

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

**RESPONSIVE TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF STIPULATION AND
AGREEMENT**

**OF
LARRY WILKUS
WESTAR ENERGY**

DOCKET NO. 18-WCNE-107-GIE

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.**

2 A. Lawrence ("Larry") M. Wilkus.

3 **Q. ARE YOU THE SAME LARRY WILKUS WHO FILED REBUTTAL**
4 **TESTIMONY AND TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE**
5 **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THIS DOCKET?**

6 A. Yes.

7 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS**
8 **PROCEEDING?**

9 A. I am responding to the testimony in opposition to the Settlement
10 Agreement filed by Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) witness
11 Stacey Harden.

12 **Q. CURB WITNESS HARDEN STATES ON P. 7 OF HER TESTIMONY**
13 **THAT IT IS UNCLEAR IF THE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

1 **(S&A) IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST BECAUSE THE S&A MAY**
2 **RESULT IN A RATE IMPACT THAT IS NOT IN THE PUBLIC**
3 **INTEREST. DO YOU AGREE WITH HER CONTENTION?**

4 A. No, Ms. Harden's contention that the Commission must look at the
5 rate impact of the S&A appears to conflict with her previous
6 testimony in this docket. On pp. 5-6 of her rebuttal testimony, Ms.
7 Harden says the Commission should defer its decision regarding
8 ratemaking issues associated with annual contribution levels to
9 KCP&L's and Westar's general rate cases. Moreover, Staff
10 recognizes that the current docket is Phase 1, where escalation rates
11 and cost estimates are updated. Phase 2 is where these updated
12 escalation rates and cost estimates are approved to be recovered in
13 a utility's revenue requirement. (Haynos, p. 7).

14 **Q. IF THE COMMISSION IS INTERESTED IN THE RATE IMPACT,**
15 **CAN IT BE CALCULATED AT THIS TIME?**

16 A. Yes, the impact can be estimated. As set forth on p. 8 of my
17 testimony in support of the S&A, the impact to Westar's annual
18 revenue requirement from the change in decommissioning
19 methodology will be approximately \$2 million, which is about a one-
20 tenth of one percent increase to Westar's revenue requirement to be
21 collected from customers. For KCP&L, the impact to its annual
22 revenue requirement is expected to be approximately \$1.2 million

1 which is less than a 0.2% increase to KCP&L's revenue requirement
2 to be collected from customers.

3 **Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH STAFF WITNESS HAYNOS' THAT THE**
4 **S&A IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST?**

5 A. Yes, Staff's approach to pay for costs of managing and
6 decommissioning on-site storage at the present time makes sense.
7 It allows investment growth to pay part of the costs and more
8 equitably recovers those costs from current and future ratepayers.

9 **Q. THANK YOU.**