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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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In the Matter of the Application of ITC Great Plains, LLC for a Limited Certificate of Public Convenience to Transact the Business of an Electric Public Utility in the State of Kansas

Docket Nos. 08-ITCE-936-COC 08-ITCE-937-COC 08-ITCE-938-COC

MOTION OF PRAIRIE WIND TRANSMISSION, LLC TO INTERVENE

Prairie Wind Transmission, LLC (Prairie Wind) moves that the Commission issue its order allowing Prairie Wind to intervene in these proceedings. In support of its Motion, Prairie Wind states:

1. Prairie Wind is a limited liability company duly incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware and qualified to do business in the state of Kansas for the purpose of siting, constructing, owning, operating and maintaining bulk electric transmission facilities in the state of Kansas. Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar Energy) owns a 50% membership interest in Prairie Wind. The remaining 50% membership interest in Prairie Wind is owned by Electric Transmission America, LLC (ETA). ETA is a joint venture between AEP Transmission Holding Company, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP), and MEHC America Transco, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MEHC).

2. As its initial project, Prairie Wind proposes to construct a new 765 kV transmission system generally comprised of two segments. It is anticipated that one segment will run westsouthwest from a new 765 kV or existing substation (belonging to Westar Energy or its subsidiary, Kansas Gas and Electric Company) near Wichita, Kansas to a new 765 kV substation near Medicine Lodge, Kansas and then west-northwest to a new or existing station near Spearville, Kansas. The other segment will run from the new Medicine Lodge 765 kV substation south-southwest to the Kansas-Oklahoma border.

3. On May 19, 2008, Prairie Wind filed its application for a certificate of public convenience and authority to site, construct, own, operate and maintain bulk electric transmission facilities in Kansas including the facilities discussed above. Prairie Wind's application is pending in Docket No. 08-PWTE-1022-COC. Except for the fact that Prairie Wind proposes to build its facilities at 765 kV, the Prairie Wind project is similar to the project proposed by ITC Great Plains, LLC (ITC) and would likely connect to the transmission grid at the same points as those proposed by ITC. Given the similarity of the proposed projects, it is clear that Prairie Wind's legal rights or interests may be substantially affected by this proceeding. K.A.R. 82-1-225(a)(2). Prairie Wind has an interest in the outcome of this proceeding that cannot be adequately represented by any other party. Further, the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be impaired by allowing Prairie Wind to intervene. K.A.R. 82-1-225(a)(3).

4. In addition to undersigned counsel, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of Prairie Wind's representatives upon whom all notices, pleadings, correspondence, and other documents regarding this Application should be served are as follows:

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5. Due to its clear interests in these matters, Prairie Wind respectfully requests that it be

allowed to intervene and participate as a party to these dockets.

WHEREFORE, Westar requests that the Commission issue its order granting Prairie Wind's

application to intervene in this matter for such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)) ss: COUNTY OF SHAWNEE)

Martin J. Bregman, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that he is one of the attorneys for Prairie Wind Transmission, LLC; that he is familiar with the Motion of Prairie Wind Transmission, LLP to Intervene and that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Martin J. Bregman

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1976 day of September, 2008.

Patti Beasley NOTARY PUBLIC~STATE OF KANSAS MY APPT EXP: 11-18-08

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My Appointment Expires:

November 18, 2008

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this <u>19</u>th day of September, 2008, the original and eight copies of the foregoing Motion of Prairie Wind Transmission, LLP to Intervene were delivered to:

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