

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:                      Dwight D. Keen, Chair  
   Shari Feist Albrecht  
   Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the General Investigation into the    )  
Operations of Westar Energy, Inc. Regarding an       )  
Accident that Occurred Due to a Steam Release    ) Docket No. 19-WSEE-441-GIE  
at the Jeffrey Energy Center on June 3, 2018, In       )  
St. Mary's 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 Westar Energy, Inc. 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. 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. Westar Energy, Inc. is assessed the costs of this investigation.
- B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).<sup>1</sup>
- 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.**

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: 04/30/2019



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Lynn M. Retz  
Secretary to the Commission

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<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of  
electronic service on 04/30/2019.

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