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

Before Commissioners:

Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair Jay Scott Emler Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Joint Application of) Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and) Electric Company for Approval to Make) Certain Changes in their Charges for Electric) Services.

Docket No. 18-WSEE-328-RTS

ORDER GRANTING LEARJET INC.'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

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This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined its files and records, and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

Background

1. On February 1, 2018, Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar) and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (KG&E) (Westar and KG&E collectively referred to as "Westar") filed a Joint Application requesting authorization to make certain changes to their charges for electric service in Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117 and K.A.R. 82-1-231.¹

2. On July 6, 2018, Learjet, Inc. (Learjet) petitioned to intervene.

3. Learjet stated it is a large, direct retail electric customer of Westar and contended this docket may affect Westar's current or future rates, and terms and conditions of service to them, giving them a substantial and direct financial interest in all the issues that may be addressed, considered, and determined by the Commission.²

¹ Joint Application, p. 1 (Feb. 1, 2018).

² Petition to Intervene of Learjet, Inc., ¶ 2 (July 6, 2018) (Petition).

4. Learjet stated that no party to the proceeding adequately represents its interests, however, it intends to participate through the Kansas Industrial Consumers Group, Inc. (KIC) which was granted intervention on March 20, 2018.³ Learjet agreed to accept the current state of the docket in all respects⁴ and requested full participation.⁵

Legal Standards

5. The Commission shall grant intervention if the petition: (1) is submitted in writing and properly served; (2) states facts demonstrating the petitioner's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of law; and (3) the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention.⁶ The Commission has discretion to grant intervention at any time where intervention is in the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.⁷ At any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor's participation, which may include limiting an intervenor's participation to designated issues in which the intervenor has a particular interest demonstrated by the petition, limiting intervenor discovery, cross-examination and other procedures, and requiring intervenors to consolidate their participation in the proceedings.⁸

Findings and Conclusions

6. Learjet submitted its Petition to Intervene in writing and properly served it, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521(a)(1).

³ Petition, \P 4.

⁴ Petition, ¶ 3.

⁵ Petition, ¶ 5.

⁶ K.S.A. 77-521(a); K.A.R. 82-1-225(a).

⁷ K.S.A. 77-521(b); K.A.R. 82-1-225(b).

⁸ K.S.A. 77-521(c); K.A.R. 82-1-225(c).

7. The Commission finds and concludes that Learjet is similarly situated with other large industrial consumers of Westar's service who are members of KIC and have been granted intervention in this proceeding.⁹ Therefore, the Commission finds it appropriate to condition Learjet's intervention on the requirement that Learjet combine its activities in the docket with, and appear through, KIC.

8. The Commission finds and concludes that Learjet, through KIC, has met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and K.S.A. 77-521 and should be granted intervention in this docket. Learjet will be added to the mailing list, and electric service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record as follows:

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. Learjet, Inc. is granted intervention through KIC.
- B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the

requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).¹⁰

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the

purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

⁹ See e.g. Order Granting Intervention to Cargill, Incorporated; Coffeyville Resources Refining & Marketing, LLC; Occidental Chemical Corporation; Spirit Aerosystems, Inc.; and the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Mar. 22, 2018)

¹⁰ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

07/12/2018 Dated: _____

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