

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

**MOTION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI TO BE
EXCUSED FROM EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

Pursuant to 4 CSR § 240-2.110(2)(B), the City of Independence, Missouri (“Independence”), respectfully moves to be excused from the evidentiary hearing scheduled for March 12-16, 2018 in this case. In support of its motion, Independence states as follows:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has granted requests to be excused from hearing where the movant indicates it will take no position regarding the issues to be heard and does not wish to present any testimony or other evidence at the hearing. *See, e.g., In re Union Electric Co.*, Order Granting Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers’ Motion to be Excused from Participation in the Hearing, File No. EO-2012-0142 (Oct. 20, 2016); *In re Union Electric Co.*, Order Granting Laclede Gas Co.’s Motion to be Excused from Participation in the Hearing, File No. EO-2012-0142 (Oct. 20, 2016).

2. In the instant proceeding, Independence does not plan to take any position on the issues and does not intend to present any testimony or other evidence at the March 12-16 hearing. Independence also does not intend to cross-examine any of the witnesses who are scheduled to appear. Accordingly, Independence requests that the Commission excuse it from attending the evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, for the forgoing reasons, Independence respectfully requests that it be excused from appearing at the March 12-16, 2018 evidentiary hearing in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused copies of the forgoing to be mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all parties listed on the official service list on this 6th day of March, 2018.

/s/ Jamie Abell

Jamie Abell
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