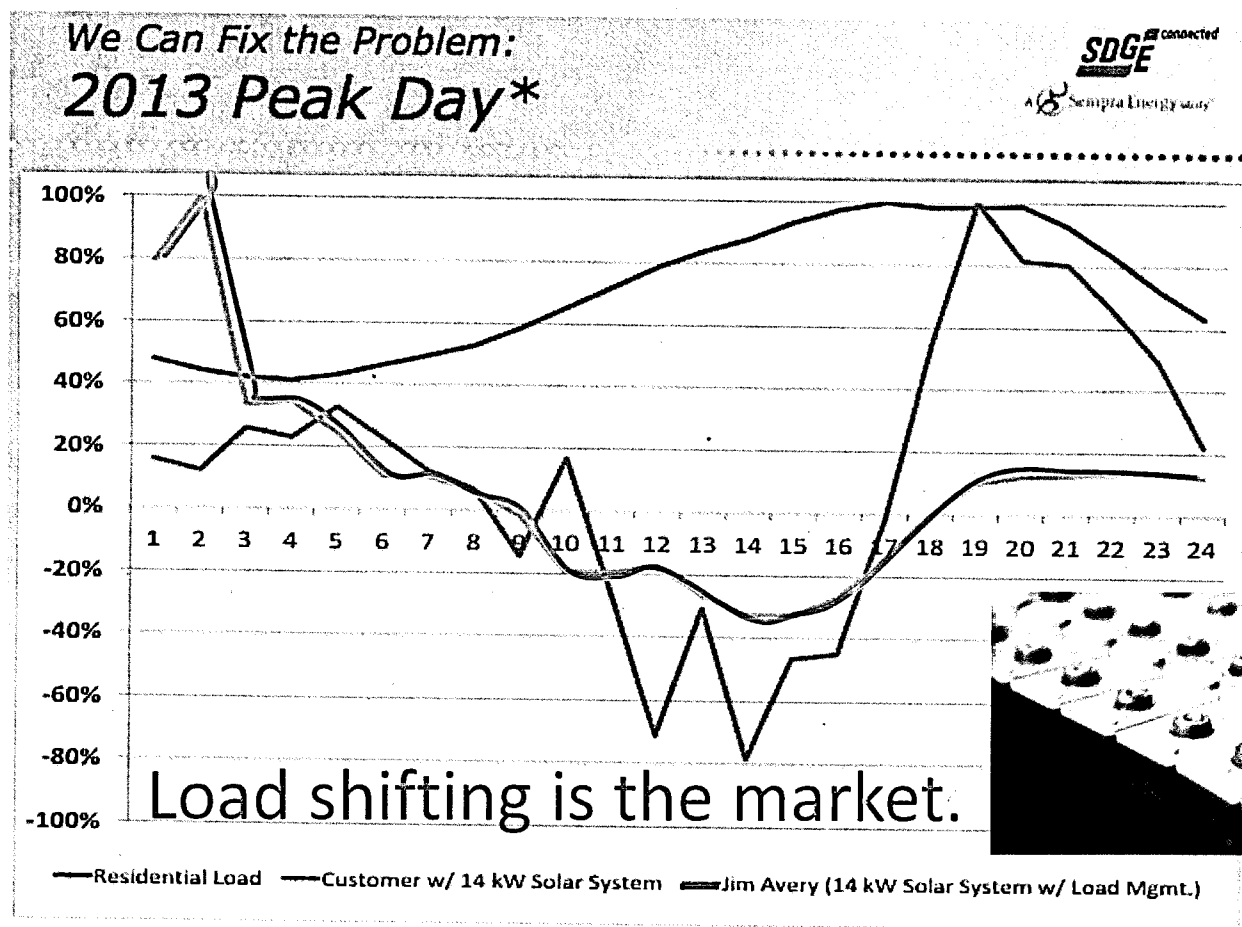
This is a solar generation profile of a system we install (seventeen 260 watt /microinverter pairs) superimposed on Westar's residential load profile. There is plenty of excess generation to cover even critical peak days.





# Solar With Today's Storage

With 300 solar families out of 690,000 Westar customers, there is functionally no "Duck Curve" in Kansas. We could redouble multiple times before anyone will notice. By the time we reach even the state's legislated limit of 1%, critical studies will have defined the value of rooftop solar and new storage technologies will have taken care of the utilities' concern that we will still need a brief period of peak load generation after sundown.



\*4,604 MWs August 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 4pm

Credit to Matt Lehrman, Rocky Mountain Institute

# *Distributed Energy Storage will be a game changer*

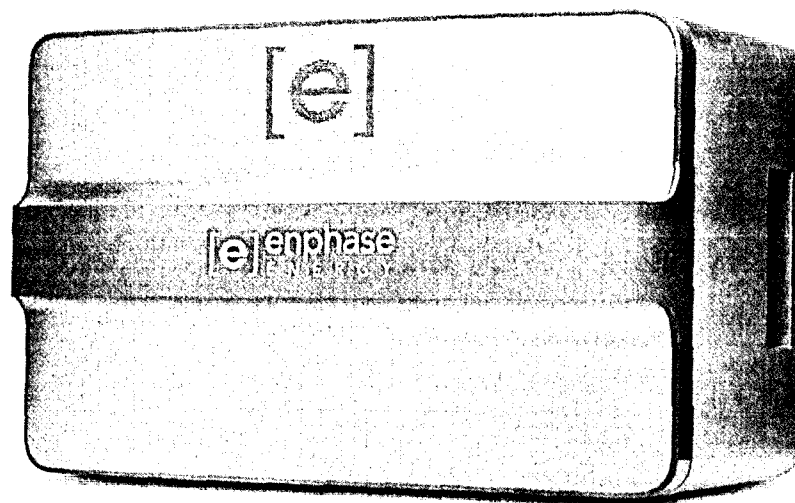
This isn't like the old independent PV we used to talk about. Energy storage doesn't have to fill all a household's daily needs, or even the peak but only fill the corner at the end of the day. This storage capacity can be a thirtieth the size of an independent system.

