

**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 Application of Westar    )  
Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric    )  
Company Seeking Commission Approval for    )   Docket No. 18-WSEE-493-TAR  
the Proposed Changes to its Net Metering    )  
Rider.    )

**SUSPENSION ORDER**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

**I. BACKGROUND**

1.       On May 11, Westar Energy, Inc. filed with the Commission an Application requesting approval for the proposed changes to its Net Metering Ride.<sup>1</sup>

**II. SUSPENSION ORDER**

2.       K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part:

The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date.

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<sup>1</sup> Application of Westar, (May 11, 2018).

3. A full investigation of the Application, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, the Commission and its Staff are without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether approval of the Application will result in just and reasonable rates.

4. The Commission finds and concludes suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for a full investigation of this matter. The effectiveness of the Application is hereby suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, May 11, 2018, until Monday, January 7, 2019, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c).<sup>2</sup> A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the Application in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended, and the effective date deferred, until Monday, January 7, 2019.

B. Electronic service shall be utilized for serving pleadings/motions and orders.

C. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service of this Order to petition the Commission for reconsideration or request a hearing, as provided in K.S.A. 77-542.

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders, as necessary.

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<sup>2</sup> The 240-day time period ends Sunday, January 6, 2019. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-503(c), the deadline is extended until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, which is Monday, January 7, 2019.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lynn M. Retz  
Secretary to the Commission

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of electronic service on \_\_\_\_\_.

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