## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

**Before Commissioners:** 

Jay Scott Emler, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht

Pat Apple

In the Matter of Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas
Gas and Electric Company Seeking Commission
Approval to Implement Changes in their
Transmission Delivery Charges Rate Schedules.

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Docket No. 16-WSEE-375-TAR

## **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 equally assessed to Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company. This order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs and the assessment will begin three days after the date this order is mailed. Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company are given notice that they 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. Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company are equally 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.

Emler Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: **FEB 1 7 2016** 

Amy L. Green

Secretary to the Commission

Order Mailed Date

FEB 1 7 2016

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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