Tesla made a media splash only because it set a low price to beat, not because there aren't dozens of other equally good storage and load management tools either on the market or expected quickly. These markets, most notable in California, NY, Hawaii have a much higher penetration of PV. But these are global markets, as in Japan and Germany where there is an all-out effort toward energy independence and away from nuclear power.

One may disagree with the Clean Power Plan, but that is the inexorable trend of the future if only from international pressure around climate change and global fuel markets.

## **Enphase<sup>®</sup> AC Battery<sup>™</sup>**

We revolutionized solar. Now we're revolutionizing storage.



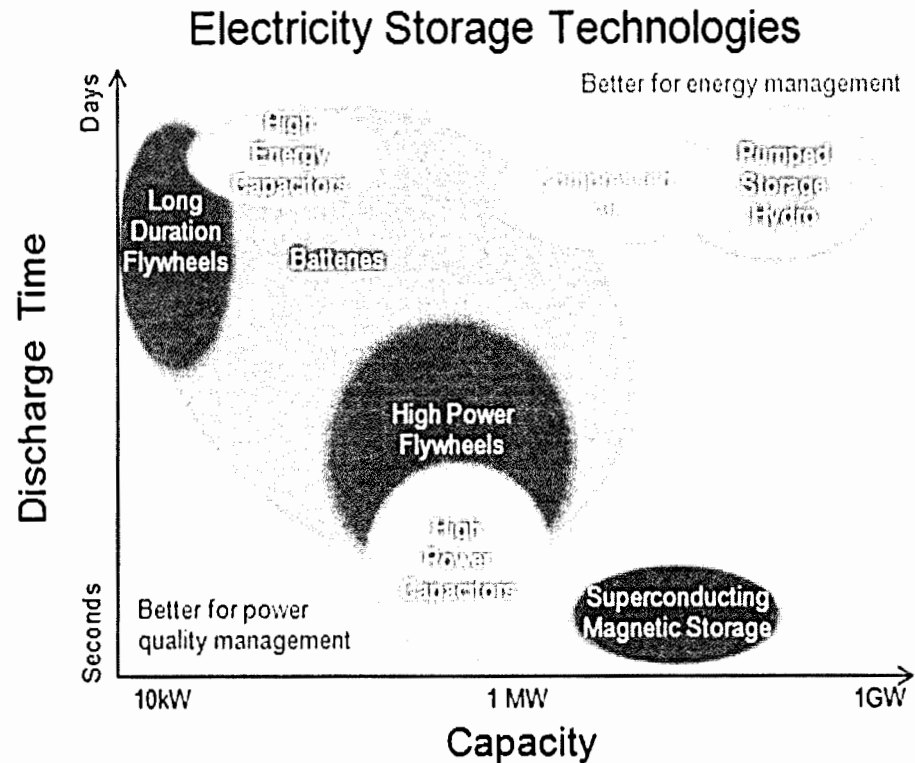
*This is the battery our cooperative will begin  
simply plugging into our systems next year.*

# Big Grid Storage Changes

- California Mandate

“The California Public Utilities Commission unanimously has mandated that the state’s big three investor-owned utilities will add 1.3 gigawatts of energy storage to their grids by decade’s end. Only half of that can be utility owned. The rest is distributed.

Hoping to get ahead of the mandate, Southern California Edison sent out a request for 50 megawatts of storage capacity in February 2014 as part of a larger offer to acquire new generating capacity. Some 1,800 bids from storage providers materialized, with many of them at surprisingly low costs. For utilities, a megawatt of storage can be equivalent to a megawatt of production. So SCE ended up acquiring 264 megawatts of storage capacity—more than five times the amount it had initially plotted.”



Our understanding of how to integrate ever increasing levels of solar electricity into local and regional grids is accelerating.



# Kansas Solar Energy Survey

CONDUCTED JUNE 5 - 8, 2015

"Respondents were overwhelmingly in favor of increasing renewable energy generation sources in Kansas (91%).

- Almost all women (94%) were more likely to strongly or somewhat agree.
- 65% of respondents aged 18-34 were more likely to strongly agree.
- Democrats (64%) and unaffiliated voters (65%) were more likely to strongly agree.
- Almost all of those with income \$50-\$99K (94%) were more likely to strongly or somewhat agree." *Westar commissioned survey*

Had True North explained that solar energy costs other customers either nothing or contributes positively by taking some of the load off summer bills of other ratepayers, Westar's Customer Survey would have gone to nearly 100% approval.

"In Westar's customer survey, 43% of respondents 18-34 years of age either somewhat or strongly disagree that solar customers still need to be connected to and use the grid." This could easily read not so much as a matter of ignorance but a recognition that in reality, a large proportion of Westar's future customers are ready to defect. And with the new generation of batteries it will be not just possible but increasingly likely. This will be customers of every political strip.

If prohibition didn't teach us more, it did illustrate that when you block the huge majority of the public's will, they will find ways around you.

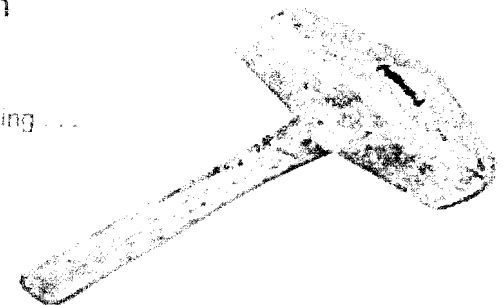
## Operating Principle #6

### Have an impact

We're here to do more than deliver a research report

We are committed to positively impacting ...

