

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

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

TERRY BASSHAM

**ON BEHALF OF
GREAT PLAINS ENERGY INCORPORATED
AND
KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GREAT PLAINS ENERGY
INCORPORATED, KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,
AND WESTAR ENERGY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF THE MERGER OF WESTAR
ENERGY, INC. AND GREAT PLAINS ENERGY INCORPORATED

DOCKET NO. 18-KCPE-095-MER

I. INTRODUCTION

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- 2 **Q: Please state your name and on whose behalf you are testifying.**
- 3 A: My name is Terry Bassham. I am testifying on behalf of Great Plains Energy Incorporated
- 4 (“Great Plains Energy” or “GPE”) and Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L”)
- 5 in support of the request of GPE, KCP&L, Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and
- 6 Electric Company (referred to herein as “Westar”) (all parties collectively referred to
- 7 herein as “Applicants”) for approval of the amended transaction providing for the merger
- 8 of Westar and GPE (“Merger”).
- 9 **Q: Please state your current position and business address.**
- 10 A: I am employed by KCP&L and serve as Chairman, President and CEO of Great Plains
- 11 Energy. I also serve as Chairman, President, and CEO of KCP&L and KCP&L Greater
- 12 Missouri Operations (“GMO”). KCP&L and GMO are direct, wholly-owned subsidiaries
- 13 of GPE. My business address is 1200 Main, Kansas City, Missouri 64105. If the Merger is

1 approved and closes, I will serve as the President and CEO of the new combined company
2 (“Holdco” or “combined Company”).

3 **Q: Please describe your education, experience and employment history.**

4 A: I hold a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from the University of
5 Texas at Arlington and a Juris Doctor degree from St. Mary’s University School of Law in
6 San Antonio, Texas. I have held positions at Great Plains Energy and KCP&L since April
7 of 2005. Prior to that time, I was employed by El Paso Electric for nine years in various
8 positions including General Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial
9 Officer. The remainder of my work career I worked as an attorney in the primary practice
10 of regulatory law.

11 **Q: Have you previously testified in a proceeding at the Kansas Corporation
12 Commission (“Commission”) or before any other regulatory agency?**

13 A: Yes. I have testified on several occasions before the Commission and the Missouri Public
14 Service Commission (“MPSC”) on a variety of issues affecting regulated public utilities.
15 I have also testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Public Utility
16 Commission of Texas, the New Mexico Public Service Commission and various legislative
17 committees of the Texas, New Mexico and Missouri legislatures.

18 **Q: What are your current responsibilities?**

19 A: I am responsible for the strategic leadership and overall management of Great Plains
20 Energy. This starts with providing safe, reliable and affordable service to our customers
21 and includes being responsible employers, stewards of the environment, and constructive
22 corporate citizens in our local areas and region. Serving these roles well enables me to
23 serve GPE’s shareholders by creating and maintaining a company that is financially strong,

1 has constructive regulatory and stakeholder relationships, and provides competitive returns
2 on investment.

3 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

4 A. Together with Westar's CEO, Mark Ruelle, I sponsor the Amended and Restated
5 Agreement and Plan of Merger dated July 9, 2017 ("Amended Merger Agreement") of
6 Westar and GPE ("Applicants"). I will discuss why the Merger is the best path forward
7 for GPE and Westar, including the benefits to customers and other stakeholders that will
8 be created and key commitments that will guide how the combined Company operates. I
9 will describe the combined Company's corporate structure, executive leadership, and our
10 commitment to realizing the benefits of merging Westar and GPE.

11 **Q. How does your testimony relate to that of Westar's CEO Mr. Ruelle?**

12 A. As the current CEO of Great Plains Energy with plans to be the CEO of the combined
13 Company, my testimony focuses on how the combined Company will operate and realize
14 the value of the Merger for its stakeholders. As the current CEO of Westar with plans to
15 be the Chairman of the combined Company's Board, Mr. Ruelle's testimony focuses on
16 how and why we got from the Initial Transaction Order to the proposed Merger. We are
17 jointly responsible for the reconstitution of the Initial Transaction as a "merger of equals"
18 or "MOE" of Westar and GPE. Although we represented our respective companies in
19 negotiating the Merger, we share the same strategic objective of charting the path forward
20 that will best serve our respective stakeholders for the long-term. Mr. Ruelle and I will be
21 jointly responsible for the Merger's success.

1 **Q. Please briefly describe the Merger.**

2 A. It will be accomplished entirely through an exchange of stock with no other cash or
3 securities changing hands, with the intent that no control premium be paid to either
4 company and no Merger-related debt will be incurred. It will provide guaranteed timely
5 benefits to customers in the form of upfront bill credits. Other nearly immediate benefits
6 will include initial merger savings that will be reflected in the cost of service of Westar and
7 KCP&L in rate cases that will be filed and pending at the time of the expected Order in
8 this Application. I discuss the Merger in more detail throughout my testimony.

