

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of a General Investigation for)
The Purpose of Investigating Whether Annual)
or Periodic Cost/Benefit Reporting by the)
SPP and Kansas Electric Utilities that)
Participate in SPP is in the Public Interest) Docket No. 17-SPPE-117-GIE

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.'S ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar") hereby enters its appearance in these proceedings.

As such, Westar states:

1. On January 19, 2017 the Commission filed an Order Opening General Investigation ("Order") in the above-referenced docket. In paragraph D of the Order, this Commission stated that SPP, and any Kansas utility that participates in SPP, shall be made a party to this proceeding by entering its appearance.

2. Westar is a certificated Kansas utility, currently provides transmission service in the state of Kansas and desires to continue providing such services through upgrades to its existing facilities and the construction of new facilities to reduce congestion and facilitate commercial transactions. Westar is a transmission owner and customer under the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) and also participates in the SPP Integrated Markets pursuant to the SPP OATT.

3. As an owner and operator of transmission facilities in the state of Kansas and a market participant in the SPP Integrated Markets, Westar is affected by, and has a direct interest in, this General Investigation that cannot be represented by any other party.

4. In addition to undersigned counsel, all correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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Westar respectfully requests the docket clerk to remove Larry Wilkus from the service list and replace him with Mo Awad as listed above.

WHEREFORE, Westar requests that the Commission recognize Westar's entry of appearance in this matter and be afforded all rights and privileges attendant thereto, and for such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 2nd day of February, 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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