

3. Since the filing of the Application, Staff, CURB and Westar have discussed the schedule under which the Application should be considered. The schedule has been crafted giving consideration to the demands of other proceedings on the parties and the potential effect

of the Commission’s ruling on the pending merger of Westar and Great Plains Energy Incorporated (“GPE”) in Docket No. 18-KCPE-095-MER. Staff, CURB and Westar believe the proposed schedule will allow for the efficient processing of the Application.

4. Based on their discussions, Staff, CURB and Westar propose the schedules set forth below. Staff, CURB and Westar are proposing a preferred schedule and an alternative schedule that would be effective if the proposed merger between Westar and GPE does not close. In such event, the alternative schedule would be necessary to allow Westar to file supplement testimony to propose adjustments to include payroll expense for positions that had been held open in preparation for the merger. The proposed schedules are as shown below:

	Proposed Schedule	Alternative Schedule
Filing date	Thursday, February 01, 2018	Thursday, February 01, 2018
Public Hearing	Tuesday, May 22, 2018	Tuesday, May 22, 2018
Westar Supplemental Testimony		Friday, June 22, 2018
Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony	Monday, June 11, 2018	Monday, July 09, 2018
Staff/Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony	Wednesday, June 20, 2018	Wednesday, July 18, 2018
Westar Rebuttal Testimony	Monday, July 02, 2018	Monday, July 30, 2018
Settlement Conference	Monday, July 09, 2018	Monday, August 06, 2018
Deadline to Submit Settlement Agreement	Monday, July 16, 2018	Friday, August 10, 2018
Deadline to Submit Testimony in Support/Opposition to Settlement	Wednesday, July 18, 2018	Tuesday, August 14, 2018
Discovery Cut-off	Wednesday, July 18, 2018	Tuesday, August 14, 2018
Public Comment Period Ends	Wednesday, July 18, 2018	Tuesday, August 14, 2018
Contested Issues List Due	Wednesday, July 18, 2018	Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Prehearing Conference	Wednesday, July 18, 2018	Tuesday, August 14, 2018
Evidentiary Hearing Starts	Monday, July 23, 2018	Monday, August 20, 2018
Evidentiary Hearing Ends	Friday, July 27, 2018	Friday, August 24, 2018
Westar Initial Brief	Wednesday, August 15, 2018	Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Staff/Intervenor Briefs	Friday, August 24, 2018	Friday, September 21, 2018
Westar Reply Brief	Friday, August 31, 2018	Friday, September 28, 2018
Order Date	Thursday, September 27, 2018	Monday, October 29, 2018

WHEREFORE, Staff, CURB and Westar respectfully request that the Commission adopt the proposed schedule and alternative schedule for this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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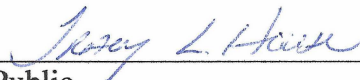
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Martin J. Bregman, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that he is one of the attorneys for Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company; that he is familiar with the foregoing **Response of Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company to Petition to Intervene of Kansas Industrial Consumers Group, Inc.**; that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 23rd day of February,
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