

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

Before Commissioners: Thomas E. Wright, Chairman
 Michael C. Moffet
 Joseph F. Harkins

In the Matter of the Investigation of)
Westar Energy, Inc., and Kansas Gas)
and Electric Company to Consider the)
Issue of Rate Consolidation and)
Resulting Rate Design.)

Docket No. 09-WSEE-641-GIE

SUSPENSION ORDER

NOW, the above captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”). Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds as follows:

1. The Commission issued an order on February 13, 2009, opening the docket to address the issue of rate consolidation of Westar Energy, Inc., (“Westar North”) and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (“Westar South”) (Collectively (Westar”), and the resulting rate design.

2. As set forth in order opening the docket, the parties held a prehearing conference on February 25, 2009.

3. A full investigation of the application, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that a suspension of this matter is necessary and proper. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117, this suspension will be in effect for 240 days from the date of the order opening this docket, until, October 11, 2009, subject to further order or orders of the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

The above captioned matter is suspended for 240 days, until October 11, 2009, subject to further orders of the Commission.

The parties have fifteen days, plus three days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date of service of this Order in which to request rehearing on any matter decided herein.

The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order or orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Wright, Chmn.; Moffet, Com.; Harkins, Com.

Dated:
 MAR 11 2009

ORDERED MAILED

MAR 12 2009

 **EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

Susan K. Duffy
Executive Director

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