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Kansas Corporation Commission  
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by  
State Corporation Commission  
of Kansas

Dr. Michael Schmidt, Director of Utilities  
Mr. Jeff McClanahan, Chief of Accounting & Financial Analysis  
Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, Kansas 66604

Re: Compliance Docket No. 11-WSEE-819-CPL

Dear Dr. Schmidt and Mr. McClanahan:

Pursuant to Section C(3) of the reporting standards adopted by the Commission in its Order dated December 3, 2010 in Docket No. 06-CIMX-181-GIV, please find enclosed a Standard & Poors Rating Services report dated December 20, 2011.

Sincerely,



Peter L. Sumners

December 20, 2011

Mr. Tony Somma  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer  
Westar Energy Inc.  
818 S. Kansas Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66601

**Re: Westar Energy, Inc.  
\$1,000,000,000 4(2) Commercial Paper Program**

Dear Mr. Somma:

Pursuant to your request for a rating on the above-referenced securities, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("Ratings Services") has assigned an issue credit rating of "A-2".

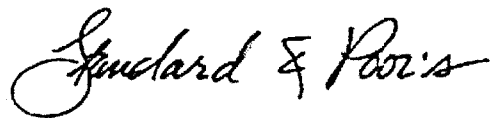
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Analytical Contact:

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