- Our clients and their business
- Each and every individual with whom we interact



TrueNorth

This survey was a very difficult spin job for TrueNorth.

## Conclusions

- Westar will only thrive with this new technology if it shows willingness to adapt. Kansas wind power is 77% baseload. Small wind doesn't yet make technical or financial sense, so that portion will remain in large centralized wind farms. Solar has almost the same percentage but in peakload. Overlapping the two sources, adding in efficiency and storage, will provide a high percentage of our requirements. Utility scale solar loses the advantages of peak generation scattered throughout its territory and is more vulnerable to power disruptions and attack common to all centralized energy systems. Utility-scale solar would be located where there is most sunshine: Southwest Kansas. But that aggravates already overloaded transmission lines carrying power from wind farms and for the SPP.
- Westar will continue providing baseload power, hopefully with more large wind farms, and CC gas generation for periods when truly there will be no regional sun or wind. Westar can continue to direct investments to locations of grid congestion or new load growth, by dealing with "distributed resource aggregators" as the California grid operator has just approved. Westar employment will remain intact through this change, as the majority of jobs are in T&D, not generation. *It is a mistake to give Westar a blank check rebuild its distribution system without analyzing how those investments might benefit from distributed peakload generation.*
- Today's solar energy is "plug-n-play." It is safe and easily within the skills of any neighborhood electrician. While the rest of the economy has been in a slump, solar energy jobs grew by 13.2% in 2012, compared to an overall job growth of just 2.3% across all other industries. Solar energy is the only source that is everywhere in Kansas. It is naturally democratic. Does this commission really want to be responsible for freezing employment in every congressional district in Kansas? In an industry that is as universally popular? Until we've had more experience, it is far too early to stunt the initiative of individual families who are willing to take all the risk and leave Westar and other ratepayers with the benefits.
- Solar is a win-win for families and for Westar. It's analogous to someone offering to buy all the equipment to deliver letters and letting the Postal Service deliver all the profitable packages.
- For today, it makes sense to foster *central baseload* and *distributed rooftop peak load* generation.

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Deane Lehmann <deanelehmann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:43 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket no. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Kansas Corporation Commission Members,

As a native Kansan, I believe the sun and wind are two of the many great blessings in our state. I also believe we should be able to use these clean, renewable resources without being penalized. Westar's proposed fees are just that, a penalty against individuals exercising their right to choose.

With regard to docket no. 15-WSEE-15-RTS, please represent the interests of Kansans over the interests of big business.

Thank you,

Deane Lehmann

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**From:** Malissa Parrick <malissa79@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:39 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar and Solar Systems

**Westar is telling non-solar customers that rooftop solar systems are causing their rates to rise. This is not true. Solar panels produce clean renewable energy during hot summer high peak periods, while Westar's costs increase. Please don't allow special corporate interests to use solar energy as an obstacle to low cost energy for the sake of increased profits. Thank you.**

**Malissa Parrick**  
**malissa79@outlook.com**  
**St. George, KS 66535**

**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Mike Perl <perl@ksu.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:32 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket Number 15-WSEE-115-RTS

To Whom It May Concern:

Please deny Westar's request for a rate increase at least until Westar explains to its customers, in some detail, why such a large increase is needed. After the commission hears such an explanation and Westar's customers are informed of these reasons, the public should then be given another opportunity to respond. Only then should the Commission consider their request.

Under no circumstances should the base rate be increased. Westar is already above the average base rate of other power companies in the country. Increases should be based on usage.

And the request to charge more for those who use solar panels, or for that matter any kind of renewable energy, is absurd. This and any future request to penalize the use of renewable energy should be denied.

Michael Perl  
2424 Buena Vista Dr.  
Manhattan, KS 66502



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Jill Quigley <jill.j.quigley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:32 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar rate increase.

Rooftop solar systems are not causing Westar rates to rise. Solar panels produce clean renewable energy during hot summer high peak periods. Please don't allow special corporate interests to use solar energy as an obstacle to low cost energy for the sake of increased profits. Thank you.

Jill Quigley  
Sent from my iPhone

Gerrie Lippert

# 102092

**From:** Carol Barta <snowsage54@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:25 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar comment

The proposed rate increase for Westar currently before the Corporation Commission is timely. It comes as Westar faces increased regulation for emissions and as homeowners and business owners recognize the possibilities of owning rooftop solar energy production. For Westar to remain a viable corporation it must deliver consistent energy to its customers while complying with regulations and making a profit for investors. Though this would be a tall order in an open marketplace, Westar's status as a monopoly in their geographic region makes this somewhat less of a challenge.

The challenge for Westar really is to face the future of energy production in this area and ready their corporation for the changes in the business model needed to operate effectively, efficiently and with a profit well into the future. It won't happen with business models crafted in the last century. Renewable energy resources, owned by a growing array of privately held wind farms and home rooftop photovoltaics will need to be managed and coordinated to meet the needs of energy customers.

The original proposal which included several "rate plans" appeared to be Westar's fear-based reaction to the several hundred privately-owned solar panel arrays now in service throughout their area. At this time, there is no danger of these individual systems overwhelming or undermining Westar's service or profits.

The commissioners have an opportunity to assist Westar in moving to a business and service module that can leverage the privately owned solar panels to everyone's advantage. The KCC staff have done good work in forging a compromise with a single base rate plan and holding the cost in check. Both the KCC and Westar should do more research on how to integrate and manage the growing network of renewable energy resources. This is not an unbroken trail. A number of utility companies are already doing this in other states.