9 **Q. How is the remainder of your testimony organized?**

10 A. Following this introduction, my testimony is organized as follows:

- 11 ▪ **Section II** discusses from GPE's perspective why we renegotiated the Initial
12 Transaction and highlights key benefits of the Merger of Westar and GPE;
- 13 ▪ **Section III** highlights the operations of the combined Company, including what
14 will happen when the Merger closes, and Applicants' proposed Merger
15 Commitments and Conditions that will guide how the combined Company will
16 operate including commitments that demonstrate that the Merger meets the public
17 interest under the labor aspects criteria of Merger Standard (c) outlined by the
18 Commission in Docket No. 16-KCPE-593-ACQ in its Order issued August 9, 2016
19 ("16-593 Merger Standards Order")¹; and
- 20 ▪ In **Section IV**, I present my conclusions.

¹ In the 16-593 Merger Standards Order, the Commission reaffirmed the Merger Standards adopted in its Order issued Nov. 14, 1991 in Consolidated Dockets 172,745-U and 174,155-U, as later modified in the September 28, 1999 Order in Docket No. 97-WSRE-676-MER.

1 **II. NEGOTIATING THE AMENDED MERGER AGREEMENT**

2 **Q. Why did you decide to continue to pursue a transaction with Westar after the**
3 **Commission rejected the Initial Transaction?**

4 A. We remained convinced that a merger of Great Plains Energy and Westar is the best path
5 forward for customers, shareholders and other stakeholders. We understood the
6 Commission’s concerns regarding the Initial Transaction and appreciated its
7 encouragement that GPE and Westar work together to present a transaction that would
8 address these concerns and the concerns raised by Commission Staff and other parties, and
9 be in the public interest. We believed it was our responsibility to make every effort to
10 negotiate a revised transaction that would address the Commission’s concerns and still
11 maintain a balance of interests that would allow a merger to move forward and deliver
12 value to all stakeholders.

13 **Q. Mr. Bassham, why do you believe the Merger is the best path forward?**

14 A. This Merger is one example of consolidation among many in today’s electric industry. We
15 operate in an environment challenged by increasing costs and flat to even declining
16 customer usage which puts significant upward pressure on customers’ rates. A number of
17 characteristics of this combination – including good strategic and cultural fit, joint plant
18 ownership, contiguity of the KCP&L/Westar service territories, complementary
19 operational strengths and substantial experience of both KCP&L and Westar with this
20 Commission’s regulatory practices and expectations – present opportunities for savings,
21 service enhancements and economic development over the long term. These opportunities
22 are unique to this combination and could not be replicated by either company individually
23 or in a transaction with any other entity.

1 **Q. Please describe the impact on customers of increasing costs and flat to declining**
2 **demand for electricity and how the Merger helps address this dynamic.**

3 A. Absent significant savings created by the Merger, our costs to serve our customers will
4 continue to rise unchecked by other than our stand-alone ability to manage costs.
5 Accordingly, we would need to seek higher prices and more frequent price increases as the
6 remedy for any unmitigated higher costs. However, as discussed in more detail by Mr.
7 Darrin Ives, if the Merger is approved and closes, customers will receive substantial
8 benefits. First, customers will receive \$50 million in timely bill credits. Second, we have
9 already taken actions in contemplation of the Merger that have created savings. These
10 initial Merger savings will be reflected in the cost of service of Westar and KCP&L in rate
11 cases that will be filed and pending at the time of the expected Order in this Application.
12 These savings will provide nearly immediate and ongoing reductions in our cost of service
13 as compared to stand-alone operations absent the Merger. They will not have to wait to see
14 benefits. Finally, Merger and other savings², expected to grow over time, will reduce the
15 size and frequency of future rate cases. All of this will result in rates that are lower than
16 they would have been absent the Merger.

