

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of)
Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and) Docket No. 15-WSEE-532-MIS
Electric Company for Approval of Interim)
Budgets for Energy Efficiency Programs)

APPLICATION

COME NOW Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (collectively referred to as “Westar”) and file this Application for approval of interim budgets for its currently effective energy efficiency programs during the pendency of the evaluation, verification and measurement process (EM&V) for those programs pursuant to the Commission order in Docket No. 15-WSEE-021-TAR. In support of its Application, Westar states:

1. In its Order on Operating Budgets and EM&V Studies in Docket No. 15-WSEE-021-TAR, the Commission found that “Westar shall submit new operating budgets for each of its energy-efficiency programs, in accordance with the guidelines established in Docket No. 08-GIMX-441-GIV, by March 16, 2015. For programs offered during an evaluation process, Westar shall petition for approval of interim program budgets during the pendency of the evaluation.” Order on Operating Budgets and EM&V Studies, Docket No. 15-WSEE-021-TAR, at Ordering Paragraph A (Jan. 6, 2015).

2. On March 16, 2015, Westar filed the budgets for its currently effective energy efficiency programs in Docket No. 15-WSEE-021-TAR. Several weeks after that filing, Westar was notified by Staff that Staff believed the language cited above in paragraph 1 required Westar to file an application for approval of those budgets in a separate docket because those programs were currently in the EM&V process (pursuant to that same order). As a result of the direction Westar received from Staff on its interpretation of this language, Westar is filing this Application.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are the five-year budgets for Westar's currently effective energy efficiency programs. This includes the WattSaver program, the Energy Efficiency Demand Response (EEDR) program, and Westar's energy efficiency education programs.

4. Westar is currently in the process of conducting EM&V for the WattSaver program and the EEDR program, which will be completed by September 1, 2015, pursuant to the Commission Order in Docket No. 15-WSEE-021-TAR. Westar is not required to conduct EM&V for its energy efficiency education programs.

5. Westar requests approval of the budgets for its WattSaver program and EEDR program during the pendency of the EM&V process for these programs.

6. Once Westar completes the EM&V process for these two programs, this interim approval of the budgets will no longer be necessary and Westar will proceed with the operation of its WattSaver program and EEDR program as previously approved by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Westar respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving budgets for its WattSaver and EEDR programs during the pendency of the EM&V process for those two programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY



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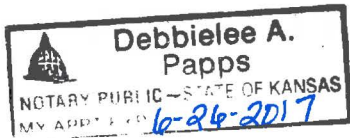
VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss:
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE)

Cathryn J. Dinges, being duly sworn upon her oath deposes and says that she is the attorney for Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company; that she is familiar with the foregoing **Application** that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Cathryn Dinges
Cathryn J. Dinges

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7th day of May, 2015.



Debbielee Papps
Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: June 26, 2017

Westar Energy Efficiency Programs

PROGRAM	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
EEDR	\$3,840,000	\$3,840,000	\$3,840,000	\$3,840,000	\$3,840,000
WattSaver	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Energy Efficiency Education	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000