BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of Westar Energy, Inc., and Kansas Gas and Electric Company for Approval to Make Certain Changes in Their Charges for Electric Service

Docket No. 18-WSEE-328-RTS

REPLY OF THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF REGENTS TO RESPONSE OF WESTAR TO MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE TESTIMONY OUT OF TIME

COME NOW The Kansas State Board of Regents ("KBOR"), and replies to the Response of Westar Energy, Inc., to the Motion for Leave to File Testimony Out of Time.

1. On June 18, 2018, KBOR filed its Petition to Intervene in this matter. KBOR seeks intervention with five of its member institutions that are customers of Westar Energy, Inc. and/or Kansas Gas & Electric Company. Those five institutions are: Emporia State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University.

2. The time for response to the Petition to Intervene is past and no party has opposed the Petition to Intervene. The Commission has not ruled upon the Petition to Intervene.

3. On June 28, 2018, KBOR filed its Motion for Leave to File Testimony Out of Time with a copy of the proposed testimony attached. The short testimony addresses two issues: (1) support for the Staff proposed reduction in rates; and (2) request that the Commission direct the development of a multi-site rate or similar rate for multiple facilities for the Regents institutions.

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4. On July 2, 2018, Westar filed a Response to the Motion for Leave to File Testimony Out of Time. The Response states only that it is unreasonable to admit the late-filed testimony because it cannot be answered by Westar with the filing of Westar's rebuttal testimony. (Westar Response, Para. 4) The Response raises no other objections to the testimony.

5. KBOR first replies that it would readily agree to a reasonable extension of time for Westar to prepare and file Rebuttal Testimony if KBOR's motion is granted.

6. In further reply KBOR notes that its proposed testimony raises no new issues that have not been previously addressed by Westar and other parties. Moreover, Westar has raised no objection to the testimony on the basis of relevance, improper foundation, bias, cumulative nature, or other evidentiary objection.

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 Reply to Westar Response to 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 2 day of July, 2018.

Notary Public

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Reply to Westar Response to Motion for Leave to File Testimony Out of Time was served electronically on all parties on the official service list this day of July, 2018.

C. Edward Peterson