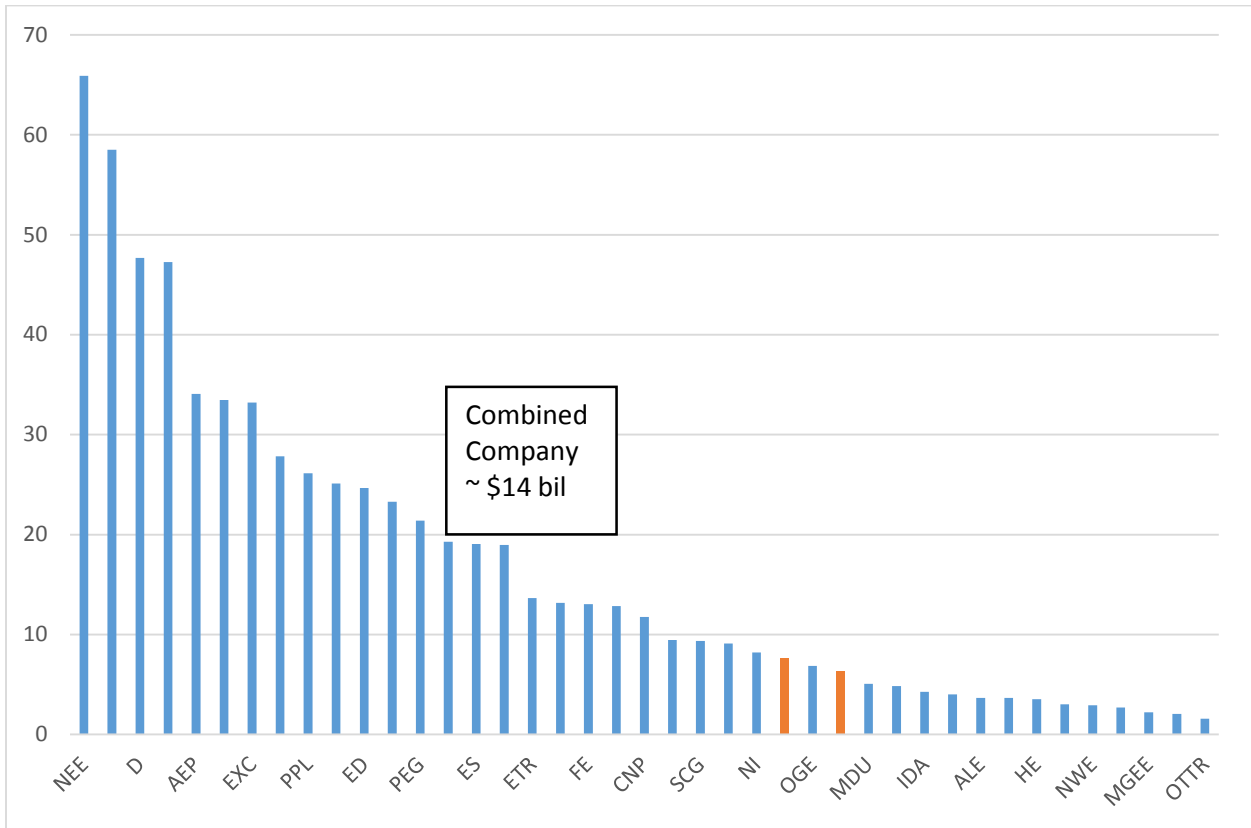
17 **Q. How does the Merger better position the combined Company to access capital to**
18 **finance necessary investments in infrastructure?**

19 A. The industry continues to consolidate, making financial strength and access to capital on
20 favorable terms even more important, especially for smaller utilities the size of Westar and

² GPE has announced that generation plants will close by year-end 2018 (Sibley units 1, 2 and 3; and Montrose units 1, 2 and 3) and by year-end 2019 (Lake Road unit 4/6) and these closings will result in savings.

1 GPE. As shown in Figure 1, below, GPE and Weststar are small in comparison to other
2 electric utilities.

3 **Figure 1: Electric Utilities by Market Cap (\$B)**



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5 **Q. What were your primary considerations in negotiating the Merger on behalf of Great**
6 **Plains Energy?**

7 A. My primary objective was to address the Commission’s concerns with the Initial
8 Transaction and still maintain a balance of interests that would allow a merger to move
9 forward and deliver value to all stakeholders. To this end, GPE’s participation in the
10 renegotiations was guided by the following principles:

- 11 1. The Commission’s concerns must be addressed;
- 12 2. Customers must benefit;

- 1 3. Shareholders must benefit;
- 2 4. The states of Kansas and Missouri, as well as the communities we serve, must
- 3 benefit;
- 4 5. The negotiations, analyses and ultimate transaction must be transparent; and
- 5 6. A transaction must have a high likelihood of receiving regulatory approvals and
- 6 being completed in a timely fashion.

7 **Q. Does the Merger address these considerations?**

8 A. Yes. The Merger, which will be accomplished entirely through an exchange of stock with

9 no control premium paid to either company, no exchange of cash, no merger debt, and

10 guaranteed timely benefits to customers address many of the issues in the Initial

11 Transaction Order. The Merger will create a larger, financially stronger, regional Fortune

12 500 company and leading Midwest electric utility that is better positioned to meet our

13 customers' needs and achieve competitive financial returns required by investors. Please

14 refer to Mr. Greg Greenwood's testimony for a detailed discussion of how the Merger

15 addresses the Initial Transaction Order more specifically.

