

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of a General Investigation to)
Examine the Effect of Kansas Senate Bill) Docket No. 16-GIME-258-GIE
No. 91 Regarding Renewable Energy)
Standards)

**PETITION OF WESTAR ENERGY, INC. AND KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY TO INTERVENE**

Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (Westar) moves that the Commission issue its order allowing Westar to intervene in the above-captioned matter. In support of its Petition, Westar states:

1. Westar is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Kansas and is engaged, among other things, in the business of an electric public utility, as defined by K.S.A. 66-104, in legally designated areas within the State of Kansas. Westar holds certificates of convenience and authority issued by this Commission authorizing it to engage in such utility business. Westar does business under the name “Westar Energy.”

2. Westar is a vertically integrated electric utility, serving nearly 700,000 retail customers as well as a large number of wholesale customers in the State of Kansas.

3. On December 11, 2015, Staff filed a Motion to Open Docket and attached its Report and Recommendation requesting that the Commission open a general investigation to examine the effect of Kansas Senate Bill No. 91 on renewable energy standards in Kansas.

4. On January 5, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Opening Docket to evaluate the impact of Senate Bill No. 91 on the Commission’s rules and regulations. The Commission

directed Staff to file a subsequent Report and Recommendation regarding those impacts and provide a recommended course of action.

5. As a vertically integrated electric public utility in Kansas that is required to comply with the Commission's rules and regulations, Westar has a substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Therefore, Westar requests Commission approval of its intervention in this docket and requests to be placed on the official service list.

6. In addition to the unsersigned counsel below, Westar requests that the following individuals be placed on the service list:

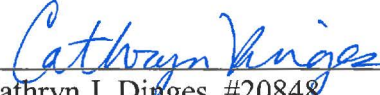
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WHEREFORE, Westar requests that the Commission issue its order granting Westar's petition to intervene in this matter for such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTAR ENERGY, INC. AND KANSAS GAS
AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

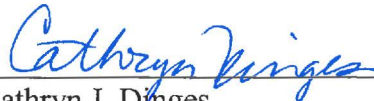


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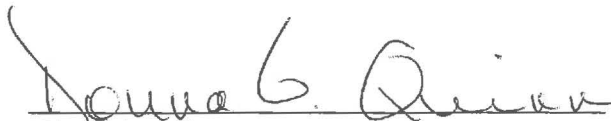
STATE OF KANSAS)
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COUNTY OF SHAWNEE) ss:

Cathryn J. Dinges, being duly sworn upon her oath deposes and says that she is one of the attorneys for Westar Energy, Inc.; that she is familiar with the **Petition to Intervene** and that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.



Cathryn J. Dinges

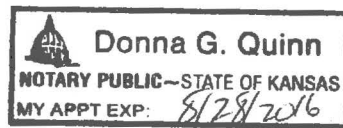
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 27th day of January, 2016.



Notary Public

My Appointment Expires:

8/28/2016



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 27th day of January, 2016, the foregoing **Petition to Intervene** was electronically served on all parties of record.


Cathryn J. Dinges