The KCC has an obligation to balance the needs of the utility company against the needs of Kansas customers. We all need Westar to remain a viable corporation. At the same time, Kansans need to be treated fairly and have their rights respected. Both of these ends can be accomplished with careful effort.

Thank you for giving your time and service to the people of Kansas.

Carol Barta  
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Gerrie Lippert

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# 102093

**From:** Carole DeWald <caroledewald@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:24 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Westar / Rooftop Solar Energy

Please do not take action that will eliminate the rooftop solar market in Kansas. As I understand Westar's proposal, future solar customers would pay a premium to link to Westar's power system when the sun does not shine. Solar customers either would have to pay a \$50 basic monthly service fee, or pay extra "demand charges" of \$10 per kilowatt in the summer and \$3 per kilowatt in the winter for their peak usage of Westar power. Solar panels produce clean renewable energy, especially during the hot summer high peak periods. **Please do not allow special corporate interests to use solar energy as an obstacle to low cost energy for the sake of increased profits.**

Thank you.

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# 102094

**From:** Beverly Rehkop <brehkop2674@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:18 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Rooftop Solar Systems - misinformation

**Westar is telling non-solar customers that rooftop solar systems are causing their rates to rise. This is not true. Solar panels produce clean renewable energy during hot summer high peak periods, while Westar's costs increase. Please don't allow special corporate interests to use solar energy as an obstacle to low cost energy for the sake of increased profits.**

**Thank you.**

**Beverly Rehkop  
Prairie Village, KS**



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**From:** Doug McGaw <dbmcgaw@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:10 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Rate Hike comment

**Westar is telling non-solar customers that rooftop solar systems are causing their rates to rise. This is not true. Solar panels produce clean renewable energy during hot summer high peak periods, while Westar's costs increase. Please don't allow special corporate interests to use solar energy as an obstacle to low cost energy for the sake of increased profits. Thank you.**

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**From:** Bockrath, Allan R CIV USARMY CAC (US) <allan.r.bockrath.civ@mail.mil>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:05 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I wish to submit the following comments to be entered into the record in the docket regarding Westar Energy's request for a rate increase:

"I respectfully request that the Kansas Corporation Commission disapprove Westar Energy's request for a rate increase for retail electric customers. I have been a Westar customer since July 1999. In those 16 years, I have seen my electric bill increase three-fold in just the last 10 years. My account number is 9304234605 should any member of the Commission wish to verify that my comments are factual.

My electric bill for July 2005 was \$151.00; my electric bill for July 2014 was \$454.00, despite the fact that my electrical usage was almost identical (2496 vs. 2644 KWH).

It is my opinion that Westar's example of a Residential customer with an average monthly consumption of 900 KWH is a borderline myth, obviously designed to paint their rate increase in a more favorable light. My lowest ever usage was 1054 KWH, a month when temperatures were very mild and heating and cooling were not used. Based on my average KWH usage over the past 13 years, my monthly increase would be almost \$60.00.

In 2012, Westar had a net profit of \$273.5 million; in 2013, that profit increased to \$292.5 million; and in 2014 their profit was \$313.3 million. Surely Westar can easily absorb the costs related to the proposed improvements to Wolf Creek and other investmenst they are proposing. It is obvious that any expenses they incur will be spread out over multiple years with minimal impact to their investors.

Should the Commission decide to favorably grant Westar's request, then I offer a counter proposal to the rate increase. Since all customers would benefit equally with any improvements and investments, then the rate should be prorated per customer. A \$152 million rate increase spread out over 690 thousand customers equates to a per-customer charge of \$220.00. Spread out over a 24 or 36 month period, Westar could still generate the amount requested while keeping the increase fairly spread out over all customers who equally benefit from the improvements.

As a final comment, should the Commission decide to favorably grant Westar's request without prorating the increase, then I respectfully request that Westar be forced to reduce its rates back to the current status quo once the \$152 million rate increase is achieved."

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Bockrath

305 East Mary Street  
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**From:** Clark Petersen <cvpetersen@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:00 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket #15-WSEE-115-RTS

Dear Staff,

Please consider supporting rooftop solar as a positive evolution for the citizens of Kansas as well as the planet.

Several major companies have become a reality in this past 20 years because the government from local to federal levels have joined in the support for alternative energy.

We have a whole new industry that is growing and will continue to grow with positive decisions by commissions just like you.

Our grandchildren's future will be significantly shaped by the path we take today.

We sincerely need you to think about the future health of the planet let alone the future economy of new and evolving companies that are trying to make this a better world.

Thank you for making an educated decision.

Sincerely,

Clark Petersen



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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Linda Teener <lteener@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:02 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

**Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS**

Westar Request

I am writing in support of rooftop solar systems as part of the energy solution in Kansas without penalty. Studies have shown that clean, renewable energy provides a benefit to all electric customers. Other areas have encouraged solar systems with battery backup to help the electric companies better distribute electricity during peak usage times. But not Kansas.

My nonprofit organization was the first small organization in Kansas to add solar panels that were on the grid. We worked with Westar in defining the parameters for safe usage, for us and for the grid. There has never been a problem with our system. I don't think Westar has ever thought of us as in competition. We still pay plenty for our electricity.

It is time that Kansas, if not embracing, at least hold hands with small solar systems. The household is paying for the infrastructure and Westar benefits from any excess energy produced. As far as I can see, the benefits far outweigh any possible issues. Large wind systems exist in the western part of the state already. In a state with abundant solar energy, it seems to me that our energy utilities should utilize all resources to bring Kansans the most efficient, environmentally friendly energy options available.

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Linda Teener

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**From:** Jim Stephens <stephens.jim.a@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:57 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Cc:** Myrna Stephens  
**Subject:** Waster increase in monthly charges

We realize the need to improve generation facilities and to expand clean air production of electricity, but we think the increase cost born by residential customers over the next four years appears to be excessive.