16 **Q. Has GPE's board of directors approved the Merger?**

17 A. Yes. GPE's board unanimously approved the Merger.

18 **Q. Have GPE's shareholders approved the Merger?**

19 A. No, not yet. We expect shareholders of both companies will vote to approve the Merger

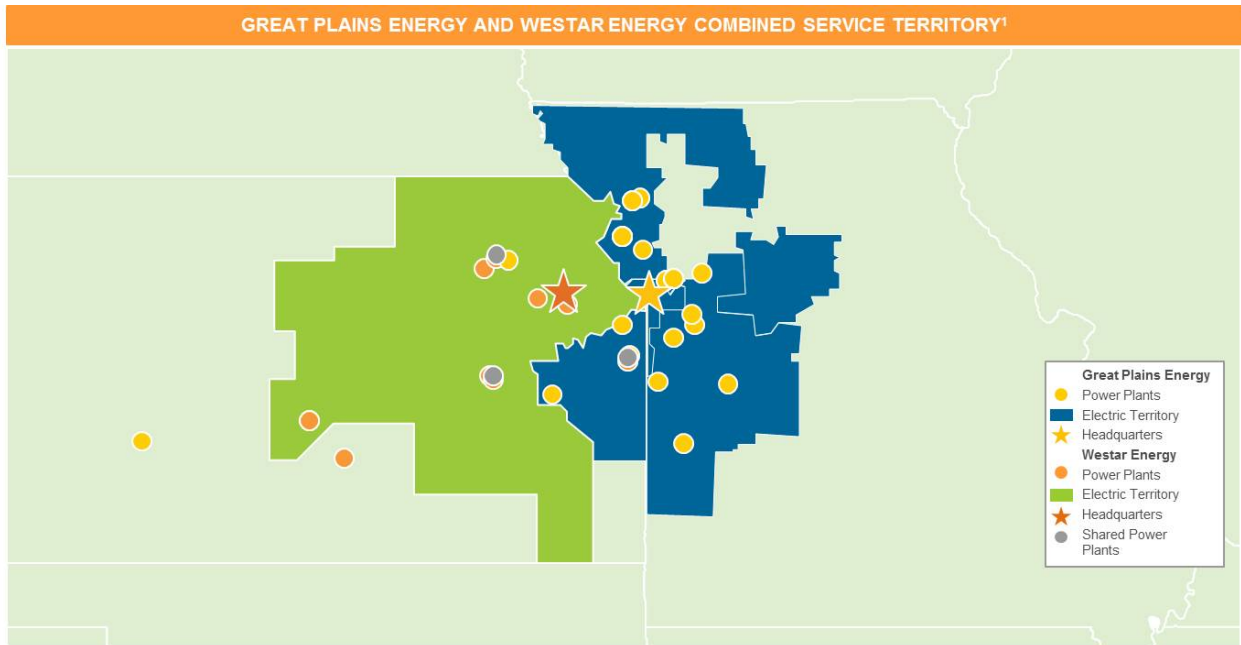
20 in the fourth quarter of 2017. The Merger requires approval from two-thirds of GPE's

21 outstanding shares. I am confident in gaining their approval.

1 **Q. Please describe the combined Company's operations.**

2 A. As shown in Figure 2, combining service territories of Westar (in green) and KCP&L and
3 GMO (in blue) will create a larger, contiguous base of operations.

4 **Figure 2: Combined Company Service Territory**



5 1. Excludes Great Plains Energy's Crossroads Generating Station located in Starkville, MS and Westar Energy's Spring Creek Energy Center located in Logan County, OK.

6 This operational base creates a larger, more diverse and financially strong Company. See
7 Table 1 and Figure 3 for key operating metrics and characteristics of GPE, Westar and the
8 combined Company.

