

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

In the Matter of Westar Energy Seeking)
Commission Approval to Implement Changes) Docket No. 15-WSEE-366-TAR
in their 2015 Transmission Delivery Charge)

**STAFF'S MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF WESTAR'S APPLICATION TO
UPDATE ITS TDC TARIFF SUBJECT TO REFUND**

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively), moves the Commission to approve Westar Energy, Inc.'s Application for approval to update its Transmission Delivery Charge (TDC) on a subject-to-refund basis. In support of its Motion, Staff states as follows:

1. On February 19, 2015, Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (Westar Energy) filed an Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission seeking approval to update its Transmission Delivery Charge tariff to reflect recovery costs associated with Westar Energy's transmission of electric power.¹ The Application Westar Energy filed cites to K.S.A. 66-1237 as the authority for the recovery of the TDC.² Westar Energy's Application requests that the updated and proposed TDC rates become effective on April 2, 2015.³

2. On February 23, 2015, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) filed its Petition to Intervene, citing its statutory authority to represent residential and small commercial ratepayers. CURB explains the rates paid by and the services received by residential and small

¹ Application of Westar Energy Seeking Commission Approval to Implement Changes in their 2015 Transmission Delivery Charge (Feb. 19, 2015).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

commercial customers may be substantially affected by this proceeding.⁴ The Commission approved CURB's Petition to Intervene on March 5, 2015.⁵

3. Staff has conducted a cursory review of Westar Energy's Application and concurs that K.S.A. 66-1237 permits Westar Energy to recover costs associated with transmission of electric power, through an application to the Commission. Staff will conduct an audit of Westar Energy's updated TDC filing and anticipates filing its findings in this docket on or before June 30, 2015. Should Staff determine that it is unable to file its findings on or before June 30, 2015, Staff will file a status report with the Commission explaining the cause for delay and will provide a new anticipated date for the filing of its Report and Recommendation.

4. In accordance with K.S.A. 66-1237, the Commission may grant approval of TDC rates on a subject-to-refund basis. In the instant Application, Staffs supports granting Westar Energy's request for the proposed updated TDC rates to become effective on April 2, 2015, on condition that the Commission deem the updated rates subject-to-refund and the Commission's findings in its anticipated final order in this matter.

⁴ Petition to Intervene, ¶ 5 (Feb. 23, 2015).

⁵ Order Granting Intervention (Mar. 5, 2015).

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission grant this Motion for approval of Westar Energy's updated Transmission Delivery Charge tariff on a subject-to-refund basis.

Respectfully Submitted,



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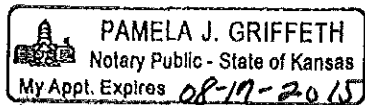
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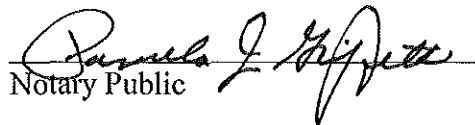
Robert E. Vincent, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that he is Litigation Counsel for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas, that he has read and is familiar with *Staff's Motion For Approval of Westar's Application to Update Its TDC Tariff Subject to Refund* and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of March, 2015.




Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: August 17, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Staff's Motion For Approval of Westar's Application to Update Its TDC Tariff Subject to Refund was served by electronic service on this 12th day of March, 2015, to the following:

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