

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

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

In the Matter of a General Investigation of                    )  
Energy-Efficiency Policies for Utility                    )       Docket No. 12-GIMX-337-GIV  
Sponsored Energy-Efficiency Programs.                    )

**PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TO  
WESTAR ENERGY, INC. AND KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. On November 9, 2011, the Commission designated Melissa Doeblin, Advisory Counsel, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding. Order Opening Docket, Setting Prehearing Conference and Appointing Prehearing Officer, November 9, 2011, paragraph 5 (November 9, 2011 Order, ¶ 5). Having reviewed the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Prehearing Officer makes the following findings:

1. On November 9, 2011, the Commission opened this general investigation docket to investigate the need for clarification to the Commission's previous orders in Docket Nos. 08-GIMX-441-GIV (441 Docket) and 08-GIMX-442-GIV (442 Docket). Parties to both dockets were sent notice of this general investigation. Those parties wishing to intervene in the present docket are required to file a petition to intervene on or before November 29, 2011. November 9, 2011 Order, ¶ 6.

2. Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (Westar), parties to the 441 and 442 Dockets, filed a Petition to Intervene with the Commission on November 16, 2011, requesting leave to intervene in this proceeding. Petition to Intervene, November 16,

2011, paragraph 2 (Westar Petition, ¶ 2). In its petition, Westar stated it currently has a number of Commission-approved energy-efficiency programs in place and has an interest in any change in Commission policy regarding energy-efficiency programs in the future. Westar Petition, ¶ 2.

3. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interests of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding. K.S.A. 77-521(b); K.A.R. 82-1-225(b). At any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervener's participation. K.S.A. 77-521(c).

4. The Prehearing Officer finds and concludes that Westar has met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and should be granted intervention. Westar will be added to the mailing list, service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record, as follows:

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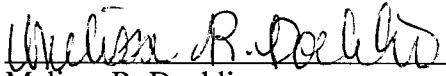
**WHEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER FINDS AND CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS:**

A. Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company are granted intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. Counsel of record for the petitioner shall receive service of all pleadings in this matter, as set forth above.

B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date of service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration. 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 order, or orders, as it may deem necessary and proper.

Dated: November 28, 2011

  
Melissa R. Doeblin  
Prehearing Officer

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Prehearing Officer Order Granting Intervention to Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company was placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered this 28th day of November, 2011, to the following:

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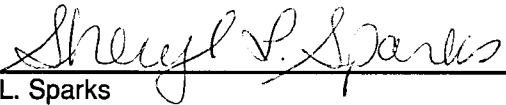
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