

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Westar)
Energy, Inc. for a Siting Permit for the)
Construction of a 345 kV Transmission) Docket No. 15-WSEE-365-MIS
Line in Riley and Pottawattamie Counties,)
Kansas.)

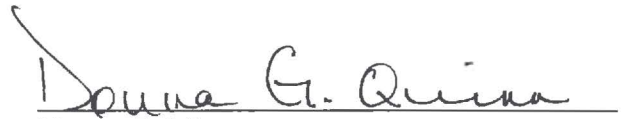
AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Gina Penzig, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

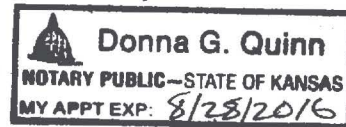
1. I am Media Relations Manager for Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar).
2. I had legal notices describing the public hearing to be held in Wamego, Kansas regarding the application filed by Westar Energy, Inc. in the above-referenced docket placed in the various newspapers located in the counties where the proposed transmission line will be constructed.
3. The newspapers in which the legal notice was published are listed in the spreadsheet that is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. This spreadsheet also identifies the dates on which the legal notices were published in each paper.
4. A copy of such legal notice is attached to this affidavit as Exhibit 2. This legal notice was reviewed and approved by the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission and by the Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection prior to publication.


Gina Penzig

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11 day of March, 2015.


Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: 8/28/2016



Westar Energy
Public Notice Insertion Schedule for 3/24/15 Hearing
2/27/15

	March				
Quarter page, B/W	2	9	16	23	Cost
Manhattan Mercury 3cx10.5" (5.417" x 10.5")		Tu, 3/10	Tu, 3/17	Hearing Tu, 3/24	\$ 595.65
St. Mary's Star 3cx10.5" (5.06" x 10.5")		W, 3/11	W, 3/18		\$ 370.58
Wamego Smoke Signal 3cx10.5" (5" x 10.5")		W, 3/11	W, 3/18		\$ 444.71
					\$ 1,410.94

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar) has filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) requesting to rebuild a transmission line from Westar's Jeffrey Energy Center (JEC) Substation, northwest of St. Marys, to Westar's East Manhattan Substation, near Manhattan. The new transmission line will be engineered and constructed to 345 kilovolt standards, but will continue to be operated at 230 kilovolts until some time in the future. The Commission will review the application and the proposed location of the replacement line.

PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing concerning this siting request, inviting the public to testify before the Commission. The public hearing will consist of a presentation on the proposed route and an opportunity for landowners to make official comment to the Commission. These comments will become part of the documentation the Commission considers while making its decision. The public hearing will begin at 6 p.m. March 24, 2015, at Wamego High School, 801 Lincoln, Wamego, Kansas. In addition, Westar will have staff on-site beginning at 4 p.m. to answer any questions landowners may have about the proposed route.

Written comments may be sent to the Commission through April 1, 2015. Comments regarding the case should reference Docket No. 15-WSEE-365-MIS and should be sent to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027. Comments may also be submitted by emailing public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov or by calling 1-800-662-0027. When referencing areas of the proposed route, it is important to use landmarks, street names, etc. to make it easy to identify the area of concern.

EVIDENTIARY HEARING

An evidentiary hearing where Commission staff, Westar representatives, and interveners will present their information regarding the project to the Commission will begin at 9 a.m. May 6, 2015, in the first floor hearing room at the Kansas Corporation Commission, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas. This hearing is open to the public.

WESTAR'S TRANSMISSION LINE PROPOSAL

The new transmission line will replace the existing 230 kilovolt transmission line that was built in the 1980s and connects the Jeffrey Energy Center Substation to the East Manhattan Substation. The new transmission line will be designed and constructed to 345 kilovolt specifications but will continue to operate at 230kV until additional upgrades are warranted. No significant upgrades are necessary at the substations located on each end of the transmission line. Once the new line is energized, the existing 230kV line will be removed.

The Commission must issue a decision by June 19, 2015. With the Commission's approval, Westar would begin working with affected landowners to acquire easements in late 2015. Construction would take about 19 months beginning in November 2015, if right-of-way can be acquired in time. The project is scheduled to be completed by June 2017.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE

For more information about the proposed project, public hearing or evidentiary hearing, contact the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027. Anyone requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act is asked to contact the Commission at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing date.

