

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

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman  
Thomas E. Wright

In the Matter of the Notice and Application of )  
Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and )  
Electric Company for a Limited Waiver of a ) Docket No. 13-WSEE-144-TAR  
Billing Standard Related to Registered Meter )  
Readings )

**SUSPENSION ORDER**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") for consideration and decision. Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On August 17, 2012, Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (collectively referred to as "Westar") filed an Application with the Commission seeking a limited waiver of a portion of the requirement stated in the Commission's Electric and Natural Gas Billing Standards, Section I, Item A (1) a. (Westar Application ¶ Intro.)

2. Commission Staff (Staff) has determined that an additional 120 days is needed to fully review Westar's Application and suspension is required to allow sufficient time for Staff's review and investigation of this matter. Although Staff reserves the full 120 days, Staff recognizes the need for efficient use of Commission resources and time and will thus strive to complete its Report and Recommendation by October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

3. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The Application should be suspended for a period of 120 days from the date the application was made, August 17, 2012, until Saturday, December 15, 2012, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c). However, given the end of the 120-day suspension period falls on a weekend, the

deadline for Commission Order in this matter is Monday, December 17, 2012, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c) and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 77-503(c).

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the application in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended and the effective date deferred until December 17, 2012.

B. The parties have fifteen days, plus three days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date of service of this Order in which to request rehearing on any matter decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b, K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).


C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

D. Westar's application for waiver of the Commission's Billing Standards is suspended for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of filing until December 17, 2012, as set forth above.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Sievers, Chmn.; Wright, Com.

Dated: AUG 28 2012

  
ORDER MAILED AUG 28 2012  
Patrice Petersen-Klein  
Executive Director

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PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET TO THE FOLLOWING:

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The Docket Room hereby certified that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.