

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

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman  
Ward Loyd  
Thomas E. Wright

In the Matter of the 2011 Wolf Creek )  
Decommissioning Cost Study as Provided )  
by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating )  
Corporation on August 31, 2011 in ) Docket No. 12-WCNE-136-GIE  
Accordance with the Commission's Order in )  
Docket Number 163,561-U on December 9, )  
1992. )

**PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TO  
KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A WESTAR ENERGY, INC.**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. On October 5, 2011, the Commission designated Melissa Doeblin, Advisory Counsel, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding. Order Designating Prehearing Officer, October 5, 2011, paragraph 2 (October 5, 2011, Order ¶ 2). Having reviewed the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Prehearing Officer makes the following findings:

1. On August 31, 2011, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (Wolf Creek) filed its 2011 Decommissioning Cost Analysis (Decommissioning Report) in accordance with the Commission's December 9, 1992 Order in Docket No. 163,561-U which directed the filing of a Wolf Creek decommissioning cost study update every three years after September 1, 1993. Wolf Creek stated that the filing was made on behalf of Kansas Gas and Electric Company, Kansas City Power & Light Company, and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. Wolf Creek noted that there are emerging issues concerning whether the federal government will be able to

remove all spent fuel from the Wolf Creek site before the plant is decommissioned. Application, August 31, 2011 (Application).

2. The Wolf Creek site is located approximately 3.5 miles northeast of the town of Burlington, in Coffey County, Kansas, approximately 75 miles southwest of Kansas City, Kansas. Application, § 1.2. The Commission has jurisdiction over any licensee operating a nuclear power generating facility located in the state. K.S.A. 66-128/ et seq.

3. Kansas Gas and Electric Company, doing business as Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar), filed a Petition to Intervene with the Commission on September 12, 2011, requesting leave to intervene in this proceeding. Petition to Intervene, September 12, 2011 (Westar Petition). In its petition, Westar stated that it is a co-owner of the Wolf Creek Generating Station, and that it has an interest in this docket which cannot be represented by any other party. Westar Petition, ¶ 2.

4. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interests of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding. K.S.A. 77-521(b); K.A.R. 82-1-225(b). At any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor's participation. K.S.A. 77-521(c).

5. The Prehearing Officer finds and concludes that Westar has met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and should be granted intervention. Westar will be added to the mailing list, service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record, as follows:

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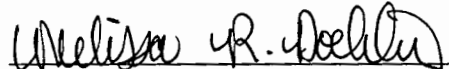
**WHEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER FINDS AND CONCLUDES AS  
FOLLOWS:**

A. The Kansas Gas and Electric Company, d/b/a Westar Energy, Inc., is granted intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. Counsel of record for the petitioner shall receive service of all pleadings in this matter, as set forth above.

B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date of service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary and proper.

Dated: October 5, 2011

  
Melissa R. Doeblin  
Prehearing Officer

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Prehearing Officer Order Granting Intervention to Kansas Gas and Electric d/b/a Westar Energy, Inc. was placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered this 5th day of October, 2011, to the following:

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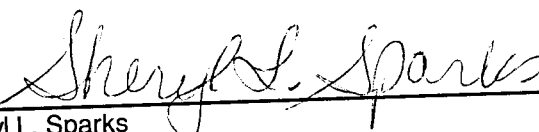
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