

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Great Plains Energy Incorporated for)	
Approval of its Acquisition of)	<u>File No. EM-2017-0226, et al.</u>
Westar Energy, Inc.)	

**RESPONSE OF GREAT PLAINS ENERGY INCORPORATED
TO APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
AND THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AGENCIES**

Great Plains Energy Incorporated (“GPE”), pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) and the Regulatory Law Judge’s directive issued during the Procedural Conference held in this matter on March 2, 2017, states the following for its Response to the “Application to Intervene of the United States Department of Energy and the Federal Executive Agencies” (“DOE Application to Intervene”):

1. By its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Deadlines, and Scheduling Procedural Conference* issued in this matter on February 24, 2017 (“Order”), the Commission ordered that applications to intervene in this matter shall be filed no later than March 2, 2017. The Commission further ordered that “Objections to GPE’s motion for expedited treatment shall be filed no later than March 2, 2017.” (Ordered Paragraph 4). As set forth in the Commission’s Order, “GPE also filed a motion for expedited treatment requesting that a Commission order on its Application go into effect no later than April 24, 2017.” (Order, page 1).

2. On March 2, 2017, citing the Commission’s Order, DOE filed its Application to Intervene in this proceeding. DOE filed no objection to GPE’s motion for expedited treatment.

3. Accordingly, with the recognition that DOE did not file any objection to GPE's motion for expedited treatment and that DOE will not oppose a procedural schedule that will allow the Commission to resolve the issues and approve the proposed transaction no later than the end of April, 2017, GPE does not oppose the DOE Application to Intervene. Should DOE not support such a schedule, or propose a schedule that would not permit such Commission action, GPE would oppose DOE's intervention in this matter.

WHEREFORE, GPE submits its Response to the DOE Application to Intervene.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing was served upon all counsel of record in these consolidated proceedings by email or U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 3rd day of March, 2017.

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