BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Westar)	
Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric)	
Company Seeking Commission Approval for)	Docket No. 18-WSEE-493-TAR
the Proposed Changes to its Net Metering Rider.)	
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JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF SUSPENSION PERIOD

COMES NOW, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Staff" and "Commission," respectively) and Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas & Electric Company (Westar) (collectively "Joint Movants") respectfully file this Joint Motion for Extension of the May 24, 2018 Suspension Order ("Suspension Order") for a period of sixty (60) days. In support of the Joint Motion, the Joint Movants state the following:

- 1. On May 11, 2018, Westar filed an Application requesting Commission approval of proposed changes to Westar's Net Metering Rider.¹
- 2. The Commission's May 24, 2018 Suspension Order suspended the effectiveness of Westar's Application in this for a period 240 days from the date it was filed, May 11, 2018, until Monday, January 7, 2019, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c).² Said suspension was ordered by the Commission "to allow sufficient investigation of this matter" to ensure the Commission and its Staff are given sufficient time to analyze and consider whether the approval of Westar's Application will result in just and reasonable rates.³

¹ Application of Westar, (May 11, 2018).

² Because the 240-day statutory deadline ends on Sunday, January 6, 2019, the Commission extended the deadline until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday in accordance with K.S.A. 77-503(c)

³ Suspension Order 01/17/2019, p.2 (May 24, 2018) (Suspension Order).

- 3. On December 12, 2018, Staff filed its Report and Recommendation in this matter. Staff's Report and Recommendation noted Staff's concerns with Westar's Application. However, Staff noted its desire to work collaboratively with Westar to address Staff's concerns.
- 4. K.S.A. 77-117(c) generally provides that a final order on tariff filings by a public utility involving rates or service must be decided within 240 days from the date of filing. Failure to adhere to this schedule results in the Application being deemed approved. The statute does, however, provide that the Commission and the public utility applicant may agree to a waiver or extension of this 240-day deadline.
- 5. Joint Movants have been working collaboratively toward a resolution of the docket and, given the unique nature of Westar's Application and the potentially wide-ranging effects precipitated by the requested changes, Joint Movants agree that an extension of the suspension period would aid in facilitating a resolution of this docket. Such collaborative efforts are in the public interest.
- 6. For these reasons, Joint Movants request the Commission's suspension period set in its Suspension Order set to expire on January 7, 2019, be extended sixty (60) days to Friday, March 8, 2019. Subject to Commission review, the Joint Movants further request the Commission issue an order on Westar's Application, and any amendments thereto, prior to March 8, 2019, in the event the Joint Movants resolve their concerns prior to this date.

WHEREFORE, Joint Movants respectfully request the Commission issue an order granting this Joint Motion, extending the Commission's Suspension Period to Friday, March 8, 2019, and any other such relief as the Commission determines necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

Robert E. Vincent, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that he is Senior Litigation Counsel for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas, that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing *Joint Motion for Extension of Suspension Period* and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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The State Corporation Commission

State of Kansas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of December, 2018.

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Notary Public - State of Kansas

My Appt. Expires 6-30-22

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June 30, 2012

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Joint Motion for Extension of Suspension Period was served via electronic service this 13th day of December, 2018, to the following:

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