Some funds have been set aside to support political candidates and political positions. While we don't have access to the financial figures of Westar, we think it is very important that KCC be very prudent and represent the citizens of Kansas and not just the political and investment community supporting Westar.

Please accept this note as a request for empathy on the part of the Westar consumers.

Jim and Myrna Stephens  
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Date Filed **08/11/2015**  
Investigator **SBOYD**

**Account Information**

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| Account No        | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name JINNI JHANG  | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business          | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address    | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address   | Special Instructions |                  |
| City              |                      |                  |
| State ks Zip Code |                      |                  |

**Contacts**

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## Narrative

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Investigator **SGONZALE**

**Account Information**

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| Account No                   | Notified KCC by P    | Consumer Class R |
| Name JULIE WALTER            | Home Phone           | Cell Phone       |
| Business                     | Work Phone           | Ext Fax #        |
| Street Address 831 PIERRE ST | Email Address        |                  |
| Mailing Address              | Special Instructions |                  |
| City MANHATTAN               |                      |                  |
| State KS Zip Code 66502      |                      |                  |

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## Narrative

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I WOULD ASK THE KCC TO REJECT THE PROPOSED INCREASE AND THE CURRENT WAY IT'S ORGANIZED. I AM CONCERNED WESTAR CUSTOMER FEES WILL BE HARMFUL TO THOSE ON FIXED INCOMES AND COMPARED TO NATIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE RATES, WE ALREADY PAY MORE. THE PROPOSED RATE STRUCTURE ELIMINATES WIND POWER SAVINGS OPTIONS.

WESTAR SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO CREATE RATE STRUCTURES THAT ARE EASY TO UNDERSTAND AND DO NOT INCLUDE PROPOSED HIGHER CUSTOMER FEES. I URGE THE KCC TO REJECT THIS PROPOSAL. IT SEEMS UNFAIR AND UNADVISABLE. THERE SHOULD BE AN INCENTIVE FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE SOME CONTROL TO SAVE ENERGY.

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Kim Morgan <kmorgks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 4:02 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

As a careful energy consumer and a parent and grandparent, I oppose Westar's attempt to limit consumers' energy choices. While I have not installed a solar system on my own home, I fully support those who have and will. Solar energy is responsible, clean, and a smart choice. I don't think Westar executives need to worry that solar will take over the energy market or that those who choose to install it are "freeloaders." They are, in fact, people who care for the planet. I would like to see evidence that Westar cares about sustainability as much as it does profit and supporting dirty energy producers.

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Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** larklabel@gmail.com on behalf of Karl Miller <karl@larklabel.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 4:16 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Say no to the Westar price increase

While researching this increase Westar is proposing, it became apparent that Westar's current rates (residential service charge as well as \$/kw) are higher than other utilities in our surrounding states. This is either caused by Westar's inefficiency (poor operating skills) or paying too much to the executives or giving too large stockholders dividends. All of these are indications of poor management. Approving this rate increase just continues to reward their inefficiencies. Stopping this request will help stop this bad corporate behavior.

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** Ken Lassman <Ken.Lassman@kni.ks.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 4:14 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Re: Docket No 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Regarding the Westar request, I submit that those reviewing the request carefully read KCC's own study: "Residential Rate Study for the KCC--Final Report" by Daniel Hansen and Michael O Sheasy:  
[http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/electric/residential\\_rate\\_study\\_final\\_20120411.pdf/AcroJS\\_DesignerJS.pdf](http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/electric/residential_rate_study_final_20120411.pdf/AcroJS_DesignerJS.pdf) In

In it, Hansen and O'Sheasy look at the impact of differing rate structures as they impact different sized customers as this relates to the volume of electricity used. As they summarize in this study, it is apparent that incline block rate structure incentivizes customers to become more efficient in their energy use since it rewards lower consumption with lower monthly rates. Straight fixed variable rate structure has the opposite effect. Even though the revised request by Westar reduces the fixed monthly charge increase from the original request, it still increases the fixed base rate from the current base rate, a move that seems designed more to ensure rate of return on investments by Westar rather than to create a more responsive, efficient electrical grid that will meet customer needs for the future.

This is not to say that Westar as a utility is not entitled to a fair return on its investments, but I feel that this is not an adequate response to the changing economic climate facing utilities such as Westar. While all projections point to a future of slower growth in electricity demand as well as higher production costs, raising the fixed rate, as the KCC study suggests, disincentivises the customer from taking either energy conservation measures or supporting the growing numbers of individuals and businesses who are installing solar panels.

It is my understanding that the KCC has separated out the question of rate structure/charges for customers with solar panels, which makes sense. At the same time, this Westar request needs to be congruent with measures that will actually improve Kansas' ability to meet the goals of the Clean Power Plan. I personally believe that the KCC should ask Westar to go back and develop rate structures that meet BOTH their need for financial return on investments AND address the need to increase energy efficiency and renewable energy production on the grid which would be consistent with any plans the state makes to meet the Clean Power Plan goals.

For instance, why not have Westar more aggressively explore the possibility of revenue decoupling combined with a return on investment based on an incline block rate structure that is suggested by the KCC study, time of use rates, and smaller minimum bills to meet their financial needs, combined with the ability to generate income based on transitioning to a smarter grid that promotes energy conservation/efficiency and renewable generation integration into the grid? Other utilities and states have created environments where the utilities can generate some of their income through modernizing the grid and improving energy efficiency and renewable energy integration into the grid, instead of those changes costing more and reducing profits for those utilities. The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy has a wide number of resources for both the KCC and the utilities to consider for evaluating and implementing these options.

