

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

In the Matter of Westar Energy, Inc. and )  
Kansas Gas and Electric Company Seeking )  
Commission Approval to Implement Changes ) Docket No. 16-WSEE-375-TAR  
in their Transmission Delivery Charges Rate )  
Schedules. )

In the Matter of Westar Energy, Inc. and )  
Kansas Gas and Electric Company Seeking )  
Commission Approval to Implement Changes ) Docket No. 17-WSEE-377-TAR  
in their Transmission Delivery Charges Rate )  
Schedules. )

In the Matter of Westar Energy, Inc. and )  
Kansas Gas and Electric Company Seeking )  
Commission Approval to Implement Changes ) Docket No. 18-WSEE-355-TAR<sup>1</sup>  
in their Transmission Delivery Charges Rate )  
Schedules. )

**STAFF'S PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively), and submits its proposed briefing schedule as requested by the Commission. In support thereof, Staff states the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

1. On April 5, 2018, the Commission issued its Order on Staff's Motion to Join and Consolidate Proceedings.<sup>2</sup> In addition to consolidating matters before the Commission, the Commission noted Staff's requested refunds and charges to Westar Energy Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric's (Westar) retail customers presents a threshold legal issue.<sup>3</sup> The Commission

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission has designated Docket No. 18-WSEE-355-TAR as the primary docket for these proceedings.

<sup>2</sup> Order on Staff's Motion to Join and Consolidate Proceedings (Apr. 5, 2018).

<sup>3</sup> See *id.* at p. 4.

requested legal briefs on the issue of retroactive ratemaking and for Parties to this proceeding to submit a proposed briefing schedule by April 25, 2018.<sup>4</sup>

## II. STAFF'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE

2. Staff proposes the following briefing schedule for the Commission's consideration:

- a. Initial Briefs – Due 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 1, 2018, and
- b. Reply Briefs – Due 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 15, 2018.

3. Staff presented this schedule to the intervened Parties. The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board and Westar responded finding Staff's proposed schedule acceptable. While Staff cannot speak for the other Parties in the docket, Staff has received no objections to Staff's proposed schedule.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission adopt the above listed briefing schedule in the instant matters and for any other relief the Commission deems just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>4</sup> See *id.*

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