

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

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**REBUTTAL TESTIMONY**

**OF**

**MIKE RINEHART**

**WESTAR ENERGY**

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**DOCKET NO. 15-WSEE-115-RTS**

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

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2 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.**

3 A. Mike Rinehart.

4 **Q. ARE YOU THE SAME MIKE RINEHART WHO EARLIER FILED**  
5 **DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

6 A. Yes.

7 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?**

8 A. I will respond to adjustments related to OXY Revenue Loss that  
9 were proposed by Staff and CURB.

**II. OXY REVENUE LOSS**

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11 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN STAFF'S AND CURB'S PROPOSED**  
12 **ADJUSTMENT RELATED TO OXY REVENUE LOSS.**

13 A. Staff witness Figgs' adjustment updated the revenue loss for the  
14 months of January through March 2018 with actual amounts known

1 and removed the forecasted revenue loss amounts for April through  
2 September 2018. Additionally, Ms. Figgs adjusted the amortization  
3 to a 5-year period versus the 3-year period. CURB witness Crane  
4 removed the adjustment based on assumption that the recovery  
5 was being determined in Docket No. 18-KG&E-303-CON and thus  
6 should not be included in this rate review. However, Ms. Crane did  
7 indicate that, if the Commission did approve recovery, the  
8 amortization period should be over a 5-year period to coincide with  
9 the 5-year moratorium on base rates agreed to in the merger.

10 **Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH THE PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS BY**  
11 **STAFF AND CURB?**

12 A. No. I do not agree with CURB's proposal to remove the adjustment  
13 in its entirety. The assumption that the recovery would be  
14 determined in current OXY contract docket is incorrect. The  
15 recovery for the loss in revenue that has occurred to date should be  
16 determined in this rate review as this is the forum in which base  
17 rates are changed. I agree with Staff's and CURB's 5-year  
18 amortization period to coincide with merger agreement for base  
19 rate moratorium. Additionally, I believe we should include the now  
20 known and measurable loss for two additional months of April &  
21 May 2018.

22 **Q. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION?**

1       A.    I recommend an adjustment to the test year that decreases  
2            operating revenue and pretax operating income in the amount  
3            \$179,416.

4       **Q.    HOW DOES THIS AMOUNT DIFFER FROM STAFF'S AND**  
5       **CURB'S AMOUNT?**

6       A.    Staff's proposed adjustment to test year was a decrease of  
7            \$153,379 in operating revenue and pretax operating income.  
8            CURB proposed no adjustment to test year. Therefore, my  
9            recommendation which includes the two additional months of  
10           known and measurable losses decreases Staff's adjusted test year  
11           revenue and pretax operating income by \$26,037. By making this  
12           adjustment for April and May only I am agreeing with Staff  
13           recommendation to remove the revenue loss projection for June  
14           through September. The recommendation of CURB was to  
15           eliminate the adjustment entirely; thus, the difference to operating  
16           revenue and pretax operating income is a decrease of \$179,416.

17       **Q.    THANK YOU.**

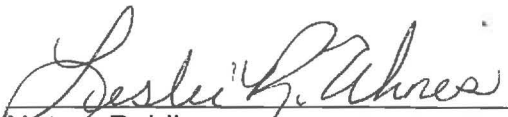
STATE OF KANSAS                    )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE            )

**VERIFICATION**

Michael Rinehart, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that he is the Director Customer Account Management, for Westar Energy, Inc., that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing Rebuttal Testimony, and attests that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

  
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Michael Rinehart

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.

  
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Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: 5/30/2022

