

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

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Application of Westar)
Energy, Inc. for a Siting Permit for the)
Construction of a 345 kV Transmission Line) Docket No. 15-WSEE-365-MIS
in Riley and Pottawatomie Counties, Kansas.)

**ORDER GRANTING THE CITIZENS' UTILITY
RATEPAYER BOARD INTERVENTION**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On February 20, 2015, Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar Energy) filed an Application with the Commission for a siting permit granting Westar the right to construct a 345 kV transmission line from Westar's Jeffrey Energy Center Substation to Westar's East Manhattan Substation, located near Manhattan, Kansas.

2. On March 12, 2015, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) filed its Petition to Intervene, citing its statutory authority to represent residential and small commercial ratepayers. CURB explained the rates paid by and the services received by residential and small commercial customers may be substantially affected by this proceeding.¹

3. The Commission finds CURB has demonstrated an interest in this proceeding. Therefore, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521, the Commission grants CURB's Petition for Intervention.

¹ Petition to Intervene, March 12, 2015.

4. CURB will be added to the official service list. Service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record and CURB's other designees, as follows:

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. CURB's Petition to Intervene is granted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521.
- B. The parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order to petition the Commission for reconsideration.²
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: MAR 19 2015



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Acting Secretary

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² K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order Granting the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board Intervention was served by electronic mail this 19th day of March, 2015, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

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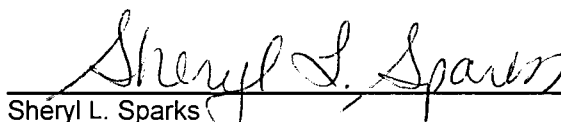
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