

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

DEC 19 2012

by  
State Corporation Commission  
of Kansas

In the Matter of the Application of Westar )  
Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric ) Docket No. 13-WSEE-382-TAR  
Company Seeking Commission Approval )  
for Ad Valorem Tax Surcharge Rider Tariff. )

**CURB'S RESPONSE TO STAFF'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

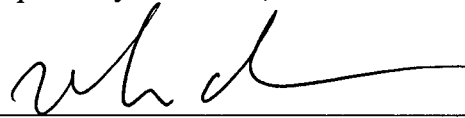
The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) responds as follows to the *Report and Recommendation* of the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission, filed in this docket on December 17, 2012:

1. Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas Electric Company (collectively, Westar) filed a request with the Commission on November 29, 2012, to implement an Ad Valorem Tax Surcharge rider for the year 2013. On December 17, 2012, the Commission Staff filed its Report and Recommendation, recommending approval of Westar's request and proposing four conditions for approval to be included in the Commission's order.

2. CURB has analyzed Westar's application, discussed Staff's calculations and conclusions in its Report and Recommendation with members of Staff, and agrees with Staff's conclusions and recommendations concerning Westar's filing.

Therefore, CURB concurs with Staff's recommendation and proposed conditions for approval of Westar's 2013 ad valorem surcharge rider.

Respectfully submitted,



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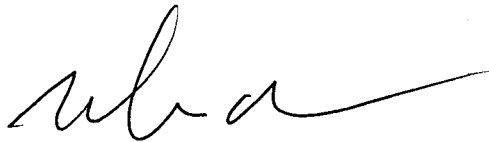
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS )  
 ) ss:  
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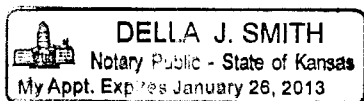
I, Niki Christopher, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon her oath states:

That she is an attorney for the above named petitioner; that she has read the above and foregoing document, and, upon information and belief, states that the matters therein appearing are true and correct.



Niki Christopher

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 01-26-2013.


**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012, to the following:

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