

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

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

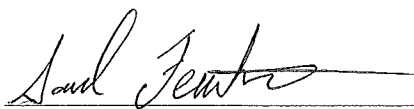
In the Matter of the Application of Westar )  
Energy, Inc. for a Siting Permit for the ) Docket No. 17-WSEE-063-STG  
Construction of a 345 kV Transmission Line in )  
Leavenworth County, Kansas. )

**NOTICE OF FILING OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Prehearing Officer Samuel Feather for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) files the attached Memorandum and report summarizing the public comments received by the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection (PACP) in the above-captioned docket. This filing is for informational purposes only, and no Commission action is required at this time.

WHEREFORE, the Prehearing Officer 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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Jay Scott Emler, Chairman  
Shari Feist Albrecht, Commissioner  
Pat Apple, Commissioner

Sam Brownback, Governor

## MEMORANDUM

To: Amy Green

From: Linda Berry, Director   
Public Affairs and Consumer Protection

Date: October 5, 2016

Re: Public Comment Period  
Docket No. 17-WSEE-063-STG

Attached is the report summarizing comments received by the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection (PACP) in the Matter of the Application of Westar Energy, Inc. for a Siting Permit for the Construction of a 345 kV Transmission Line in Leavenworth County, Kansas.

There have been 6 comments received either by letter, email or website comment form between August 17, 2016, and September 29, 2016. The comment period ended on September 29, 2016.

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

Cc: Samuel Feather  
Deputy General Counsel  
& Chief FERC Counsel

## **Attachment “A”**

Docket Comments  
17-WSEE-063-STG

Docket No	Total Comments	Total Signatures	Total
17-WSEE-063-STG	5	1	6
Grand Total	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

# KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION



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Complaint ID **103874**  
Date Filed **09/19/2016**  
Investigator **KSCHUETZ**

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State <b>KS</b>	Zip Code <b>66048</b>	

## Docket Opinion

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September 15, 2016

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

RE: Docket No. 17-WSEE-063-STG

I own land on 183<sup>rd</sup> Street or County Road 33 North of Springdale Road (State Hwy 92). This land is a 15 acre parcel currently in row crops and listed for sale at \$150,000.00. This is a prime building lot as it is on a paved county road and close to Leavenworth. This land fronts on 92 Hwy and 183<sup>rd</sup> Street. It ells around the houses on the corner of 92 and 183<sup>rd</sup>. The building site would be on 183<sup>rd</sup> as there are already some Weststar lines on the Hwy 92 side. If new lines would cross any part of my property on the west side it would be a huge financial loss to me. Even if Weststar took a part of it the lot would probably be unfit for future building.

I have talked with Martha Long on two occasions and she cannot tell me if the lines will cross that property.

This is very concerning to me because the last time Weststar upgraded the existing lines they tore my farm up beyond repair as they used my fields for a staging ground. There used to be a farm road that went to the back of my property that I used at least 3 times per week, now the road is not even visible, completely gone. I now have to drive through my brome field to get to that area. Also a waterway has enlarged to at least twice the size it was and now is nothing but a soggy mess. Having prior experience with what happened before and the value of the land, this is very important to me.

Thank You,



Alberta M. Brewer  
18032 Springdale Road  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
913-651-6646

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City <b>LEAVENWORTH</b>		
State <b>KS</b>	Zip Code <b>66048</b>	

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09/22/2016

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DEAR WESTAR,

RE: KCC PUBLIC HEARING, 22 SEP 2016.

IN LIEU OF ATTENDING THE MEETING, OUR COMMENTS ARE PROVIDED BELOW.

COMMENT: REPLACE THE EXISTING LINE, KEEPING ITS CURRENT ROUTE AS IS (NO NEW ROUTING)!

REASONING: THE CURRENT ROUTING IS THE SHORTEST DISTANCE AND THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE. THEREFORE: 1) IT CREATES THE "LEAST-COST ALTERNATIVE" FOR WESTAR; AND 2) MAINTAINS ALL CURRENT HOME AND LAND VALUATIONS [THEREBY CREATING NO IMPACT TO EXISTING RESIDENTS OR LAND OWNERS].

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE REPLY TO JEFF.FRANSSEN@US.ARMY.MIL, OR WE CAN BE REACHED AT (913) 547-3290.

SINCERELY,

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Date Filed **09/25/2016**  
Investigator **SYSTEM**

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State <b>KS</b>	Zip Code <b>66215</b>	

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Complaint ID **104248**  
Date Filed **09/26/2016**  
Investigator **KSCHUETZ**

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City		
State <b>KS</b>	Zip Code	

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09/26/2016

MY CONCERN IS I HAVE 7.2 ACRES LOCATED ON 183RD ST. THE PROPOSED LINE IS APPROX 450 FEET SOUTH OF MY PROPERTY IF AT SOME POINT THE LINE WOULD BE MOVED NORTH ON TO MY PROPERTY IF WOULD CREATE ME A PROBLEM BECAUSE I HAVE ONLY 300 FEET FRONTAGE ON 183RD IF THE LINE REMAINS AS STATED WHERE IT NOW IS I HAVE NO PROBLEM

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Complaint ID **104499**  
Date Filed **09/28/2016**  
Investigator **KSCHUETZ**

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City LEAVENWORTH	SEE ATTACHED LETTER	
State KS Zip Code 6 6048		

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No Contacts Exist

**Complaint Coding**

Company ID	Complaint Code	Complaint Type	Company Resolution	Complaint Closed	Violation/Concern	Issue	Dispute Explanation	Disputed Dollars	Dollars KCC Saved Consumer
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104499

September 27, 2016

Dear Sir/Madam:

After attending the KCC meeting last week, I feel that I need to respond to some issues that were brought up. First, are the erosion issues along Mt. Olivet Road in Leavenworth, KS. There are 5 to 7 areas along our land and the neighbor's land where water gushes down the hill, especially with rains that we have seen in recent years. I highly doubt that there was ever an environmental study done when the original line was installed. At the meeting I asked a Westar representative if an environmental study had been conducted and they had no clue. I am confused as to how a company that wants to provide reliable service would not do this. Land changes over time.

Second, no one seemed to be aware that Mt. Olivet Road had collapsed in 2 different places, approximately 2 miles apart. From what I understand, the failure very close to our driveway is being called a "slope failure". Leavenworth County did enlist the services of a geotechnical firm to study the situation, but I have not heard what conclusions they arrived at. We purchased our property in the early 1990's and have never or would have never expected anything like this to happen. Once again, land changes over time.

Obviously, I bring up these issues because I am trying to protect my land, my life and would prefer to be power line free. It does concern me that you want to clear more trees for a wider easement. I grow and protect trees to help prevent erosion and the environment. Seems counterproductive even though the short term gratification is that everyone will have "super power".

I felt that I needed to voice my opinion on why this portion of the power line route should be repositioned. The obvious erosion, running and underground springs, and the collapse of Mt. Olivet Road. Terracing was mentioned at the meeting, but that could potentially cause additional issues with the road and property owners below us. Just because this is the existing route with current easements in place, it does not make it the best route. Westar stated in their application that land use has changed since the original line was installed. But, more importantly the weather pattern in our area has changed (global warming), with storms becoming more intense and violent and the issues that I brought to your attention will become more widespread.

I am available Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays if the commission would like to see the property and see some of the issues that I have brought to your attention.

Respectfully,



John M. Parker

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Leavenworth, KS 66048

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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