

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Jay Scott Emler, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Pat Apple

In the Matter of the General Investigation to)
Examine the Effect of Kansas Senate Bill No.) Docket No. 16-GIME-258-GIE
91 Regarding Renewable Energy Standards.)

**ORDER GRANTING WESTAR ENERGY, INC. AND KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY'S PETITION TO INTERVENE**

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:

I. Background

1. On January 5, 2016, the Commission issued its Order Opening Docket opening a general investigation to evaluate the impact of SB 91¹ upon the Commission's rules and regulation.² The Commission stated in its Order that, "any interested persons may petition the Commission to participate in this docket as a party," pursuant to filing no later than January 29, 2016.³

2. On January 27, 2016, Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (Westar) filed its Petition to Intervene.⁴ In its Petition to Intervene, Westar stated it is a vertically integrated electric public utility company organized and existing under the laws of the State of

¹ SB 91 repealed and amended sections of the Renewable Energy Standards Act (RESA) which, in turn, affect the Commission's regulations that are authorized and required by RESA.

² Order Opening Docket (January 5, 2015).

³ *Id.* at pp. 2-3.

⁴ Petition of Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company to Intervene (January 27, 2016).

Kansas and is engaged in doing business in the State.⁵ Furthermore, Westar stated it is a holder of a Certificate from the Commission to conduct the business of an electric utility in Kansas and as such will be subject to any changes to the Commission's regulations authorized and required by RESA and amendments thereto.⁶

II. Findings and Conclusions

3. The Commission finds Westar has demonstrated an interest in this proceeding. Therefore, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-225, the Commission grants Westar's Petition to Intervene in accordance with the conditions set forth in the Order Opening Docket in this matter.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Westar's Petition to Intervene is hereby granted in accordance with the conditions set forth in the Commission's Order Opening Docket in this matter.

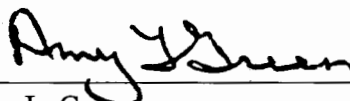
B. Affected parties deeming this Order improper, unreasonable, or contrary to law may petition the Commission for a hearing on the matter.⁷

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Emler, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: FEB 02 2016



Amy L. Green
Secretary to the Commission

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⁵ *Id.* at p. 2.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ K.A.R. 82-1-232(b)(1).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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