

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: 12/20/2018



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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