

**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 Merger) Case No. EM-2018-0012
with Westar Energy, Inc.)

**APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE
BY VISITING ATTORNEY**

Debra D. Roby, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.040 (3)(C) and the Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(m) and 9.03, respectfully petitions the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for leave to appear *pro hac vice* on behalf of the City of Independence, Missouri (the “City”). In support of my application, I attest as follows:

1. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the District of Columbia (Bar No. 475398), and certify that neither I nor any member of my firm, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon P.L.C., are disqualified to appear in any court in which I am admitted. I have been admitted to practice in the Courts of the District of Columbia, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, and the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit.
2. I am associated in this case with Dayla Bishop Schwartz, a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar, having an office within Missouri located at 111 East Maple Street, Independence MO, 64050. I respectfully designate Dayla Bishop Schwartz as associate counsel. She and the undersigned are simultaneously filing an Application to Intervene on behalf of the City of Independence in the above captioned proceeding.

3. If this application to appear *pro hac vice* is granted, I agree to abide by the Rules of the Commission, including all disciplinary rules, and notify the Commission immediately of any matter affecting my standing at the bar of any court.
4. I have attached hereto the acknowledgment of the Missouri Supreme Court that I have paid the fee required by Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(m) and 9.03 to allow me to appear in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, I request that I be permitted to appear on behalf of the City of Independence in the above-captioned matter.

Date: September 27, 2017

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused copies of the foregoing to be mailed, emailed, or hand-delivered to all parties listed on the official service list on this 27th day of September, 2017.

/s/Debra D. Roby_____

Debra D. Roby



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September 25, 2017

This will hereby acknowledge receipt of \$410 as required by Rule 6.01(m) for Debra D. Roby, appearing in In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Energy Incorporated for Approval of its Merger with Westar Energy, Inc., Case No. EM-2018-0012, before the Missouri Public Service Commission, State of Missouri.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy AuBuchon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B".

Betsy AuBuchon, Clerk