

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

In the Matter of the Application of Westar Energy,)
Inc. to Cease Transacting the Business of an Electric)
Public Utility, Specifically in Portions of Section 13,) Docket No. 15-WSEE-305-CCS
Township 15 South, Range 23 East, in Johnson)
County, Kansas.)

In the Matter of the Application of Westar Energy,)
Inc. for Certificate Public Convenience and Authority)
to Transact the Business of an Electric Public Utility) Docket No. 15-WSEE-306-COC
Specifically in a Portion of Section 25, Township 11)
South, Range 23 East, in Wyandotte County, Kansas.)

In the Matter of the Application of Westar Energy,)
Inc. for Certificate Public Convenience and Authority)
to Transact the Business of an Electric Public Utility) Docket No. 15-WSEE-307-COC
Specifically in a Portion of Section 13, Township 15)
South, Range 23 East, in Johnson County, Kansas.)

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City Power &)
Light Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Authority to Transact the Business of an Electric) Docket No. 15-KCPE-308-COC
Public Utility, in Portion of Lots 200-212, 216, 217 and)
238-256 in Woodland Ridge Subdivision of the City of)
Spring Hill, Johnson County, Kansas.)

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City Power &)
Light Company for Authority to Cease Transacting the)
Business of an Electric Public Utility in a Portion of) Docket No. 15-KCPE-309-CCS
229-236, 263, 264, 376-383, 415 and 416 in Woodland)
Ridge, a Subdivision of Spring Hill in Johnson County,)
Kansas.)

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas City Power &)
Light Company for Authority to Cease Transacting the)
Business of an Electric Public Utility in a Portion of) Docket No. 15-KCPE-310-CCS
Section 25, Township 11 South, Range 23 East, in)
Wyandotte County, Kansas.)

STAFF'S MOTION FOR WAIVER OF 180-DAY DEADLINE
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 66-131

COMES NOW, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas

(“Staff” and “Commission,” respectively) and moves the Commission for an Order granting a waiver and extension of the 180-day deadline for decision on the Applications of Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar) and Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) filed in the above-captioned dockets. In Support of its motion, Staff States the following:

1. On January 20, 2015, Westar filed Applications in Docket Nos. 15-WSEE-305-CCS, 15-WSEE-306-COC, and 15-WSEE-307-COC requesting Commission approval to cease transacting the business as an electric public utility in portions of Johnson County, Kansas, and also seeking Certificates of Convenience and Authority to transact the business of an electric public utility in portions of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties, Kansas, respectively.

2. Likewise, on January 20, 2015, KCPL filed Applications in Docket Nos. 15-KCPE-308-COC, 15-KCPE-309-CCS, and 15-KCPE-310-CCS seeking a Certificate of Convenience and Authority to transact the business of an electric public utility and requesting Commission approval to cease transacting the business as an electric public utility in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties, Kansas, respectively.

3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131(b), “...the commission shall issue a decision on a common carrier or public utility’s application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity within 180 days of receiving the application.” However, nothing in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131(b) precludes the waiver or extension of the 180-day period.

4. The Applications in the above-captioned dockets involve territory exchanges between Westar and KCPL and the deadline for decision on the Applications is July 19, 2015.


5. Staff has been working closely with Applicants, Westar and KCPL, in providing notice to affected customers and developing a Report and Recommendation in response to the parties’ Applications. Customer comments in response to the mailed notice are due by July 2, 2015. Due to observance of the Independence Day holiday by the State’s agencies on Friday,

July 3, 2015, no Commission meetings on July 14 and 16, and Staff's need for additional time in developing its Report and Recommendation, Staff requests the Commission extend the deadline for decision on the Applications in the above-captioned dockets to August 19, 2015. Notwithstanding a Commission grant of the requested waiver and extension of time, Staff will make every effort to complete its investigation and file its Report and Recommendation ahead of the extended deadline. Staff counsel has contacted counsel for both Westar and KCPL and both have indicated that they do not oppose waiver of the 180-day deadline and extension of time pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131.

6. Staff requests the Commission extend the deadline for decision on Westar's and KCPL's Applications until August 19, 2015.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order granting waiver of the 180-day deadline pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131, and extend the deadline for decision until August 19, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

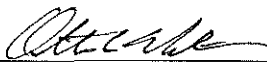


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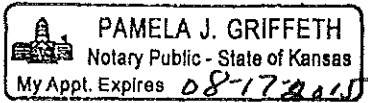
VERIFICATION

Otto A. Newton, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that he is Litigation Counsel for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas, that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing Motion for Waiver of 180-day Deadline Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-131, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Otto A. Newton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of June, 2015.





Notary Public

My Appointment Expires:

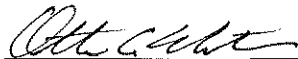
August 17, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that on this 23rd day of June, 2015, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Motion for Waiver of 180-day Deadline Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-131 was placed in the U.S. mail to each person listed below:

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