

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Westar )  
Energy, Inc. to Cease Transacting the )  
Business of an Electric Public Utility, ) Docket No. 15-WSEE-239-CCS  
Specifically in Portions of Atchison County, )  
Jackson County, Jefferson, and )  
Leavenworth County, Kansas. )

**STAFF'S MOTION FOR WAIVER OF 180-DEADLINE**  
**PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 66-131**

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Staff" and "Commission," respectively) moves the Commission for an order granting a waiver and extension of the 180-deadline for decision on the Application of Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar").

In support of its motion, Staff states the following:

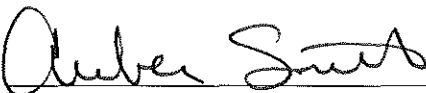
1. On December 5, 2014, Westar filed an Application requesting Commission approval to cease the transaction of business as an electric public utility in portions of Atchison, Jackson, Jefferson, and Leavenworth counties.
2. Likewise, on December 16, 2015, in Docket Number 15-LVJE-258-COC, Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative ("Leavenworth Jefferson") filed an Application for Certificate, to transact the business of an electric public utility in portions of Atchison, Jackson, Jefferson, and Leavenworth counties.
3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131(b), "the [C]ommission shall issue a decision on a common carrier or public utility's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity within 180 days of receiving the application." However, nothing in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131(b) precludes a waiver or extension of the 180-day period.
4. The deadline for decision on Westar's Application is June 3, 2015.

5. Staff has been working with Westar and Leavenworth Jefferson, and has determined more time is necessary to thoroughly investigate Westar's Application and develop a Report and Recommendation thereon. Both Westar and Leavenworth Jefferson have indicated they do not oppose the waiver of the 180-day deadline and extension of time pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131.

6. Staff requests the Commission extend the deadline for decision on Westar's Application until July 23, 2015.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order granting a waiver of the 180-day deadline pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 66-131, and extend the deadline for decision until July 23, 2015.

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