

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

Before Commissioners:      Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair  
   Thomas E. Wright  
   Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Application of Westar      )  
Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric      )  
Company for Approval of Revisions to      )      Docket No. 14-WSEE-148-TAR  
Their General Terms and Conditions to      )  
Implement an Optional Prepay Service Pilot      )  
Program.      )

**ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1.      On October 29, 2013, the Commission designated Mark Sprecker to act as Prehearing Officer in this docket and stated it may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.<sup>1</sup>

2.      The Commission concludes a new prehearing officer should be designated to conduct any prehearing conferences and to address any matters listed in K.S.A. 77-517(b). The Commission designates Jay Van Blaricum, Advisory Counsel, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027, telephone number 785-271-3186, email address j.vanblaricum@kcc.ks.gov, to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding.<sup>2</sup> The Commission, as it deems necessary, may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.

<sup>1</sup> Order Designating Prehearing Officer; Procedural Order, ¶ 3 (October 29, 2013).

<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 77-514; K.S.A. 77-516; K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 77-551.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. The Commission designates Jay Van Blaricum to act as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding.

B. The parties have 15 days from the date this Order was electronically served to petition the Commission for reconsideration.<sup>3</sup>

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; Wright, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: JAN 28 2014



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Kim Christiansen  
Executive Director

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<sup>3</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order Designating Prehearing Officer was served by electronic mail this 28 day of January, 2014, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

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