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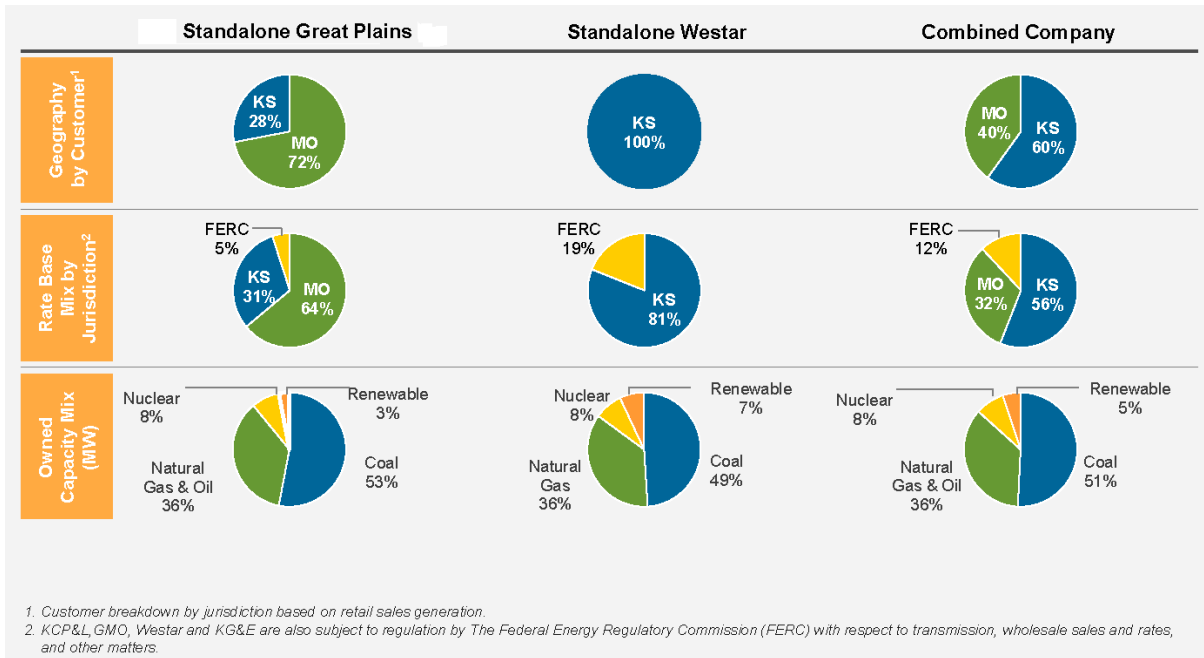
Table 1: Key Operating Metrics

	Great Plains	Westar	Combined
Rate Base (\$billion) ²	\$6.6	\$6.5	\$13.1
Electric Customers	860,100	701,000	1,561,100
Owned Generation Capacity (MW)	6,524	6,573	13,097
Transmission Miles	3,600	6,400	10,000
Distribution Miles	22,700	29,000	51,700

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Figure 3: Key Operating Characteristics



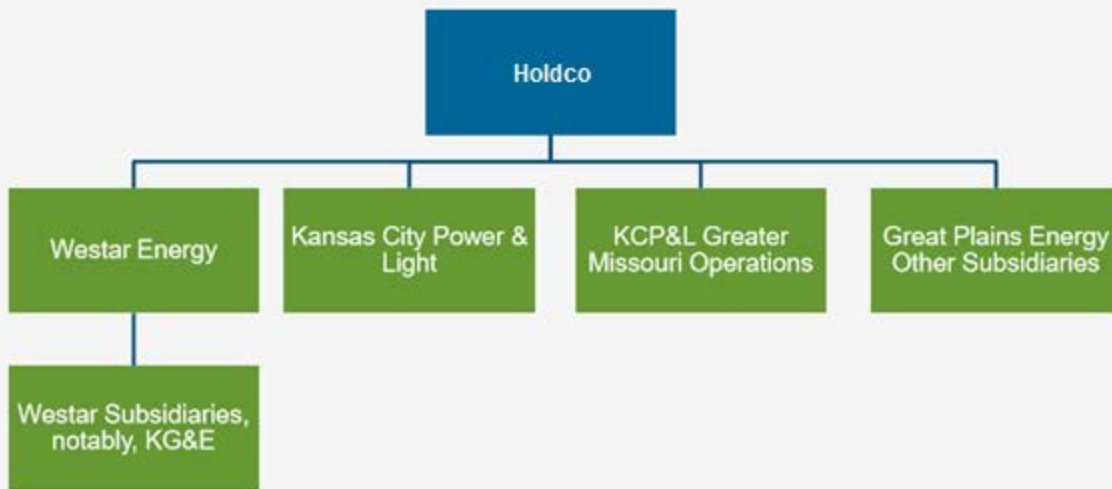
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5 **Q. Please describe the combined Company’s corporate structure.**

6 A. As shown in Figure 4, the Company’s proposed corporate structure is similar to today’s
7 corporate structure of GPE with KCP&L having been its utility subsidiary for about 15

1 years. From GPE’s perspective, Holdco simply replaces what is GPE today, and GPE as
2 an entity will cease to exist. From Westar’s perspective, it will now have a holding
3 company, just as KCP&L has had for a decade and a half, and as most investor-owned
4 utilities already have.

