

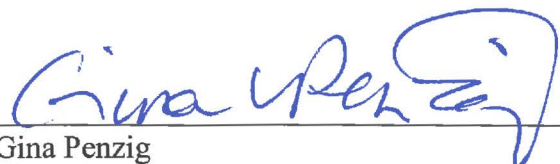
**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of the General Investigation to)
Examine Issues Surrounding Rate Design) Docket No. 16-GIME-403-GIE
for Distributed Generation Customers.)


AFFIDAVIT OF GINA PENZIG REGARDING CUSTOMER NOTICE

Gina Penzig, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

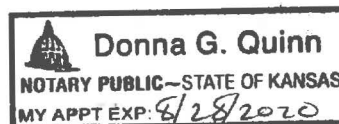
1. I am Media Relations Manager for Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar).
2. Westar sent notices regarding the public comment period in the above-captioned docket to all of its customers through bill inserts. A copy of the notice provided to customers is attached to this affidavit as Exhibit 1 (the Notice). The Notice was reviewed and approved by the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission and by the Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection.
3. The customer notices were inserted into customer bills between March 10, 2017, and April 7, 2017.


Gina Penzig

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 23RD day of May, 2017.


Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: 8/28/2020



Notice of Comment Period Concerning Rate Design for Distributed Generation Customers

The Kansas Corporation Commission has opened a docket to examine various issues surrounding rate design for distributed generation customers (Docket No. 16-GIME-403-GIE). Distributed generation is the term generally applied to the concept that customers can self-produce electricity in small quantities to reduce their monthly utility bills. Solar energy is one example. The purpose of the docket is to investigate how utility service costs should be allocated between distributed generation customers who are connected to the power grid and customers who do not use distributed generation.

Public Comments

The Commission will accept public comments in Docket 16-GIME-403-GIE through 5 p.m. May 26, 2017. There are three convenient ways to submit a comment:

1. Go to the KCC website (www.kcc.ks.gov) to enter your comment. Click on the link under Your Opinion Matters.
2. Send a written letter to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027. Be sure to reference Docket No. 16-GIME-403-GIE.
3. Call the Commission's Public Affairs office at 1-800-662-0027.

Complete details on the docket are available on the Commission's website (www.kcc.ks.gov) by searching docket filings for Docket No. 16-GIME-403-GIE. If you need additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027 or public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov.

The Role of the Corporation Commission

The Commission regulates public utilities including home telephone, natural gas, electric and water companies, as well as motor carriers, oil and gas pipelines and oil and gas producers. The Commission's regulatory oversight of public utilities primarily pertains to rates and terms of service. In order to ensure that customers of regulated utilities are provided sufficient and efficient service at just and reasonable rates; utilities may not change their rates without Commission approval.