

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

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman
 Ward Loyd
 Thomas E. Wright

In the Matter of Westar Energy, Inc. and of)
Kansas Gas and Electric Company Seeking) Docket No. 12-WSEE-651-TAR
Commission Approval to Implement)
Changes in Their Transmission Delivery)
Charges Rate Schedules.

ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On February 24, 2012, Westar Energy, Inc. filed its Application seeking Commission approval of its updated Transmission Delivery Charge (TDC) rates within its TDC tariff, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1237.

2. In addition to updating its TDC rates, Westar's Application seeks Commission approval of revisions to its TDC tariff language. Some of the proposed revisions were approved by the Commission in Westar's last TDC update, Docket No. 11-WSEE-599-TAR. However, some of the proposed revisions have not been pre-approved by the Commission.

3. Although the Commission will conduct the evidentiary hearing in this docket, the Commission designates a prehearing officer to conduct any prehearing conferences that might be needed in this proceeding and to address any matters that are appropriately considered in a prehearing conference, including all items listed in the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act at K.S.A. 77-517(b). These items include, for example, conversion of the proceeding to another

type; exploration of settlement possibilities; preparation of stipulations; clarification of issues; rulings on identity and limitation of the number of witnesses; objections to proffers of evidence; determination of the extent to which direct evidence, rebuttal evidence, or cross-examination will be presented in written form, and the extent to which telephone or other electronic means will be used as a substitute for proceedings in person; order of presentation of evidence and cross-examination; rulings regarding issuance of subpoenas; discovery orders and protective orders; and such other matters as will promote the orderly and prompt conduct of the hearing.

4. The Commission concludes that a prehearing officer should be designated for this proceeding and designates Brian G. Fedotin, Advisory Counsel, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027, telephone number 785-271-3105, email address b.fedotin@kcc.ks.gov, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-514; K.S.A. 77-516; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-551. The Commission, as it deems necessary, may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The Commission designates Brian G. Fedotin to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding, as described above. The Commission directs the Prehearing Officer to work with the parties to develop a procedural schedule in this docket.

B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date of service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: MAR 29 2012



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Patrice Petersen-Klein
Executive Director

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PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET TO THE FOLLOWING:

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The Docket Room hereby certified that on this _____ day of _____, 20_____, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.