5 **Figure 4: Pro Forma Combined Company Corporate Structure**



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7 **Q. Where will the combined Company’s corporate and operational headquarters be**
8 **located?**

9 A. The combined Company’s corporate headquarters will be at GPE’s current headquarters’
10 in Kansas City, Missouri. The current Westar headquarters in downtown Topeka will be
11 our Kansas headquarters. See Application Appendix H, Commitment No. 1. The Kansas
12 headquarters will be a significant and vital part of the overall operations of the combined
13 Company and will house executive leadership with responsibility for our Kansas operations
14 and corporate executive leadership as well. The Company’s Kansas presence will be
15 substantial, including all levels of technical and managerial talent and payroll, reflective of

1 the fact that the combined Company will have more customers in Kansas than Missouri.
2 The Applicants commit that the downtown Topeka headquarters will have at least 500
3 employees for at least five years. We have no different plans beyond such date, but felt a
4 five-year commitment provided useful assurances to those who might have been unsure
5 about our intentions. As a result, we will clearly maintain, operate and continue recruiting
6 for a substantial corporate headquarters in downtown Topeka.

7 We have also committed to retain the Wichita operations and contact center, and
8 we eagerly await occupation of the new \$20 million service center currently under
9 construction by Westar in Wichita.

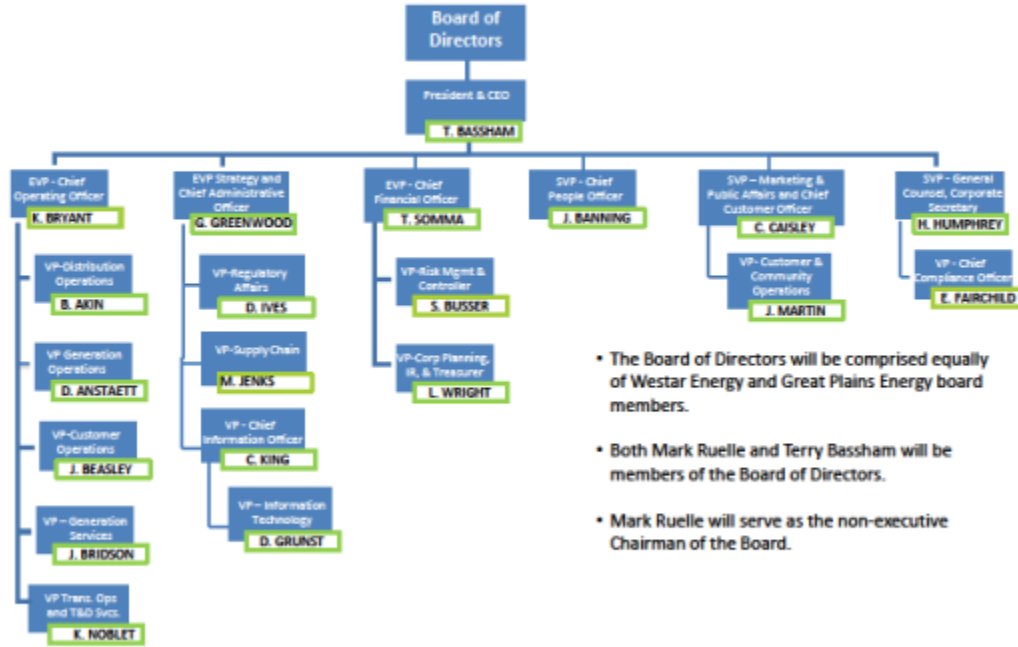
10 **Q. What are the Applicants' plans for the Company's executive leadership?**

11 A. The executive leadership team will reflect a balance of existing Westar and Great Plains
12 Energy executives. I will be the President and CEO. The chart in Figure 5 below highlights
13 this balanced executive leadership team.

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Figure 5:

Executive Officer Team



- The Board of Directors will be comprised equally of Westar Energy and Great Plains Energy board members.
- Both Mark Ruelle and Terry Bassham will be members of the Board of Directors.
- Mark Ruelle will serve as the non-executive Chairman of the Board.

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3 **Q. Will the Merger result in any involuntary severance of employees?**

4 A. No., We will have no layoffs or involuntary severance as a result of the Merger. We have

5 also made the commitment that there will be no involuntary severance as a result of closing

6 the Sibley, Montrose and Lake Road plants that GPE has planned to retire, or the additional

7 Tecumseh, Gordon Evans and Murray Gill generating stations whose retirement is

8 accelerated by the Merger. Finally, we have committed that staffing-related efficiencies

9 will be achieved through normal attrition and other voluntary means over time in a

10 generally balanced way across both Kansas and Missouri. (See Application Appendix H,

11 Commitment No. 7) As discussed by Mr. Steve Busser, the Merger will enable us to do

12 more with less. A significant reason that we can make the extraordinary commitment to

1 no involuntary layoffs while also demonstrating large savings is because of the unique
2 demographic transition naturally occurring in our companies and our industry in which so
3 many employees are reaching or approaching retirement age. As a result, the efficiencies
4 that entail needing fewer employees can be accomplished through normal attrition and
5 other voluntary means as employees choose to retire on their own terms in the normal
6 course. We can reduce costs by not filling certain vacant positions, now and in the future,
7 without involuntary layoffs and in a generally balanced way across both Kansas and
8 Missouri.

