

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of a General Investigation                    )  
Regarding Whether Electric Utilities Should be        )  
Considered an "Operator" of Private                    )  
Underground Lines Under the Provisions of            )  
The Kansas Underground Utility Damage                )  
Prevention Act.    )  
Docket No. 17-GIME-565-GIE

**WESTAR ENERGY, INC.'S ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") hereby enters its appearance in these proceedings. In addition to undersigned counsel, Patrick Smith and Cathryn Dinges, all correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding this proceeding should also be sent to:

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WHEREFORE, Westar requests that the Commission recognize Westar's entry of appearance. Westar also consents to the receipt of electronic service vial e-mail should the Commission and/or parties agree to such method of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 7nd day of September, 2017, Westar Energy, Inc.'s Entry of Appearance was electronically served on all parties on the service list of record on this date.

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