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

Before Commissioners:	Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
	Jay Scott Emler
	Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application of Westar) Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company Seeking Commission Approval for the Proposed Changes to its Net Metering Rider.

Docket No. 18-WSEE-493-TAR

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF SUSPENSION PERIOD

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The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

I. BACKGROUND

1. On December 12, 2018, Commission Staff (Staff) filed its Report and Recommendation in this matter.¹ Staff's Report and Recommendation noted Staff's concerns with Westar's Application.² However, Staff noted its desire to work collaboratively with Westar to address Staff's concerns.³

On December 13, 2018, Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas & Electric Company 2. (Westar) and Staff (collectively "Joint Movants") filed a Joint Motion to extend this docket's suspension period.⁴

¹ Notice of Filing Staff's Report and Recommendation (Dec. 12, 2018).

² See id. at 1.

³ See id.

⁴ Joint Motion for Extension of Suspension Period (Dec. 13, 2018).

II. DISCUSSION

3. The Joint Movants indicate they are working collaboratively to resolve the docket, and agree an extension of the suspension period would aid in facilitating a resolution.⁵ The Joint Movants state K.S.A. 66-117(c) permits this extension.

4. The Joint Movants request the Commission extend the suspension period in this docket (set to expire January 7, 2019) by sixty (60) days to Friday, March 8, 2019.⁶ Pending Commission approval, the Joint Movants request the Commission issue an order before March 8, 2019, in the event the Joint Movants resolve their concerns prior to this date.⁷

III. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

5. Westar is an electric public utility as defined by K.S.A. 66-101 *et seq.*, and K.S.A. 66-104. As such, Westar is subject to the Commissions jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Commission finds and concludes it may rule on the Joint Movants' request.

6. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c)(3), the Commission and a public utility or common carrier may agree to a waiver or extension of a docket's suspension period.⁸ The Commission finds and concludes Kansas law permits extending the suspension period as requested by the Joint Movants.

7. The Commission finds and concludes extension of the suspension period is in the public interest and therefore approves the Joint Movants' Motion.

⁵ See id., p. 2.

⁶ See id.

⁷ See id.

⁸ See K.S.A. 66-117(c)(3).

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c)(3), the suspension period in this docket shall be extended, and the effective date deferred until Friday, March 8, 2019.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).⁹

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the

purpose of entering such further orders, as necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: ______

⁹ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of

electronic service on <u>12/20/2018</u>

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