The Westar request seems to be based on old assumptions and business models. Why not place both the utility and the state in a better position for using market forces to change the nature of electricity generation that reduces carbon emissions and rewards both energy efficiency and renewable energy sources while retaining the ability for Westar to make a return on their investments? The latest Westar request is an improvement over the earlier version; it is within reason to ask for an even better proposal.

Thank you,  
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**From:** Natalya Lowther <natalyalowther@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:37 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS Public Comment

RE: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am writing to express my opposition to any rate increases to Westar residential customers.

While large industrial utility users have the opportunity to pass costs along and recoup them, as part of their product costs, residential customers don't have anyone reimbursing them for their energy costs. Westar should look at increasing charges to its biggest users, not to small users.

Higher customer service charges discourage energy conservation, and we need to decrease, not increase, our use of fossil fuel energy to combat climate change and preserve our environment for future generations.

Higher customer service charges adversely affect poor people much more than they do rich people. Sadly, in our day and age, that means they affect people of color, people with disabilities, children, and elderly people much more than others. Even the smaller increase that Westar is now proposing is going to make it harder for people on small fixed incomes to make ends meet. \$2.50/month can mean several days without bread to eat for some folks. This is discriminatory.

Westar needs to generate its profits by operating more efficiently, rather than by harming future generations through discouraging conservation, and harming present generations by demanding more money from the most vulnerable of our community members. If Westar wants to reward its shareholders with high returns on investment, Westar should look into trimming salaries and other incentives/perks for its upper management...not put this burden on residential customers.

If Westar is allowed to increase its customer service charge, it also should be required to waive the customer service charge for every customer with an income 2x the national poverty level. Westar should also be required to waive the service charge for customers who make energy efficiency improvements to their homes, up to the cost of the energy efficiency improvements, because reducing demand through conservation means that there is less strain on Westar's generation capabilities.

Blessings,  
Natalya Lowther  
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**From:** Farm Kent Manuel <kent@manuelfarm.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 4:26 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Cc:** drcherriharper@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

I am writing to support the use of distributed solar installations.

I am a retired Air Force Colonel with a undergraduate degree (Kansas State University) and Master's degree (Stanford University) in Engineering. I firmly believe that today's utilities can successfully coexist with distributed solar.

Distributed solar has many advantages. Generating and consuming power onsite means no line losses, which typically dissipate 7%-9% of grid-generated electricity before the power gets to your house.

In certain cases, distributed generation delays distribution system upgrades as demand on a circuit grows, because less power has to be shipped into the circuit on sunny days. It also can reduce the need to build new transmission lines to carry power from distant grid-scale generation.

Having many small distributed solar installations also spreads them around – spatial diversification – reducing the overall volatility of generation when clouds roll through. Plus, spatial diversification and onsite generation can make the system more resilient to natural or man-made disasters, such as storms or sabotage.

The largest advantage to distributed solar is peak generation. Distributed solar can generate electricity on hot summer days when Westar must generate at peak levels, often using expensive add-on generators. This can cost Westar more per kilowatt-hour than they are charging their customers.

It can be argued that solar generation begins to lag late in the afternoon when demand often peaks. This is caused by solar panels being oriented straight south, where they are most efficient and generate the most energy, but peak in mid-afternoon. A solution is to orient the panels in a more westerly direction. The energy generated by these panels will more closely match peak demand patterns. Perhaps Westar and distributed solar users can work together to incentivize them to orient their panels more to the west. There is a good article about this concept at: <http://www.pecanstreet.org/2013/11/report-residential-solar-systems-reduce-summer-peak-demand-by-over-50-in-texas-research-trial/>

As distributed solar and wind technologies continue to improve in efficiency and cost, change in the paradigm of large centralized utilities is inevitable. Unfortunately for both Westar and distributed solar owners, Westar is currently utilizing a counterproductive strategy. Rather than trying to adapt their business model to the new paradigm, Westar is using all their time and effort (and lobbying money) trying to stem the growth of distributed power generation. If Westar continues to act as an impediment to distributed solar, I fear the citizens of Kansas will lose out in the long run.

Kent Manuel

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**Gerrie Lippert**

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**From:** marci francisco <maf@sunflower.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 4:52 PM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS  
**Attachments:** 11\_August\_2015\_comments\_to\_the\_KCC.docx

letter attached and below:

11 August 2015

Members of the Kansas Corporation Commission:  
RE: Docket Number 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Thank you for this opportunity to submit public comment regarding Westar Energy's pending rate case. I appreciate the work of all parties to address this issue in a cooperative manner and am aware that a tentative agreement has been reached. I particularly appreciate the decision to review rates for customers generating electricity from solar power separately from the rest of the case. However I still believe it is very important to reach a final decision that focuses on creating a more responsive, efficient electrical system.

I applaud the efforts that Westar and other utility companies have made to lower the emissions from electric generation and recognize my responsibility to share in the costs of such improvements. I was able to attend the public hearing in Topeka and very much agree with the comment that, to the extent that these increases are related to requirements for the generation of electricity, they not be paid for just by fixed rate increases and residential customers, but rather are shared equitably based on overall consumption of electricity.

I serve as a member of the Kansas Legislature, but I have additional responsibilities as a landlord in Lawrence. My husband and I are working to provide affordable housing, and recognize that we need to be renting houses and apartments that are also affordable to heat and cool. Any increase in fixed costs works against our interest in encouraging energy efficiency. We have also assumed some energy costs for shared areas in separate bills that we pay, but that becomes less reasonable for us to provide as the cost for additional meters increases. Choices to share meters to reduce overall costs also reduces information about individual consumption.