9 **Q. Have the Applicants made other commitments to their employees?**

10 A. Yes. In addition to no involuntary severance as a result of the Merger, we have committed
11 that employee compensation and benefits will remain substantially the same for at least
12 two years following the closing. Of course, we also have collective bargaining agreements
13 that remain in place. (See Application Appendix H, Commitment Nos. 5 and 6.)

14 **Q. Why haven't the Applicants simply agreed for the combined Company to maintain**
15 **the current staffing levels of Westar and GPE?**

16 A. There is no question that a tension exists between creating and maintaining jobs and
17 keeping costs and rates as low as possible. The Commission has long noted this tension,
18 recognizing it in authorizing the merger in the case in which the merger standards were
19 first established:

20 *Staff's concerns regarding the negative impact of possible*
21 *employee reductions without a corresponding rate reduction*
22 *has been addressed by the Commission's imposition of rate*
23 *refunds for not only KGE customers, but KPL gas and*
24 *electric customers, as well. These refunds will counteract*
25 *any potential adverse impact from labor force reductions.*
26 *Additionally, the Commission believes the policy of this*
27 *State is that utilities should always strive to increase*

1 *efficiency in providing safe, reliable utility service. Where*
2 *synergies are available in the overlapping service*
3 *territories, the Commission believes Applicants should act*
4 *to capture those savings.*⁴ *[emphasis added]*
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6 Consistent with the Commission's conclusion in that docket, we ask the
7 Commission to affirm the understanding that the combination of the Applicants' specific
8 commitments to undertake no involuntary severance due to the Merger and other
9 commitments, including but not limited to reliability and customer service performance
10 metrics, coupled with upfront bill credits and reflecting in rates of Merger savings serve to
11 balance this difficult tension among these two important factors.

12 **Q. Have the Applicants addressed the labor-related aspects of Merger Standard (c):**
13 **“Whether the proposed transaction will likely create labor dislocations that may be**
14 **particularly harmful to local communities, or the state generally, and whether**
15 **measures can be taken to mitigate the harm.”**

16 A. Yes. The commitments we are making that I discussed earlier ensure Kansas communities
17 will not suffer inordinate labor dislocations beyond measured and balanced pursuit of
18 efficiencies that can be achieved while continuing to provide safe and reliable electric
19 service.

20 **Q. Have the Applicants made any other commitments to their communities?**

21 A. Yes. We recognize how important charitable giving, community involvement and low-
22 income assistance programs are to our communities. We have committed to maintain all
23 such spending levels for at least five years. See Application Appendix H, Commitment
24 Nos. 3 and 4. Also, it is important to note that there will be economic benefits to the

⁴ In re: Merger Application of Kansas Power and Light Company and Kansas Gas and Electric Company, Consolidated Docket Nos. 172,745-U and 174,155-U, Order dated November 15, 1991, at 95.

1 communities resulting from the upfront bill credits and by reflecting Merger savings in the
2 cost of electricity. This is discussed by Mr. Reed.

3 **Q. Why have the Applicants publicly characterized the upfront bill credits to customers**
4 **as “at least” \$50 million?**

5 A. In addition to \$50 million in timely upfront bill credits to the Company’s retail customers
6 in Kansas and Missouri, Westar’s and KCP&L’s customers will also benefit from a
7 reduction in their respective costs of service attributable to Merger savings achieved in
8 their respective test years in the rate cases that will be filed and pending at the time of the
9 expected Order in this application. While we estimate approximately \$28 million in
10 Merger savings in the first year following the closing, the exact amount of savings that will
11 be reflected in the rate cases is influenced by the timing of the closing of the Merger.
12 Accordingly, when publicly describing the near-term benefits to customers we
13 characterized them as a minimum of \$50 million in bill credits.

14 **Q. How will the financial condition of the combined Company compare to the financial**
15 **condition of Westar and GPE on a standalone basis?**

16 A. Very favorably. The combined Company’s financial and credit metrics will be strong. As
17 discussed by Messrs. Kevin Bryant, Anthony Somma and Reed, the credit rating agencies
18 and equity analysts that follow Westar and GPE have reacted favorably to the Merger. In
19 part, this is due to the elimination of the transaction-related debt, preferred equity and
20 convertible preferred equity secured in anticipation of financing the Initial Transaction and
21 the fact that the Merger will result from the exchange of stock, have no control premium
22 and which requires no debt financing. As discussed by Mr. Somma, this will result in the
23 Company having more equity than is optimal for the near term, but over time we will adjust

1 the Company's capital structure to be consistent with other utility holding companies and
2 regulated utilities, generally. The credit rating agencies were aware of such plans when
3 issuing their reactions to the Merger. Finally, the agencies and analysts have clearly
4 identified the size, scale, geographic diversification and other benefits and strengths of the
5 Merger.

