

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Chairman Mark Sievers
Ward Loyd
Thomas E. Wright

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas Gas)
and Electric Company, Doing Business As)
Westar Energy, for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Authority to Transact the) Docket No. 12-KG&E-745-COC
Business of an Electric Public Utility)
Specifically in a Portion of Section 28,)
Township 27 South, Range 3 East in Butler)
County, Kansas)

ORDER ASSESSING COSTS

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. K.S.A. 66-1502 authorizes the Commission to assess the expenses of an investigation, opened on its own motion, against public utilities if the expenses reasonably attributable to such investigation exceed the sum of \$100. The Commission will utilize members of its Staff in this investigation, and as deemed appropriate by the Commission, employ special assistants and consultants to investigate all matters connected with this proceeding. The Commission finds that the expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation will exceed \$100. The Commission concludes that the costs of this proceeding should be assessed to Kansas Gas and Electric Company d/b/a Westar Energy. This order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs and the assessment will begin three days after the date this order is mailed. Kansas Gas

and Electric Company d/b/a Westar Energy is given notice that it may request a hearing as to the necessity of the investigation or the assessment of costs, in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Kansas Gas and Electric Company d/b/a Westar Energy is assessed the costs of this investigation.

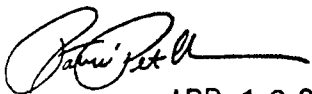
B. The parties have fifteen days, plus three days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sievers, Chmn; Loyd, Com.; Wright, Com.

Dated: APR 13 2012


ORDER MAILED APR 16 2012
Patrice Petersen-Klein
Executive Director

PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET
TO THE FOLLOWING:

NAME AND ADDRESS	NO. CERT. COPIES	NO. PLAIN COPIES
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ORDER MAILED APR 16 2012

The Docket Room hereby certified that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.