I sincerely hope that you as Kansas Corporation Commissioners carefully consider the future for energy generation and use. As we all work to improve our environment and stabilize our climate we must consider how customers can best interact with electric utility providers. To be a good partner in this endeavor, the Kansas Corporation Commission should adopt structures and programs that encourage efficiency. Opportunities such as revenue decoupling and time of use rates should be considered.

I appreciate your taking the time to review the request carefully, and am hopeful that you can arrive at a decision that will help us all manage our electricity use more responsibly.

*marci francisco, 1101 Ohio, Lawrence, Kansas*

Gerrie Lippert

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**From:** Dorothy Barnett <dottyb123@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 7:38 AM  
**To:** public.affairs  
**Subject:** Public Comment 15-WSEE-115-RTS

Good morning,

As a Westar customer, I am opposed to the increase in my monthly customer charge. While I appreciate Westar's efforts to decrease their original rate design, even a small increase impedes my ability to control my energy bill through conservation efforts.

Please encourage Westar to adapt to the changing energy landscape and help customers use less energy more efficiently.

Regards,

Dorothy

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August 11, 2015

Public Comment of the Climate + Energy Project: Docket No. 15-WSEE-115-RTS

The attached comments are respectfully submitted by the Climate + Energy Project (CEP). Since 2007, CEP has provided expertise, participated in informal KCC workshops and made recommendations for renewable energy policies.

We have requested and have been granted intervention in Dockets 10-KCPE-795-TAR, 12-GIMX-337-GIV, 14-KCPE-0420TAR, 14-KCPE-074-GIE, and have submitted public comments in a vast number of other utility rate cases and investigative dockets impacting energy efficiency and renewable energy.

For the second time this year, the Commission has elected to give CEP limited intervenor status, although the Commission order, dated 7/23/15 recognizes our knowledge of cost effective energy efficiency. This limited status allowed our filed testimony by Ashok Gupta to be stricken from the record which impedes our ability to ensure that the negative impacts of higher fixed charges for customers who choose to pursue energy efficiency as a means to lower their electricity bills are fully presented to the Commission.

The proposed stipulation agreement in this docket is a welcome step in the right direction. Westar, CURB, KCC Staff and others should be applauded for working together to limit impacts to consumers.

Still, increasing mandatory fixed fees—even at a reduced amount—takes away control over energy costs and options for Kansans and forces costs disproportionately on people who use the least energy. Even with an increase of \$2.50 per month, people will have to pay the higher fees no matter how much energy they use, and they therefore lose control over their energy costs and options. Further, low-income residents living on fixed incomes who use very little energy will have to pay the same as people with large homes that use dramatically more energy.

Westar argues it needs to raise fees to cover its fixed costs, but there are other ways to pay for system upgrades. Other businesses with fixed costs, like grocery stores and gas stations, don't charge mandatory fees. Instead, system costs are reflected in the product price, and consumers can control how much they spend through their purchases.

Instead of allowing Westar to raise mandatory fees, we encourage the Commission to direct them to charge customers for the energy they use. This is the best way to preserve incentives to use less energy and avoid burdening those Kansans who use the least energy with a disproportionate amount of the cost.

Commission Staff and the Commissioners response indicate their belief that CEP is represented by CURB. Despite our appreciation of the great work of CURB, their mission is vastly different than CEP's mission to advance energy efficiency and renewable energy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while minimizing electric system costs and lowering customer bills.

Therefore, we submit the attached testimony of Ashok Gupta to be entered into the record as public comments and refer you to materials regarding the economic impact of high fixed charges that were submitted with our public comments in the Kansas City Power & Light docket on June 12, 2015

Respectfully,

Dorothy Barnett  
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**KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION  
DOCKET NO. 15- WSEE-115-RTS  
TESTIMONY  
OF  
ASHOK GUPTA  
ON BEHALF  
OF  
THE CLIMATE + ENERGY PROJECT**

**Q. Please state your name, address, and affiliation.**

A: My name is Ashok Gupta. I work for the Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC"). My work address is NRDC, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. I also serve as Chairman of the Board for the Climate + Energy Project ("CEP").

**Q. Describe your background and professional qualifications?**

A: Since 1991, I have been with NRDC working as a Senior Energy Economist on energy related matters including energy efficiency, renewables, and utility regulatory policy. I have served as NRDC's Director of the Air & Energy program for ten years and most recently as Director of Programs for almost three years. I was NRDC's representative on Mayor Bloomberg's Energy Policy Task Force and Sustainability Advisory Board. Prior to NRDC, I worked at the City of New York and the Public Utility Law Project of New York as an energy policy analyst.

My educational training includes undergraduate degrees in Physics and Math from Georgetown University and a master's degree in Economics from American University.

**Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?**

A: I am testifying on behalf of the Climate + Energy Project.

**Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

A: The purpose of my testimony is to advance a mechanism to align the interest of utility shareholders, its customers, and efficient use of electricity and to point out negative consequences of Westar's proposal to considerably raise fixed customer charges.

**Q. What is your recommendation to the Commission?**

A: My recommendations are as follows:

1. The Commission should not allow Westar's proposal to increase the customer charge for its residential customers.
2. The Commission should explore regular adjustments in volumetric rates as a way of addressing the issues in this rate case. Regular adjustments do a much better job of addressing revenue adequacy than increased customer charges. Additionally, such a mechanism can also help bring into line Westar's financial incentives with the goals of promoting energy efficiency under KEEIA while protecting low and fixed-income consumers.

**Q. What is your understanding of Westar's proposal to raise fixed customer charges?**

A: Westar proposes to significantly alter the relationship between the customer charge and the energy rate for the residential classes, raising the fixed customer charge from \$15.00 to \$27.00 by 2019.

**Q. Is Westar's proposed customer charge in line with other Midwestern utilities?**

A: No. Westar customers would be at the top of all other utilities in the region.