6 **Q. Please comment on the Applicants' proposed Merger Commitments and Conditions**
7 **and their influence on how the combined Company will be governed and how the**
8 **utilities' will be financed and interact with Holdco.**

9 A. As described in the testimony of Mr. Ives, the Applicants have proposed comprehensive
10 Merger Commitments and Conditions including financial and ring-fencing, service
11 reliability, ratemaking and accounting, employees, local communities, and others. See
12 Application Appendix H. In combination with the structure and financial terms of the
13 Merger, we have made these additional commitments to address any remaining concerns
14 raised by Commission Staff and interveners in the Initial Transaction or expressed by the
15 Commission. The Company's board of directors and executive leadership will be bound
16 by these important commitments.

17 **Q. Have the Applicants continued to engage in discussions with the parties from the last**
18 **proceeding since the announcement of the Merger?**

19 A. Yes. We continue to meet with Staff, CURB, and interveners, and we have had
20 collaborative discussions with them regarding the benefits of the Merger. We believe that
21 the Merger has been structured to constructively and comprehensively respond to the
22 concerns the parties raised in the last proceeding, while maintaining significant benefits for
23 the broader set of stakeholders. No doubt there are additional things some of the

1 intervenors might seek from their electric utility (*e.g.*, different rate designs or lower prices,
2 generally), but we have worked earnestly to address concerns they might have in regard to
3 the Merger.

4 **Q. Why are you confident that the Merger will be successful and produce benefits for**
5 **customers?**

6 A. Great Plains and Westar have complementary strengths that, when combined, will produce
7 a stronger company than either could achieve alone. Our geographic adjacency is a clear
8 advantage of this combination. It presents many opportunities for synergies, efficiencies
9 and cost savings and the proximity of the two headquarters helps us maintain more
10 headquarters jobs in both present headquarters locations. We have had a strong working
11 relationship for many years jointly owning major assets. We have very similar practices,
12 approaches and core values. We have invested a year working together specifically to
13 provide the extensive analysis of merger savings and detailed merger integration plans
14 discussed by Messrs. Busser and Greenwood. We are confident in these analyses and plans
15 and our ability to execute on them to deliver value to our customers and shareholders.
16 Nothing is more important than that the Merger be successful. It is my obligation to make
17 that happen.

18 **IV. CONCLUSIONS**

19 **Q. Do you have any concluding comments?**

20 A. I appreciate the Commission's clear expression of its concerns in the Initial Transaction
21 Order and its encouragement that GPE and Westar continue to work together to address
22 the Commission's concerns. This MOE is important for Kansas and a logical next step in
23 an industry under pressure to manage costs and keep electricity both increasingly reliable

1 yet affordable. By approving the merger of two local companies who have been integral
2 parts of the Kansas economy for over 100 years, the Commission will enable the size, scale,
3 complementary operational strengths and substantial experience of both KCP&L and
4 Westar for the benefit of customers, shareholders, local communities and our state.

5 **Q. Do you believe that the Merger is in the public interest and should be approved by**
6 **the Commission?**

7 A. Yes. We worked hard to ensure that the Merger addresses the Commission's concerns
8 expressed in the Initial Transaction Order, and that our customers, shareholders and other
9 stakeholders will be better off as a result of this Merger. The Merger will create a larger,
10 financially stronger, regional Fortune 500 company and leading Midwest electric utility
11 better positioned to meet our customers' needs and achieve competitive financial returns
12 expected by our investors, with merger savings, and not just higher rates, as a means of
13 doing so. The Merger is the best path forward. I respectfully request the Commission
14 approve our Application for GPE and Westar to merge and confirm that the MOE will
15 promote the public interest in the State of Kansas.

16 **Q. Does this conclude your Direct Testimony?**

17 A. Yes, it does.

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AFFIDAVIT OF TERRY BASSHAM

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF JACKSON)


Terry Bassham, being first duly sworn on his oath, states:

1. My name is Terry Bassham. I work in Kansas City, Missouri, and I am employed by Great Plains Energy Incorporated as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Direct Testimony on behalf of Great Plains Energy Incorporated and Kansas City Power & Light Company consisting of twenty (20) pages, having been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-captioned docket.
3. I have knowledge of the matters set forth therein. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony to the questions therein propounded, including any attachments thereto, are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Terry Bassham

Subscribed and sworn before me this 21st day of August 2017.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/24/2021

