

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains )  
Energy Incorporated, Kansas City Power & Light )  
Company and Westar Energy, Inc. for approval of the ) Docket No. 18-KCPE-095-MER  
Merger of Westar Energy, Inc. and Great Plains )  
Energy Incorporated. )

**MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW Great Plains Energy Incorporated (“Great Plains Energy” or “GPE”), Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L”), and Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (referred to herein as “Westar”) (all parties collectively referred to herein as “Applicants”), and file this Motion requesting an Order approving the Procedural Schedule described below. In support of their Motion, Applicants state as follows:

1. On August 25, 2017, Applicants filed their Application seeking approval of the merger of Westar and Great Plains Energy, parent company of KCP&L. As part of the Application, Applicants agreed to work with Staff and other interested parties to develop a procedural schedule and to file a proposed schedule with the Commission by October 13, 2017.

2. Applicants worked with Staff to develop this procedural schedule. Staff has indicated that it supports the proposed schedule and believes that the proposed schedule is reasonable and provides Staff sufficient time to conduct its investigation with respect to the Application. Applicants have also discussed this procedural schedule with the Citizens’ Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) and CURB has also indicated that the proposed schedule provides

CURB sufficient time to conduct its investigation and, outside of a small scheduling conflict,<sup>1</sup> CURB has no objection to the proposed schedule. Applicants have also shared the proposed schedule with the other parties to the docket. Wal-mart Stores, Inc., Midwest Energy, Inc., and Climate and Energy Project have also indicated that they support the proposed schedule.

3. Applicants request that the Commission enter an order adopting the procedural schedule listed below for this docket.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
August 25, 2017	Application Filed
January 22, 2018	Public Hearing
January 22, 2018	Deadline for Petitions to Intervene
January 26, 2018	Affidavit of Mailing, Publication and Electronic Service
January 29, 2018	Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony
February 5, 2018	Staff and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony
February 26, 2018	Applicants' Rebuttal Testimony
February 28, 2018	Responses to Applicants' Motion to Present Certain Witnesses as a Panel
February 28, 2018 (week of)	Settlement Conference
March 5, 2018	Discovery Cut-off
March 5, 2018	Motions Cut-off
March 5, 2018	List of Contested Issues Due
March 7, 2018	Settlement Agreement Deadline

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<sup>1</sup> CURB witness Andrea Crane has a conflict with two of the proposed hearing dates, March 22 and 23, 2018. CURB supports the proposed schedule with the condition that it would request the Commission and the parties work to accommodate Ms. Crane's schedule at the evidentiary hearing. CURB is also open to consideration of alternative procedural schedules as may be proposed by other parties.

March 12, 2018	Testimony in Support/Opposition Due
March 9, 2018	Prehearing Conference
March 14, 2018	Public Comment period Ends
March 19, 2018 through March 27, 2018	Evidentiary Hearing
March 19, 2018	PACP Report of Public Comments
April 10, 2018	Applicants' Initial Brief
April 20, 2018	Staff and Intervenor Brief
April 30, 2018	Applicants' Reply Brief
May 29, 2018	Order Due

WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully request the Commission grant this Motion for Procedural Schedule and issue an order adopting the proposed procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017, I electronically filed via the Kansas Corporation Commission's Electronic Filing System, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing with a copy emailed to all parties of record.

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