

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

Before the Commissioners:           Dwight D. Keen, Chair  
  Shari Feist Albrecht  
  Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Joint Application of        )  
Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas            )  
and Electric Company for Recovery of         )       Docket No. 19-WSEE-355-TAR  
Certain Costs Through Their RECA.            )

**SUSPENSION ORDER: October 30, 2019**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

**I. BACKGROUND**

1. On March 4, 2019, Westar Energy, Inc. (“Westar Energy”) and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (KGE), (collectively referred to herein as “Westar”) filed a joint application with the Commission requesting approval to recover certain costs through their Retail Electric Cost Adjustment (RECA) Tariff.<sup>1</sup>

**II. SUSPENSION ORDER**

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part:

The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed

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<sup>1</sup> Westar Energy and KGE Joint Application for Recovery of Costs Through RECA. (Mar. 4, 2019) (Application).

schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date.

3. A full investigation of the Application, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, the Commission and its Staff are without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the Application should be approved.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for a full investigation of this matter. The effectiveness of the Application is hereby suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, Monday, March, 4, 2019, until Wednesday, October 30, 2019, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c). A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

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

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the Application in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended, and the effective date deferred, until Wednesday, October 30, 2019. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established in K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).<sup>2</sup>

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders, as necessary.

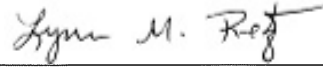
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<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: 03/12/2019



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Lynn M. Retz  
Secretary to the Commission

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of electronic service on 03/12/2019.

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