

5. A copy of the proposed KBOR testimony is attached to allow parties responding to this motion opportunity to fully comment.

6. This motion is not filed with intent to delay, but rather to fully inform the Commission and other parties of the interests and positions of KBOR if intervention is granted.

WHEREFORE, The Kansas Board of Regents respectfully requests the Commission grant its Motion for Leave to File Testimony out of time.

Respectfully submitted:



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Verification

State of Kansas)
) ss
County of Johnson)

The undersigned, under oath first duly sworn, states that he has prepared the foregoing Motion for Leave to File Testimony Out of Time and is familiar with the contents thereof, that the statements contained therein are true and correct to his best knowledge and belief, and that he is authorized to execute this verification on behalf of The Kansas Board of Regents.



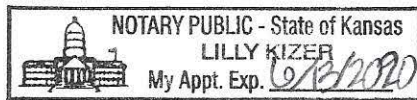
C. Edward Peterson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of June, 2018.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6/13/2020



Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Leave to File Testimony Out of Time was served electronically on all parties on the official service list.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Edward Peterson', is written over a horizontal line.

C. Edward Peterson

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

TESTIMONY OF GARY WEISHAAR

ON BEHALF OF THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

DOCKET NO. 18-WSEE-328-RTS

1 **Q. Please state your name and address.**

2 A. Gary Weishaar. Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

3 **Q. What is your position at Kansas State University?**

4 A. I am Manager of Energy and Controls. In this position my duties include monitoring,
5 reporting and determining ways to reduce utility usage on the Manhattan campus.

6 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

7 A. I am appearing on behalf of the Kansas State Board of Regents and the five institutions
8 that are customers of Westar Energy, Inc., and/or Kansas Gas & Electric Company. My
9 testimony highlights the negative impact of rising electric energy costs on our institutions.
10 Because of the problem of rising energy costs, the Kansas Board of Regents supports the Staff
11 position in its Initial Testimony to reduce Westar revenues by approximately \$53 million. In
12 addition, my testimony will discuss the potential benefits that consolidated metering might offer
13 to the Regents campuses to encourage Westar to develop a multi-site rate.

14 **Q. How do rising electric rates affect the Regents institutions?**

15 A. The Regents institutions are Constitutional agencies of Kansas government. The major
16 sources of funding are tax dollars and tuition. Budgets and tuition are subject to approval by the

1 Board of Regents and the Kansas Legislature. Unlike many businesses, the Regents institutions
2 cannot merely pass along increased costs to its students or taxpayers. The Regents institutions
3 that are customers of Westar currently pay over \$33 million annually for electricity. The current
4 proposed average retail rate increase of 2.6% would result in an additional \$850,000 in costs to
5 the Regents institutions without taking into account the various specific rate schedules involved
6 with each institution. This is a significant amount of money for these organizations.

7 **Q. What aspects of the Staff position are supported by the Board of Regents?**

8 A. Without addressing any specific adjustments, the Board supports the Staff's overall
9 recommendation of a net reduction in revenues of \$53 million. If approved, the reduction would
10 provide much needed relief at a time of great uncertainty for funding the Regents institutions.

11 The Board of Regents does not take a position on specific rate schedules but is supportive of the
12 general approach taken by staff to spread the rate reductions relatively evenly across rate classes.

13 **Q. What is the interest of the Regents institutions in the multi-site rate issue?**

14 A. We are aware that a rate schedule for businesses with multiple sites has been under
15 consideration but that Westar has elected to not pursue it in this case. The Board of Regents asks
16 the Commission to expand the concept to include the Regents institutions. These institutions'
17 facilities are diverse and involve multiple service points and multiple campuses. The diverse
18 characteristics of these facilities would appear to offer opportunities for more efficient service
19 and lower costs to the institutions. Obviously, the impact of such rate schedules cannot be
20 determined until specific charges are identified, but the potential for realizing savings suggests
21 that this alternative should be explored. It appears that Westar will not pursue the development

1 of a multi-site rate without direction from the Commission; we ask the Commission to encourage
2 Westar to explore the multi-site concept or similar approach for Regents institutions.


3 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

4 **A.** Yes it does.

VERIFICATION

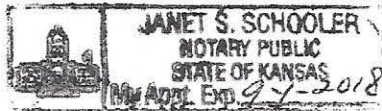
STATE OF KANSAS)
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COUNTY OF RILEY) SS


COMES NOW Gary Weishaar upon oath first duly sworn and states that he is the Manager of Energy and Controls for Kansas State University, that he prepared the foregoing Testimony on Behalf of the Kansas State Board of Regents, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Gary Weishaar

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of June, 2018.





Notary Public

My commission expires: