THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:	Shari Feist Albred Jay Scott Emler Pat Apple	ht, Chair	
In the Matter of the Applic	ation of Westar)	
Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric)			Docket No. 15-WSEE-532-MIS
Company for Approval of	Interim Budgets)	
for Energy Efficiency Prog	rams	j	

ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the files and records, and being duly advised, the Commission finds:

- 1. On May 7, 2015, Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (Westar) filed its Application for approval of interim budgets for its two current energy efficiency programs the WattSaver program and Energy Efficiency Demand Response (EEDR) program while it conducts the evaluation, measurement and verification process (EM&V) for these two programs. Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) was granted intervention on June 2, 2015.
- 2. On September 1, 2015, Westar filed its Evaluation, Measurement and Verification. On September 2, 2015, Commission Staff (Staff) filed its Report and Recommendation and Motion for Order requesting Westar submit budgets for all of its energy efficiency programs. On September 2, 2015, CURB filed its Response to Staff's Report and Recommendation.

¹ Application, May 7, 2015, ¶¶ 4-5.

- 3. On September 9, 2015, the Commission filed its Order which concluded the budgets submitted by Westar did not meet the standards established in the 08-441 Docket and were not detailed enough to allow Staff to adequately evaluate the energy efficiency programs' merits. The Commission ordered Westar to submit budgets that conformed to the guidelines outlined in the 08-441 Docket by October 15, 2015.²
- 4. On October 15, 2015, Westar Energy Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company filed their Motion for Approval of Energy Efficiency Budgets, and CURB filed its Response to Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company's Motion for Approval of Energy Efficiency Budgets on October 20, 2015.
- 5. The Commission designates Samuel Feather, Deputy General Counsel, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027, telephone number (785) 271-3186, s.feather@kcc.ks.gov, to serve as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding.³ The Prehearing Officer may conduct any prehearing conferences necessary to address any matters appropriately considered in a prehearing conference, including all items listed in K.S.A. 77-517(b) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA). The Commission may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. Samuel Feather is designated as Prehearing Officer.
- B. The parties have 15 days from the date this Order was served electronically to petition for reconsideration.⁴
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

² Order Directing Westar to Submit Budgets, Sept. 9, 2015, p.3.

³ K.S.A. 77-514; K.S.A. 77-516; K.S.A. 77-551(c).

⁴ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner.

Dated: **NOV 1 7 2015**

Amy L. Green

Secretary to the Commission

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned	, certify that the true of	opy of the attached Orde	r has been served to the	e following parties by means of
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