**Q. If approved, what is the impact of the proposed fixed customer charges?**

A: A higher fixed charge reduces customers' incentive to use electricity more efficiently because more of the costs are recovered in a way that is independent of electricity consumption. Because only the variable charge can be managed by reduced usage, increasing the customer charge makes any customer efforts to reduce their electricity bill by using less energy not as effective. Because of this, the price signal sent by a much higher fixed charge is likely to deter customers from implementing energy efficiency measures, resulting in greater future energy use than would have transpired under the current rate design.

**Q. How will greater electricity use impact overall costs to customers?**

A. As discussed above, by reducing customers' incentives to save electricity, energy use is likely to increase more than it would have, which could increase costs to customers, and:

1. Increased customer use means that over time more generation, transmission, and distribution costs will be required and passed on to customers.

2. Higher fixed charges will reduce the success of energy efficiency programs because customers won't be able to lower their bills by using less electricity.
3. Energy efficiency being a least-cost option for complying with the Clean Power Plan will mean that Westar will have to consider more expensive options.

**Q. What policy considerations should guide the Commissions determination to reject a higher fixed customer charge?**

A: In 2014, the Kansas Legislature passed the Kansas Energy Efficiency Investment Act ("KEEIA"). KEEIA's goal is to "promote the implementation of cost-effective demand-side programs in Kansas...it shall be the policy of the state to value demand-side program investments equal to traditional investments in supply and infrastructure as much as is practicable". The statute requires the Commission to "ensure that utility financial incentives are aligned with helping customers use energy more efficiently and in a manner that sustains or enhances the utility customer's incentives to use energy more efficiently." A reasonable interpretation of this provision would be that the Commission shall adopt policies and mechanisms consistent with increased investment in energy efficiency by customers and to ensure that utilities are not at greater risk of under-recovering their revenue requirement when consumers engage in efficiency opportunities.

**Q. Have other Commissions recognized the detrimental impact of higher customer charges?**

A. Yes, the negative effects of increasing the customer charge are well recognized. Just last month, on April 29, 2015 the Missouri Public Utility Commission issued a Report and Order ER-2014-0258 ruling against Ameren for even a small increase in the customer charge, stating:

The Commission must also consider the public policy implications of changing the existing customer charges. There are strong public policy considerations in favor of not increasing the customer charges.

Residential customers should have as much control over the amount of their bills as possible so that they can reduce their monthly expenses by using less power, either for economic reasons or because of a general desire to conserve energy.

Leaving the monthly charge where it is gives the customer more control.

**Q. What alternative mechanisms exist for managing revenue adequacy and instability?**

A. A regular revenue adjustment mechanism offers a much better way to address revenue adequacy between rate cases compared to increasing fixed customer charges. As mentioned above, increasing customer charges can result in substantial negative impacts on some customers, and will reduce customers' financial incentives to reduce their bills through energy efficiency or other means. A regular revenue adjustment mechanism would meaningfully reduce the impacts on lower-use customers while providing revenue certainty to Westar.

**Q. Please explain what you mean by regular revenue adjustment mechanism.**

A. Under traditional ratemaking, the utility's revenue requirement is determined at the time of a rate case. Rates are then determined by dividing the utility's revenue requirement by forecasted sales. These rates are then generally held constant until the following rate case, and any variation from actual sales would cause the utility's revenues to increase or decrease until the next rate case.

A regular adjustment in rates removes this un-anticipated fluctuation in revenues resulting from a variation between forecasted and actual sales and allows the utility to achieve the agreed upon revenue requirement in the rate case. If sales increase for any reason (for example, due to weather or higher economic activity than forecasted), the utility variable rates are adjusted downward. Similarly, if sales decline for any reason (for example, due to weather, lower economic activity than forecasted, or energy efficiency), the utility is permitted to adjust rates upwards to meet its agreed upon revenue requirement in the rate case.

**Q. What is the throughput disincentive?**

A. That term commonly refers to the incentive an electric or gas utility has to sell more electricity or gas in order to recover its authorized revenue requirement. When the collection of authorized revenues depends upon a utility selling, at a minimum, the amount of electricity as was estimated in a rate case, the utility has a disincentive to promote energy efficiency or conservation measures.

**Q. What do you propose as an alternative mechanism for addressing the throughput disincentive?**

A: My recommendation is for an annual revenue adjustment mechanism that reconciles actual revenues to the most recent test year approved revenues on an annual basis, applying any adjustment over the following year, and spreads those adjustments on a general basis to all customers. This approach is one key part of a three-part policy to achieve KEEIA's goal of aligning utility financial incentives with the goal of capturing all cost-effective potential for energy savings for Kansas electric customers. The other two legs of that three-legged stool include timely recovery of energy efficiency program costs and an earnings opportunity. My testimony today focuses just on the throughput disincentive mechanisms and does not address the other two legs of the stool.

**Q. What is your recommendation to the Commission?**

A: My recommendations are as follows:

1. The Commission should not allow Westar's proposal to increase the customer charge for its residential customers.
2. The Commission should support a regular revenue adjustment mechanism as a way of addressing the issues in this rate case as a better way to address revenue adequacy than increased customer charges and aligning Westar's financial incentives with the goals of promoting energy efficiency under KEEIA. This will provide utilities with revenue adequacy and help put downward pressure on costs, and lower bills for consumers.

**Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

A. Yes

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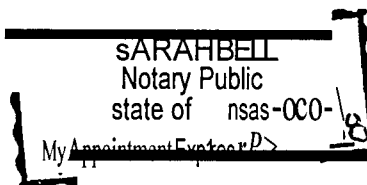
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Defendant's Affidavit

Ashok Gupta

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <sup>-rli</sup> 11 day of July, 2015.

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